

# The Resource

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## Letter From Our President

Wow! What a “whirlwind” we have been in since our last Newsletter! We did our “Back to School Program” where all of our kids received a new pair of shoes, a package of socks, 3 uniforms/outfits, and a book bag full of school supplies! Thank you to everyone who made donations from items, monies, and volunteering your time to help us make this program happen! It was so fun to see all of their smiling faces as they came to pick up their things, and pick out their shoes! Make sure you read Gabrielle’s article to see all of the exciting things coming up for the holiday season!

Another incredible thing we did this summer was partnering with God’s Design to help us with our transitional home! WHAT A MINISTRY! WHAT A BLESSING! Look for Cassie’s article for the entire story! Take a look at God’s Design website. If you ever have furniture that you want to donate, please call them. They are a ministry well worth supporting. They will pick up the furniture and put it to good use!

We had two wonderful fundraisers through our Breakfast of Champions and the Give Local Louisville Campaign. Irene will be updating you on those details in this newsletter! We were thrilled by the response we received from our supporters, the new contacts we made for MCRC, and the connections made with other non-profits! If you did not have an opportunity to give this year, keep your eye open for our end of year giving campaign! Again, thanks for your continued financial support of MCRC that allows us to continue to build our programs for the single moms and their families in our community.

Even though we have lots to be thankful for, and lots of stories, we want to hear your stories as well. It is always wonderful to hear directly from a volunteer, partner, or supporter about the impact serving MCRC has had on you! We all know that when we give and we serve others, we are the ones that gain the blessing! We would love to hear all of your stories. Feel free to send them to us at [info@moms closetcenter.org](mailto:info@moms closetcenter.org). We will share them throughout the year to help encourage others!

Again, the entire family at MCRC prays you and your family has a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season!

Laura Wingfield  
President



## **New Clients**

**Gabrielle Benfield, Program Coordinator**

We have been very busy here at Mom's Closet! We recently took on 3 new moms and their children in a span of a week! We are excited that God continues to guide these women to Mom's Closet and we are truly blessed to walk side by side with each of them as they journey through higher education. Here is a little about the new moms in our program and welcome them to Mom's Closet.

Our first new mom is currently working full-time as an ER nurse and going to school at Capella University to obtain her Master's in Nurse Education; all while raising her 6 year old little girl. Amazing!

Our second new addition to the Mom's Closet Family is currently attending Jefferson Community and Technical College, where she is earning her Associates in Arts and will transfer to U of L after May to pursue her bachelor's degree. She is employed part-time at Jefferson Community and Technical College. All of this while being a full-time mom to her amazing son!

Mom number three is a mother of 3 handsome little boys! She currently works full-time and attends Sullivan University for a Medical Coding Certificate.



## **Lend a hand**

**Cassie Wingfield**

Being such a small staff we truly count on our volunteers. If you want to help out and join the cause, please call 245-9899, ext 200 or email Cassie at [cassie@momsclosetcenter.org](mailto:cassie@momsclosetcenter.org). We have all kinds of volunteer opportunities available for groups or individuals. If you think you would like to volunteer on a regular basis, set up a meeting and we will find the right place for you. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Food Pantry**

Our food pantry is one of the main ways that we help the women in our program. Our food pantry is also stocked entirely from the community. We are so thankful to the community for being such a huge help. If you would like to contribute please check our Facebook, we post a current list of items needed for the pantry every Friday. If you are not on Facebook or you cannot find the list, please call the office and a staff member can get the list for you.

## **Note from our Founder**

**Sheila Day**

As the end of the year approaches we ask that you prayerfully consider giving a year end gift to us. Mom's Closet doesn't take state or federal funding so we rely on you, our generous supporters to fund our programs. With your help we can continue to further our goal of changing the future of Kentucky's kids, one mom at a time. Donations can be mailed to our office or by visiting our website and clicking on the donations section. Thank you so much for your continued support.

## **Important Dates**

Nov 4th  
Fall Orientation/Boot Camp Begins

Nov 21st  
Boy Scout & American Heritage Girls Food Drive

Nov 26th & 27th  
Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec 4th  
Light Up Middletown

Dec 15th  
Volunteer Appreciation Day

Dec 23rd-Jan 4th  
Office Close for Holidays





## **BOC & Give Local Louisville** **Irene Day, Marketing Coordinator**

On September 17th, Mom's Closet hosted its second annual Breakfast of Champions at Northeast Christian Church. Caton Bredar of TVG was the MC and Pat Day was the key speaker. We also had one of our clients, and a daughter of one of our clients, speak to us about how Mom's Closet has affected their lives. The event went wonderfully, and Mom's Closet made many new connections. Attendees seemed to enjoy getting to know MCRC and our mission. All in all we raised \$17,838.33 with an additional \$22,416.67 in pledges over the next five years. We didn't raise as much as we did last year, but the new contacts that we made will be invaluable to Mom's Closet and our future. Thank you to everyone who attended, helped to organize, or spoke at the breakfast. We were truly blessed by your efforts.

