



Clothes To Kids

Clothe a Kid, Change a Life

VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK



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History and Program

Jode Eye and Marie McClung, created Clothes To Kids out of a passion for helping children in need. The co-founders incorporated and started collecting clothing in 2002. Their idea was to create a cheerful store environment where families and children would be treated with dignity and respect and receive school clothing free of charge.

On June 11, 2003, the first Clothes To Kids store opened in Dunedin. They outgrew the space quickly and moved to the current Clearwater location in 2005. The new 3,700 square foot store was made possible with generous donations from individuals and businesses in the community. The store is set up with a department store look and feel. Children are provided a week's worth of clothing, including 5 pairs of new underwear and socks, 5 tops, 4 bottoms, 1 pair of shoes, 1 coat (in season), and 1 dress (optional), all free of charge.

In December 2009, a second Clothes To Kids store opened in St. Petersburg, which made clothing more accessible to our shoppers in South Pinellas. In July 2018, the first Hillsborough County store opened in Tampa off Hillsborough Avenue. Clothes To Kids to date has provided more than 170,000 wardrobes to kids throughout Tampa Bay.

Thank you for volunteering at Clothes To Kids. You are joining a dedicated group of volunteers that provide more than 1,600 hours of service each month. We could not accomplish this important work without people like you!

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Mission, Vision and Values

MISSION

To provide new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis school-age children, free of charge.

VISION

We envision a community in which every school-age child has quality clothing so that he or she may attend school with the confidence and self-esteem needed to achieve academic success.

VALUES

COMPASSION - To provide a cheerful, friendly atmosphere where those we serve feel comfortable and welcome.

RESPECT - To be respectful, considerate and maintain the confidentiality of those we serve and not question or judge the circumstances that bring them to us.

SELF-ESTEEM - To build self-esteem by providing children with clothing that makes them feel good about themselves.

SERVICE - To work hard and give back our best to help those we serve.

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Volunteer Guidelines

We ask that all of our volunteers support our Clothes To Kids mission, vision, and values.

This includes:

- Accepting guidance and supervision
- Being dependable and responsible
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Being flexible and willing to adopt new policies
- Cooperating and being respectful of staff and shoppers
- Contributing to a cheerful, friendly atmosphere where those we serve feel comfortable and welcome

Volunteer Opportunities

At Clothes To Kids we are committed to matching your talents and interests to a volunteer job that you will enjoy and find fulfilling. Volunteers have specific duties assigned to them and are asked to work with the Clothes To Kids staff to complete their tasks. All volunteers are asked to complete a volunteer application before volunteering. Because our adult volunteers often work closely with children, all prospective adult volunteers must pass a background check.

In Store Opportunities

Store volunteers provide direct services at regularly scheduled hours at the Clothes To Kids stores. Opportunities include working with clients and working in the stockroom to help the store run efficiently.

Examples of volunteer duties include:

- Sorting, tagging, restocking clothes
- Shopper check in and out
- Administrative support
- Spanish Interpreting
- Cleaning store and updating displays
- Greeting and assisting shoppers

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Off Site Volunteers

There are opportunities to work with us out side of our stores. These duties may be one-time or on-going. Examples include:

- Clothing donation pickups
- Public speaking
- Laundry and ironing
- Special Events
- Community booths or fairs
- Mending

Enjoy Yourself!

Be yourself! Accept our shoppers in terms of their background, values, manners and vocabulary, as theirs may be different from yours. By giving of yourself and by sharing your time and talents, you truly make a difference.



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St. Petersburg, FL 33711
727-441-5050

Tampa Store:
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Tampa, FL 33634
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Volunteer today!



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