



Caring Closet

Helping Hands with a **Heart** for kids

THE CLOSET CONNECTION

Winter 2007

Information for Friends of the Caring Closet
A Program of the Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin Schools

A MOVING EXPERIENCE

Our apologies to those who may have tried to deliver items to the Caring Closet at the old Tualatin Elementary School - we've moved!

The Caring Closet is now located in the gray portable (E 82) **behind the Tigard Swim Center**, located at 8680 SW Durham Road. Our phone number remains the same - 503.603.1576.

Closet Hours: The Closet is open to accept donations from 10-4 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Shopping is by referral and appointment only.

1 K CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The target of **servicing 1,000 students** this school year, our "1K Campaign" is well underway. With just **over 500 children** receiving services by the end of January, the goal is within our grasp.

How to help? If you know a student needing our services, contact a school counselor, teacher or secretary for a referral.

STASH TEA EVENT

Stash Tea recently presented a **check for \$870 to the Caring Closet**. During the week of Dec. 4-9, the company committed to donating a percentage of sales at the retail store to Tigard-Tualatin schools and a matching amount to the Caring Closet.

Be sure to stop by their Durham Road location and tell them thanks for their support!

FRIENDS and FAMILY

This 2-day event (Dec. 2 & 3) at Washington Square was a successful fundraiser for the Caring Closet, **netting approximately \$3500**, which will be used for the purchase of essentials for needy kids in our district, including new shoes, socks and underwear. Of course, the event could not have happened without support from **Washington Square** and the **dozens of volunteers who donated hundreds of hours** for ticket presales and working the tables at the mall. Many thanks to the students, teachers, community supporters (and their families) who made the magic happen!

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE . . .

Thanks to the efforts of many individuals, families, organizations, and companies, children in our community are able to receive help from the Caring Closet during difficult times. Some of our partners have provided cash contributions, permitted employees time off to volunteer or utilize payroll deduction for donations, provided goods and services, sponsored fundraising events, blanket drives - and much more! As a volunteer organization, **we rely upon those who donate their time and resources to keep our program thriving and applaud the generosity of those who partner with us.**

A special thank-you to: Bob Hosman-NDE Professionals, Inc.; Tigard-Tualatin School District; Stash Tea; Oregon Community Credit Union; Delta Kappa Gamma; LaPorte and Associates; St. Paul Lutheran School; St. Anthony's Catholic Church; Washington Square; Jenny and Laurie Milligan-ReMax Equity Group; Meridian Park Auxiliary; 1986 Tigard High Reunion Committee; Western Family; Melanie Belshee-Breal Marketing, Jacob's Heating and Air Conditioning.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

For a child in school, it's hard to succeed when you're hungry or your clothes and shoes don't fit. Every day, children of low-income working families in the Tigard-Tualatin School District fall through the cracks of the social service system. Their parents have jobs, but they can't afford adequate food, clothing and school supplies for their children.

The Caring Community Closet helps these children by providing:

- Gently used school clothing and coats
- Shoes
- Backpacks and school supplies
- New underwear and socks
- Basic hygiene products (such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap)

If you know a child who needs help:

To schedule an appointment, a child must be referred by their school principal, counselor or teacher. The school will provide the student's name and phone number to the Caring Closet, who will contact the family to make a personal shopping appointment.

You can help by

- Volunteering to help at the Closet
- Donating clean, gently used children's clothing (especially boys' and girls' jeans)
- Donating packages of underwear and socks
- Donating basic hygiene products (especially toothpaste, deodorant and soap)
- Telling others about the Caring Closet
- OR Providing financial support

The need is great. Won't you lend us a "Helping Hand" and make a difference in the life of a child?

PLEASE CONTACT ME

Name (please print) First _____ Last _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____ e-mail: _____

CARING CLOSET DONATION FORM

\$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

All donations are 100% tax-deductible. Federal Tax ID # 94-3148515

Name (please print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Make checks payable to: FTTS - **CARING CLOSET**
Mailing address: 6960 SW Sandburg St. Tigard, OR 97223

While the closet is open to receive donations of gently used clothing, other items must be purchased.

We need your help to have new socks, underwear, and shoes for the 1,000 students we plan to serve this year.

Won't you join with us and

Have a Heart for Kids?

Thank You!