

Newington Baptist Church Clothes Closet Report

Sunday, January, 24, 2021

On Saturday, February, 21, 1998 the “Old Sanctuary” opened its doors to the Newington Baptist Church Clothes Closet Ministry. That day 4 families registered and took 20 articles of clothing. The closet was open twice a month the 1st Wed. and the 3rd Sat. from 10 AM to 12 Noon. The registered families were allowed to visit once a month.

Over these 22 years the Clothes Closet has made a few changes. In 2016 we moved out of the “Old Sanctuary” to our new closet down the hall. Three former classrooms with new racks on the walls, freshly painted and decorated! We, volunteers, thought we had died and gone to Heaven!!

When COVID 19 hit the USA in March 2020 we were only open the first Wed. We were closed until Sat. June 20. Everyone was required to wear a mask and social distance. We decided to open an additional Sat. and everyone could come every time we are open. Our WMU Ladies asked all the ladies groups in the county churches if they would like to help. Providence Baptist WMU sent us 2 great helpers, Evelyn and Sandy, who have been coming every 4th Sat. These last 2 Sat. John Seltzer with ReNew Ministries has helped us and I think he is hooked on all the blessings we receive.

The Clothes Closet donates thousands of articles of clothing each year to other ministries and organizations. There has never been a time when we were without clothing. We occasionally ask for coats or men’s jeans and sometimes schools or businesses ask if they could collect clothing for us.

Where else could you go to your church and be on a mission field? To date your Clothes Closet Ministry has given away, for free, over 7 million articles of clothing!!! Thank you from the thousands of grateful, wonderful, loving people who come to our closet.

Sincerely,

Jerry Young, NBC/ CC Director