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Clothing Drive Tips

ABOUT US

Clothes Cabin, operated by One Small Step, Inc., provides free clothing, shoes, and household linens to low-income individuals and families. Clothes Cabin also provides work boots to adults who are required to have them for employment and we offer several services for our homeless clients. There is no other local resource for these free services. Last year, we helped more than 2,000 families with over 85,000 articles of clothing and linens, almost all donated by individuals. We thank you sincerely for your generous support.

HOW TO CONDUCT A CLOTHING DRIVE

1. Decide on dates and locations. Email us to let us know what you are collecting and your start and end dates so we can coordinate with other drive requests.
2. One or two weeks are generally enough time for a clothing drive. If you have multiple locations, appoint someone at each site to manage the donations. Select high-traffic areas where the boxes and signage will be noticeable and convenient. Be sure to consider safety and security issues when choosing your locations.
3. Drives that ask for specific kinds of donations yield better results than a general “clothing drive”. Decide on a specific type of clothing or linens to collect. We nearly always need children’s clothing, athletic shoes, new socks and underwear, towels, sheets, hygiene products, and men’s jeans. We discourage drives for women’s clothing. We generally get more than we need of women’s clothing through our regular donations. Focusing on our high needs categories helps us in the best possible way. **Please pick one of the shortage areas listed and accept only those items.** We would much rather have a small amount of highly needed items.
4. Prepare boxes and posters for your drive. Lined trash bins or large boxes work best for collecting clothes, shoes, and linens. Create a poster explaining the drive and emphasize the standards for clothing (**must be clean and without holes, stains, missing parts, or excessive wear**) and that you are only collecting.
5. Promote your clothing drive to prospective participants (employees, customers, members, etc.) via print, email, and social media.
6. Want to go the extra mile? At the end of your drive, please sort through the items to remove anything that is dirty or has holes, stains, missing parts, or excessive wear. Those items can be dropped in any clothes-recycling dumpster you see in parking lots.
7. Photograph, celebrate, and publicize your success. Reward participants for their work. Please share photos with us so that we can celebrate you and your work too! email: info@onesmallstepaz.org
8. Email to confirm your donation drop off time and pat yourself on the back, you’ve done a great job!

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