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Knox County Schools/PTA Clothing Center

Special Points of Interest:

- 2008-9 School Year Statistics: 2,413 students served and 63,811 articles of clothing distributed to over 1,200 families.
- The purpose of the Knox County Schools/PTA Clothing Center is to provide clothing assistance for students enrolled in our Knox County Schools who have a financial need and have been declared eligible by their school.
- Became a United Way Partner Agency in 1986.
- The Board of Directors is a committee of fifteen volunteers!



*“Kids Come In All
Sizes”
Founded 1936*

READY TO SERVE OUR KNOX COUNTY STUDENTS

Summer is over and Dianna and Pat are back at the Clothing Center. They have been very busy preparing to serve our Knox County students. From the first clothing drive in 1931 to present day the purpose of the Clothing Center has been to provide clothing assistance for students you have a financial need and have been declared eligible by their school.

The Clothing Center will begin serving students August 24 for the 2009-10 school year. Parents received information about the services of the Center during the first week of school (most schools placed this info in the “first day” packets) and appointments for that week are filling fast.

Getting clothing from the center is very simple. The Federal Free and Reduced Meal Program

guidelines are used as a basis for eligibility but the final determination is based on the need of the child. Parents can ask the school secretary, guidance counselor, or social worker to provide them with a “Clothing Center Card” (completed by school administrator for verification purposes) and following the instructions on the card, the parents can then contact the Center to schedule an appointment. Each child served by the Center receives an allotment of new items, including jeans/bottoms, shirts, socks and underwear, and a number of gently-used items. The number of used items is determined by availability.

The Center has provided sizes from 4 toddler to an adult 68” waist (or 6XL in a shirt). With over 70 years of experience we know that kids come in all sizes!



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KNOX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA SETS CLOTHING DRIVE DATES

It is a truly successful partnership that keeps the Knox County Schools/PTA Clothing Center open. PTA leaders saw children in need of clothing to attend school regularly and paved the way to what we are today. The county government provides the facility and utilities, the school system pays the staff's salaries and the Knox County Council PTA is the organization that sees to the day-to-day operation of the Center with the help of the Center's Board of Directors.

Each year, the Knox County Council PTA encourage every PTA and PTSA in Knox County to conduct two clothing drives to help replenish the stock of gently used clothing that is distributed at the Center.

KCCPTA also encourages every Knox County PTA and PTSA school to designate funds annually to supplement the cost of purchasing new clothing that is given to every child that visits the Center.

The Fall Clothing Drive has been set for October 26-30, 2009 and the Spring Clothing Drive has been set for April 5-9, 2010.

Helping 2,000 plus children annually, the Clothing Center depends on all of the PTA and PTSA schools to support this project started by PTA moms many years ago. Local PTAs and PTSAs are encouraged to conduct clothing drives during these design-

ated dates as well as promote our needs at the Center to their PTA/PTSA members.

The Knox County Council PTA serves as a medium through which the PTAs and PTSAs can unite together to attack problems beyond the scope of a single unit working alone. The Clothing Center is just one community service project initiated by the Knox County Council PTA. Other include a scholarship fund for high school seniors and the Knox County Schools/PTA Teacher Supply Depot.

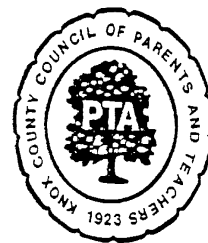
In recognition of the "giving" season, KCCPTA conducts an annual December event to help provide much needed funds for their community service projects and scholarship fund. This year the "Snowflakes and Packages" Benefit will be held on December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Rothchilds. KCCPTA will provide more information on their website closer to the event. This event also recognizes local PTA and PTSA schools that meet initial membership deadlines.

BUT...You don't have to be a PTA/PTSA school to conduct a clothing drive to help meet the needs of our Knox County students. We accept clothing from anyone and at any time. The Clothing Center serves at least one child in every Knox County school so the need is great all across the county. Form a group

and conduct a drive or just clean out your closets and bring your gently used items to the Center and put them to great use.

Make plans now to conduct a Fall and Spring clothing drive and don't forget to contribute monetarily so that the Clothing Center can continue to serve children.

To learn more about the Knox County Council PTA, their programs, projects and services visit www.kccpta.org



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KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS/PTA CLOTHING CENTER OBJECTS

The Clothing Center shall endeavor to provide clothing appropriate for school attendance to those students in Knox County Public Schools who are declared eligible by standards set forth in the policies and procedures by the Clothing Center Board of Directors.

THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT DONORS — APRIL 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2009

♥ LIST OF MONETARY DONORS — Karns High PTSA. We also had a private donor as well.

IDEAS ON WAYS YOU CAN HELP...

- Recognize or honor someone special by donating in their name.
- Give a memorial donation in the name of a lost loved one.
- Donate your lost items that never get reclaimed.
- Buy something that didn't fit or your kids just won't wear it? Donate it to a needy child!
- Lost or gained weight and need to clean out your closet? Donate it regardless of size!
- Want to put discretionary funds to good use? Donate to the Clothing Center and know that your helping a Knox County student.
- Are you a business that receives clothing that cannot be resold? Send those items to the Center.

The Clothing Center does not sell any donated items. If the clothing donated is not useable by our students, it is donated to another needy organizations.

All donations are tax deductible but you must request a form from the staff at the Center.

WISH LIST...

NEW AND/OR USED CLOTHING TO HELP MEET "STRICTER" DRESS CODES WITHIN SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS

- ♥ Collared Shirts (polo style or dress/oxford style) for high school students: red, navy blue, white, black, columbia blue, maroon and gray
- ♥ Collared Shirts (polo style), t-shirts (long sleeve and short sleeve), and sweatshirts (no hoodies) for middle school students: gray, gold, and purple
- ♥ Collared Shirts for elementary students: royal blue, red, pink, white, gray, gold, orange, and green
- ♥ Solid colored long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts for boys and girls in all sizes.
- ♥ Khaki, navy, and black trousers in all sizes. And blue jeans, of course!

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There is one vacancy under PTA Representative to be filled and Knox County Council PTA has a Clothing Center Liaison position open. Recommendations may be made to the Director at: ccdirector@clothingcenter.org



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LOCATION

The Clothing Center is located at 1000 N. Central inside the Knox Central Building at the corner of Central Avenue and Baxter Avenue.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Clothing Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and operates on the school calendar (August - May). Information is placed on answering machine during the summer months on making clothing donations when closed.

DONATION DELIVERIES

Please contact the center at 594-3791 prior to delivery of clothing donations. Clients are served on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and client days can get very busy. We don't want your donation to go unrecognized. Thursday and Friday may be needed for shopping purposes. Please call ahead and verify that someone will be there.

**WE DO NOT
ACCEPT...**

We do not accept used shoes, underwear and socks and we do not have space for your tired and worn-out clothing.

No useable donation is turned away.



"Our kids come in all sizes and we need your help to clothe them"

ADVERTISING SPACE

Business Card Size advertising space is available in our newsletter. To download an "Advertising Contract" visit our website (clothingcenter.org).

**YOUR DONATION IS
TAX DEDUCTIBLE!
ASK THE STAFF
FOR A TAX
RECEIPT.**