

Happy New Year to all our supporters from Mom's Closet! In 2018, we will be resurrecting our quarterly newsletter to keep you up to date on what your generous donations are doing for our single parents and their children. In keeping with our offering of "a hand up, not a handout", we have given our newsletter the name "Stepping Up & Stepping Out" to reflect our single parents efforts to step up to improve themselves in education and skill sets so they can step out into the world to achieve greater accomplishments, contributions and independence. Our hope is that you will find this newsletter informative and inspirational. We thank you for your continued support.



2017 IN REVIEW

Through your generous support, much was accomplished in the past year to include:



- 20 Mom's ministered through the Life Plan Program.
- 41 Food Pantry Moms.
- 109 Moms received intake/networking assistance to advance their causes.
- 3 Associate degrees accomplished (two moms with 2 degrees in different studies)
- 2 Bachelor degrees completed
- 1 Masters degree completed
- Additionally, one mom had a daughter graduate from college and another one start during 2017.
- One mom has a senior level student in college who is part of the student body leadership.
- One mom has a first year college student enrolled who received \$20,000 in scholarships!
- 9 New monthly (including Coal's Artisan Pizza), 2 quarterly and 3 annual donors were added.
- \$1500 in Child Care assistance
- \$9950 in Gas Card assistance
- \$500 in Rental Assistance
- 18,025 units of food were distributed
- \$6412 in Meat items from the pantry
- \$1000 in Car maintenance
- \$3500 in Utility assistance
- \$3450 Back to School assistance for children
- \$975 in Thanksgiving baskets
- \$975 in Christmas baskets
- Bigger Social Media Presence with Enhanced Ease of Donating through links on the MC website
- Doubled the size of Mom's Closet Board
- Kroger and Amazon/Smile partnerships give automatic donations made on behalf of a % of your purchase (see website to join at no cost to you)



KEY EVENTS:

- Opening night at the Downs (Moonlight Masquerade)
- Restaurant Nights benefiting MC
- Family Fun Festival and chili cook off
- Hero's Breakfast
- Networking Events by "Women Who Wine for a Cause"



Moved to new quarters to assure the future viability of MCRC. We're at 11921 Brinley Ave. Suite 101 (Just off Evergreen Road north of Walgreens) Please call and schedule a tour.



Despite the numerous successes and accomplishments of MCRC and our Mothers, the need is still ever present and great for 2018. For example, we currently have two potential Moms in the Life Plan program pipeline but have not yet received them into the program due to lack of funding. Therefore, our two highest priorities for 2018 are to obtain corporate sponsors and expand our monthly donor base. Both of these will help address our operational budget shortfalls and provide for our future moms coming through the program.

YOU CAN HELP US REACH OUR 2018 GOALS by:

- 1) committing to regular monthly giving,
- 2) reaching out to your friends and family and encouraging them to financially support us and/or
- 3) providing us with leads to contact for corporate sponsorship.

Please contact Laura Wingfield at 502-245-9899 with any leads you may have and/or if you would like to start a regular monthly/quarterly giving program. You may also set up your donation to MCRC via our website.

LOOKING FORWARD

With your continued help, Mom's Closet is looking forward to growing in 2018 to serve more single moms or parents. Please keep a look out for our first big fund raising event of 2018, "TOP HAT AND TIARAS" at Churchill Downs on Opening Night at the Races, April 28th. It's never too early to secure your tickets for the event and we have a few tables filled already. Go to www.moms-closetcenter.org for purchasing, as well as to get continued news updates and information on the Mom's Closet Mission.

TOP HATS & TIARAS

**7TH ANNUAL
OPENING NIGHT AT THE DOWNS**

APRIL 28, 2018
CHURCHILL DOWNS TROPHY ROOM
700 CENTRAL AVE
LOUISVILLE, KY 40208

**DOORS OPEN
AT 5:00 PM**

**TICKETS:
SINGLE \$150
TABLE OF 8 \$1000**

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