Just a few short weeks after the Breakfast, Mom's Closet participated in Give Local Louisville for the first time.

GLL is a city wide day of giving that took place on October 1st. There were over 200 hundred non-profits, and over 8,000 people gave monetary gifts. Throughout the day, we watched our number go up, and Mom's Closets name rise up the leaderboard. All in all, the generous people of Louisville raised \$2,971,257! Mom's Closet was able to raise \$5,175 online donations and \$24,420 donations that came into the center, that makes our total for the day \$29,795. We were blown away by the philanthropy that the city of Louisville showed to not only Mom's Closet but all the participating non-profits. Once all the numbers are tallied up we will get a proportionate match from the donated match pool; the money pool was donated by local foundations and corporations. Stay tuned to our Facebook page to see how much money we get from the match pool. Thank you to Panera Bread, Mark's Feed Store and Old Chicago for donating food to us all day long!

## The Parker House

**Cassie Wingfield, Office/Volunteer Coordinator**

Last year Mom's Closet was given the amazing gift of a house. We have known for a while that housing is a large need for the ladies that we encounter. This gift gave us the chance to help. The Parkers have been supporters of Mom's Closet for a long time but felt the need to do more. They are now the proud owners of Mom's Closet's Transitional house, which Sheila has named The Parker House.

When we first took control of The Parker House, we pieced it together very quickly in order to have it ready for a single mother in need. With the help of our amazing supporters we furnished the house in time to help a women and her young son when they had nowhere to go. Later we heard of an organization called God's Design. They were very excited to partner with us and help make our house a home. Their founder and members took from our own furniture and from their personal warehouse to decorate our house and make it a warm place anyone would be proud to call home.

We were also blessed with someone who took ownership of the home's development and made the project possible. We would not have been able to get the house ready without his help.

He was named volunteer of the year at our Breakfast of Champions, Mr. David Worland. After a pipe burst this past winter David was there weekly making repairs and upgrades. He put in windows, sanded and painted walls, hung ceiling fans, fixed cable wires and countless other projects. He really was the heart and soul of the project.

The Parker House is now ready to house up to three single moms and four children. We are so excited for this step into transitional housing. We hope to eventually have more homes throughout the city.



### Come Visit Us

- We try to share with you about MCRC through our Facebook, Twitter, Website, Newsletters, Emails and Events because we couldn't do it without you, our supporters. We want you to be able to connect through our stories. And we love it when you come into the Center for a Tour, or to share a story, or even just have a cup of coffee, bottle of water, or stay for lunch! There is always so much going on from working with the teenage girls at the TAPP school every month, to building our Orientation/Boot Camp quarterly to help single moms qualify for our program, to planning fundraising events! This year we are planning to have monthly Open House events at the Center. This will be a time you can invite people to the Center just to learn about who we are, nothing else! We want to create awareness of who we are and what we do in the community. Watch our website and facebook for upcoming dates.





**Gearing Up for Christmas**  
**Gabrielle Benfield, Program Coordinator**

Greetings from Mom's Closet Resource Center's Program Coordinator. It's hard to believe the holiday season is upon us! It seems like we were just gearing up for summer. The staff has a lot of things going on at Mom's Closet for the holiday season. There are so many ways our supporters can help.

One way to help is through donating \$20 Kroger gift cards. The gift cards allow our moms to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, bread and other items that we are unable to carry in the pantry, because they are perishable.

Another way to help is by donating wrapping paper, bows, tags, tape, ribbon, boxes etc. for our moms wrapping needs. If you would like to donate these items for our Christmas Angels Program, you can drop them off at Mom's Closet office. We also welcome any group/individual projects from our supporters. If you have an idea you would like to do for our moms for the Christmas holiday, please

call us with your idea. In the past, we have had groups bless our moms and their families with spa bags for the moms, pajamas and socks for the kids, fresh-baked goodies baskets for each family, movie tickets for the families, pajamas for the moms, and stockings filled with goodies for the moms and their children and much more. If you or your group would like to do something like this, please call Gabrielle at Mom's Closet 502-245-9899, to discuss.

The deadline for all christmas donations is December 11, 2015 by 3pm. You can deliver items to the center at 106 N Waterson Trail, 40243

Again, we appreciate your support and prayers for Mom's Closet and our single moms. It would be impossible for us to support our moms without your contributions. We are excited for the holiday season and thank the Lord for continuing to bless Mom's Closet.