



United Way
of Marathon County

CLOTHING DRIVES

HOW TO HOST YOUR OWN!

One of the ways we are lifting community members to financial stability is by providing free clothing for all ages and all occasions in our Community and Mobile Closets! When families do not have to worry about how they will dress for work, school or daily activities, they can more easily pay bills or set aside funds for emergencies.

You can get involved by hosting a clothing drive to collect specific high-need items that we sometimes struggle to receive through general in-kind donations.

- **Location** – At your workplace, or other location convenient for you.
- **Time** – Run your drive as long as it makes sense for you - we recommend somewhere between 1-3 weeks. When you are done, schedule a time to bring collected items to the Community Closet!
- **Cost** - Free!



COMMUNITY CLOSET
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SUGGESTED CLOTHING DRIVE THEMES:

Results are best when you ask for donations of specific clothing items - it helps direct donors to what is needed most!

SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR:

Socks and underwear are essential for the hygiene and comfort of Community Closet shoppers. Please note that any socks and underwear collected must be new!

TENNIS SHOES AND/OR NON-SKID SHOES:

Tennis shoes are universally sought after by Community Closet guests, and non-skid shoes are important for many job roles. Help us keep our shelves stocked by collecting new or gently used tennis shoes or non-skid shoes for all ages!

YOUTH SHIRTS AND PANTS:

Elementary age kids often wear out their clothing before growing out of it, meaning fewer clothes get donated. You can ask for new or gently used donations of kids' clothing in sizes 5T - 18 and help fill a major need!

WINTER COATS AND SNOW PANTS:

Winter coats and snow pants are among the most expensive clothing items a family needs. Collecting new or gently used coats and snow pants for all ages will keep community members warm all year long.

WANT TO TAKE IT FURTHER?

Once you've collected your items, we can create a volunteer opportunity to sort them and help us put them out for shoppers at the Community Closet!

BEFORE YOU START, CONTACT US:

We can help provide you with marketing materials to promote your drive, and answer any questions!
Contact Carly at channey@unitedwaymc.org or 715-298-5719