



Newsletter

Supporting a Need

Thanks to recent donations, CVCCS can continue its goal of providing clients with new underwear and socks

New socks and underwear are a luxury for many of the clients we serve. Often, there isn't room in their budgets to purchase them new.

Because we feel it lends to dignity, comfort, and safety, Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services strives to provide several pairs of new underwear and socks to our clients each year. Because CVCCS doesn't have money in the budget to



CVCCS clothing bank coordinator Elaine Ressler (left) and President Lisa Horst, sort through donations of socks and underwear.

purchase new items for the clothing bank, we rely on the generosity of others to help make it happen.

"We partner with local churches and civic groups to help us meet this need," said Lisa Horst, Board President of Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services. "We wouldn't be

able to offer these items without their partnership."

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Volunteers wanted for Summer Lunch

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services is in need of volunteers for its Summer Lunch Program that feeds children in areas in the Conestoga Valley School District the USDA deems to have a substantial number of low-income housing.

The goal of the program is to provide nutritious food to children over the summer when school is out. However,



all children are welcome and no registration required. In addition to serving meals to the children, site volunteers also oversee activities for the children such as crafts, art, and games.

The program will run June 10 through Aug. 15 at three locations -- Country Club Apartments, Flory Park, and

Ebenezer EC Church in Brownstown on

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The clothing bank policy is to give adult clients three pairs of underwear once a year, while children because they grow so quickly, are given three pairs of underwear twice a year for a total of six pairs a year.

And the need for our clients is great. Last year we gave out 7,000 pairs of underwear to children and 4,500 for adults. They also receive new socks at the same time.

If CVCCS had to purchase those items, it would cost approximately \$23,000 for underwear and \$11,500 for socks to serve everyone.

"Since there are very few organizations who provide new undergarments to their clients, we see a huge demand," said Angela Trout, Director of Development for CVCCS. "And due to the number of clients we have, the underwear and socks go as quickly as they come in!"

Partners Help

In the early days of the clothing bank, local churches would hold an "Undie Sunday"

during the month of May for their congregations to donate new underwear and socks. The collection was later renamed "Seats and Feet," but over the years the donations started to dwindle.

In an effort to change with the times to meet this growing need and to sustain the program throughout the year, CVCCS has reached out to local churches, businesses, and organizations for their assistance.

These partners include Worship Center, Victory Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Ephrata Dental Associates, and other wonderful organizations who have held socks and underwear drives to great success. Thanks to their efforts, we will be able to provide most sizes for several more months.

Ongoing Need

There are times when we run out of certain sizes. For example, because of the number of children we serve, it is difficult to keep certain sizes in stock.

From time to time, between big collections, we put out the call for certain sizes on our Facebook page and website. We will continue to do this so we can help all clients.

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Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Various volunteer positions are available to assist as kitchen helpers, baggers, site managers, or staff to serve and interact with the children.

Contact Deb at (717) 208-3711, ext. 103 for more information.



Have fun by walking or running while raising money for the local food bank!!

6th Annual

Walk & Ride



from Hunger

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Benefits Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services

Join us for the Walk & Ride from Hunger to raise money for the CVCCS food bank. Individuals, families, and teams welcome! If the open road is more your thing, bring your motorcycle for a biker blessing and ride! More details available at www.cvccs.org.

To register, go to <https://cvccs.org/event/walk-ride-from-hunger/>.



Volunteer Needs

Summer Lunch -- Volunteers needed to help with the Summer Lunch Program on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from June through August. See page 1 of newsletter for more details. For more information, contact Deb at 717-208-3711, ext. 103.

Clothing & Food Bank -- If you have time on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays during the day to help in the clothing or food bank, go to www.cvccs.org and click on the volunteer link to fill out a volunteer application.

Delivery Drivers -- Volunteers needed to bring bags of food to clients who can't make it the food bank because of health or transportation issues.

Food Bank Needs

- Canned fruit -- peaches, pears, pineapple
- Flavored rice products

To donate food, please call 717-208-3711.

Clothing Bank Needs

- Men's jeans in tall inseams, 32 and longer in various waist sizes.

To donate food, please contact CVCCS 717-208-3711.



We have some great news!

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is participating in a new donation program – the GIANT Giving Tag Program!

The program is simple: all you have to do to support **CVCCS** is visit any GIANT store, purchase the Bags 4 My Cause Bag and use the attached Giving Tag to direct the \$1 donation to **CVCCS**.

Thank you for your support!

For more information on the Bags 4 My Cause Program, visit Giant.bags4mycause.com

