

The Shorter Message:

The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area is one of the key non-profits supporting those in-need within the Northern Virginia community. Its work is overseen by 20 local faith-based congregations, comprising The Closet's Board of Directors. Through its thrift shop, The Closet provides a source of good quality used clothing and other items for the shopping public at very reasonable prices, especially important for those struggling with the high cost of living in this area. Additionally, it provides free clothing for those referred by local social service organizations, as well as generating funding for college scholarships and grants to local non-profits whose work benefits those in need within the community.

Volunteer support from the member congregations is essential to meeting the ever-increasing workload for day-to-day operation of the thrift shop. While COVID obviously demanded that many people stop volunteering, the time has come when member congregations need to again support The Closet as part of their service to the community. We must return to the pre-COVID level of congregation volunteer support if The Closet is to continue to serve the community to the extent which it has for almost 50 years.

The Full Story:

The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area is one of the key non-profits supporting those in-need within the Northern Virginia community. It accomplishes its mission through The Closet thrift shop which provides a source of good quality used clothing and other items for the shopping public at very reasonable prices, especially important for those struggling with the high cost of living in this area. Additionally, it provides free clothing for those referred by local social service organizations, as well as generating funding for college scholarships and grants to local non-profits whose work benefits those in need within the community.

The Closet's work is overseen by 20 local faith-based congregations, comprising The Closet's Board of Directors. While the thrift shop has a core of paid staff, volunteer support from the congregations is essential to meeting the ever-increasing workload for day-to-day operation of the thrift shop.

Whether a volunteer's job is greeting customers at the door, stocking the floor with merchandise, pricing kitchenware, or affixing price-tags to clothing, it is ultimately a job which is essential if The Closet is to fulfill its mission of serving those in need. While this involves work, it also allows volunteers to engage with other volunteers, a dedicated staff, and a public which is very grateful for all that The Closet does for the community. As you volunteer at The Closet, you also experience how it touches and benefits the community.

COVID obviously demanded that many people stop volunteering. However, the time has come for those congregation members for whom volunteering is again acceptable to support The Closet as part of their congregation's service to the community. We urge you to step up and support the mission, allowing The Closet to continue serving the community to the extent which it has for almost 50 years.