

THE GOAL

KIDS COMMUNITY CLOSET

(KCC) provides children in pre-selected Title I elementary schools emergency clothing items. Our goal is to serve more children in more schools in the Palm Beach School District.

SCHOOL STAFF PRAISE FOR KCC

The Kids Community Closet has been a tremendous asset to our school. Every week we are able to assist students who are in need. The staff, parents and students of Liberty Park Elementary School are grateful to the National Council of Jewish Women for their project and the stocked closet they have established to meet the needs of our students.

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The National Council of Jewish Women is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

NCJW is a 501-(c)-3 corporation; all contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Community support enables us to expand the Kids Community Closet Project and serve more children in need.

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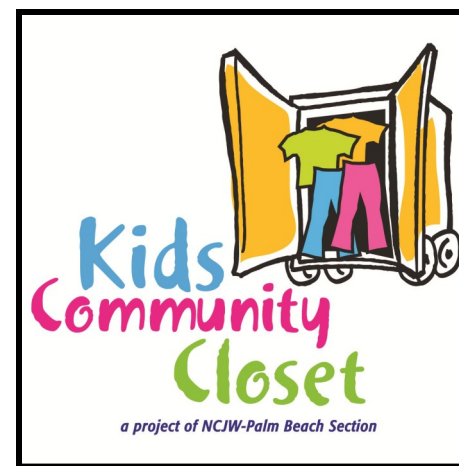
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**A FAITH IN THE FUTURE
A BELIEF IN ACTION**



**A secure closet inside
selected Palm Beach
County public
elementary schools
established to meet the
emergency needs of
attending students**

WHAT EACH CHILD RECEIVES

This program serves children recognized by school staff to be in need of basic clothing because their parent or guardian is unable to provide for their needs.

As determined by an administrator, teacher or social worker, children receive pants, collared shirts, underpants, socks, sweatshirts, and footwear as in-school or family emergencies arise.



NCJW's KIDS COMMUNITY CLOSET relieves teachers of needing to use their own money to buy needed clothing, and personal care items for their students. It makes children whose families do not have resources to provide needed items less self-conscious and less of a potential object of teasing or bullying.

HOW WE SELECT OUR SCHOOLS

Schools selected have an enrollment of more than 90% of students living at or below the federal poverty level. KCCs are now in fourteen Palm Beach County public elementary schools: South Grade and Highland in Lake Worth, Grove Park, Roosevelt, Pleasant City, Forest Hill, Westward and Benoist Farms in West Palm Beach, Lake Park in Lake Park, Cholee Lake, Liberty Park and Heritage in Greenacres and Lantana and Starlight Cove in Lantana. **This project is now serving more than 10,000 students.**



A SPECIAL KCC FOR HOMELESS YOUTH AND THOSE IN FOSTER CARE

3000 homeless and 800-1000 foster care students are also helped through a unique partnership with the Safe Schools/Mckinney- Vento Program. KCC provides these children with needed underwear and socks, as well as blankets and personal care items. These critically needed items are not provided by federal funds from the Mckinney-Vento Education Assistance Act.

FOUNDATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BallenIsles Charities Foundation has made significant grants that have opened and maintained **KIDS COMMUNITY CLOSETS** at Pleasant City Elementary School and Liberty Park Elementary School.



A partnership with In Jacob's Shoes provides footwear to all the Kids Community Closets.

Established by Harlene Zweig, in memory of her late son, Jacob, the goal of In Jacob's Shoes of Margate, FL, is to provide footwear to any child in need.



A generous grant from **Allegany Franciscan Ministries** is providing feminine care products to all young women who are homeless or in foster care that attend any school in the Palm Beach School District.



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