

Threads Newsletter



Growing CTKD from Within

By Lindsey Bradish

It is each of you that reads this newsletter every month and knows what CTKD does. It is each of you that volunteers your time and knows what it takes to serve our clients, keep our racks stocked, and keep the inventory in order. It is each of you that donates clothes and money and knows that even a small contribution will go a long way to clothe a child and make them feel proud of how they look. It is each of you that has made CTKD what it is today- a successful, thriving organization that serves the Denver community.

While our gratitude for what you all have done is endless, we know that we can't depend on you to be the primary supporters of CTKD forever. So, what we are asking of you now is to help us grow by spreading the word about CTKD. You can do this by connecting us to:

- Friends and family that may want to volunteer or join our Board of Directors
- Contacts at businesses and corporations that may donate or do clothing drives
- Your church for potential client referrals, clothing drives, or donation collections
- The PTA at your child's Denver County school

By introducing these people to CTKD, you will help us create a new source of contacts to help sustain our growth.

Thank you for all you have done for CTKD, and for opening the door to our future growth.

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February Volunteer Hours: 257
Volunteer Hours to Date: 4,413.75
Kids Served/Wardrobes Provided to Date: 2,975

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our mission

The mission of Clothes to Kids of Denver, Inc. is to provide new and quality used clothing to low-income, school-aged children in Denver County, free of charge.

our vision

It is our belief that we can bridge the gap that separates these children from a warm coat, shoes that fit, and appropriate clothing. Our hope is to build self-esteem and give them a sense of pride.

Special Thanks to our Volunteers

volunteer spotlight

This month CTKD is pleased to introduce Martha O'Flaherty to all of you. Please read on to learn more about this wonderful volunteer.

"Hi, I am Martha O'Flaherty, a retired special education teacher dedicated to emotionally disabled students. I started volunteering for CTKD in September of 2009 and instantly felt at home. The volunteers are all committed and enthusiastic which makes my small weekly contribution such a joy.

I first came to know of Clothes to Kids of Denver from a friend, Karen Burch. Karen works at the store on Tuesdays answering the phone, taking messages and helping out with Spanish speaking families. Since my retirement, I had been looking for an organization that: a) needed volunteers, b) was close to home and c) would be a good fit for me. I found that in CTKD! While there are many things I enjoy at CTKD, I take the most pleasure in being a personal shopper for clients. The BIG smiles on kid's and parent's faces is all I need to make my day. Families are most appreciative of our services to them and I am very proud to be a part of a hard-working, fun-loving team that provides that and more. I always look forward to my volunteer days!!!

In addition to offering personal shopping services, I have worked in the sorting room and if there is time, I like to seasonally display our clothes in the front windows of our store. This year I am a Table Captain for our May 1st Ask Event at Baur's Ristorante and have also joined the Appeal Campaign Committee.

I am married to a great guy, Michael O'Flaherty who works for the City and County of Denver. We are counting the days until he retires so that there will be more fun and travel time for both us! Mike and I enjoy visits with and to families in Michigan and New York. We are fond of the Colorado weather and all it has to offer outdoors.

Being with kids and teaching is in my blood, so once a week I work at two private schools in the Englewood School District providing services to special needs students. The remaining days of the week are filled with being outdoors as much as possible with walks, golf, biking and gardening (can't wait for spring and summer)!"

Martha, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for CTKD. It is a joy working with you and getting to know you even better.

many thanks to

A Special thanks to Bob & Ann Beard for their wonderful contribution of over 1200 pair of new jeans, 100+ hoodies and 200+ t-shirts from their 'Spirit' clothing line.

Floyd Fitzgerald with Cocona Fabrics for donating all the new polo shirts.

Aeropostale stores in Park Meadows and the Outlets at Silverthorne for participating in the Teens for Jeans program and donating several hundred pairs of gently used jeans.

Alyssa Daddota for donating the stuffed animals for our Extras.

Eve McConahy and her book club group in Ft. Collins for their great clothing donations.

Noel Wylder with Isabee Tweens and her clothing donation.

Denver Academy students for their donation of great books for the Extras.

Annette Wiersma and the beautiful hand-made scarves.

Deb Scherer with Faze Two and her continued clothing donations.

Carol Bender, Colorado Blue Sky NCL President, for the clothing donation.

Tom Henderson, our volunteer webmaster, for updating the CTKD website.

Julie & Elizza Boryla w/the Rocky Mtn. NCL chapter for taking 2 large bags of laundry home then sorting and organizing it all.

Mona Shriver w/Rocky Mtn. NCL for her huge family donation PLUS the 7th grade NCL family donations.

Erin Markham for her shoe and jewelry donation.

Deb Fine w/Blue Sky NCL for taking several bags of laundry home.

Gina & Jane Fielder and Kelly & Michelle Stark for their new underwear donations.

Kathy & Arianna Loveberry w/Blue Sky NCL for working in the store and taking several bags of laundry home.

ALL the wonderful NCL moms & daughters for coming this month to work in the store.

Kent Denver School and Graland Country Day School for donating all their lost-and-found clothing items.

News & Events

wanted: CTKD secretary

Our current secretary will be stepping down from the CTKD Board after serving on the Board for the past two years. If you or someone you know is interested in filling this position, please contact us at ctkdenver@gmail.com. The Secretary position entails the following responsibilities:

- Creating the agenda and taking minutes for the monthly Board meetings
- Manage updates to the database of donors, volunteers, and other resources
- Send monthly email newsletter
- Assist with Facebook page updates
- Support fundraising event planning and logistics

volunteer hours

Please contact **Barb Goettelman** at **303-759-9560** to schedule your volunteer hours at the store or on outside activities.

national charity league and youth volunteer opportunities

– *sign up with Barb Goettelman*

Saturday, April 24 - 12:30-2:30pm

March Board Meeting:

Tuesday, April 13 - 4:30-6pm

store tours

March 30 - 5:30pm *Call (720) 379-4630*
April 8 - 5:30pm *to schedule your*
April 14 - 1pm *tour date and time.*

save the date!

May 1, 2010 at 9 a.m.

CTKD is thrilled to announce that First Bank is sponsoring the 1st annual 'Clothe a Child, Change a Life' fundraising event held at Baur's Ristorante. For details please contact the store at 720-379-4630.

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