



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Mary's Closet

PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING AND CONSULTATION

What is Mary's Closet?

Mary's Closet helps Catholic Charities clients prepare as they seek employment or begin their jobs by offering professional attire and personalized attention to their appearance. Mary's Closet was established in 2011 by Catholic Charities Board Members with the goal to:

- Equip clients with personal attire fitting, professional consultation, and image preparation for interviews and life events such as graduations, funerals, and weddings
- Lift spirits and confidence through supportive conversation and interest in the client's upcoming interview

Who Do We Help?

Mary's Closet is one of the final steps toward self-sufficiency for clients of Catholic Charities programs. Just a few programs served by Mary's Closet include:

- Veteran's Employment Program
- Immigration and Naturalization Services
- Family Shelter Programs
- Refugee Services
- CHA FamilyWorks
- After Supper Photography Project
- Maternity Services

Client Testimonies

TRACEE: *I felt so special today and I want to thank you so much for starting this program because it will build self-esteem for so many people.*

LEONARD: *I came to Mary's Closet at the lowest point in my life. I'd spent the last bit of my savings to pay for my wife's funeral. I came to Catholic Charities ashamed that I would not be presentable at her services. But after being introduced to Mary's Closet and how they help people in need of clothing for special events and work, my spirit was renewed. I was treated with respect and compassion, and not like a stereotype. My experience with Mary's Closet helped get me through some of the toughest days of my life and even gave me the hope of being able to get my job back as a union plumber.*

How Can You Get Involved?

Donate Professional and Casual Business Attire: Label clothing donations "Mary's Closet" and drop off at 721 N. LaSalle Street in Chicago. All sizes of gently used professional clothing and accessories for men and women are accepted.

If any clothing is not beneficial for clients, it will be allocated to other Catholic Charities donation collections or consigned for the sole benefits of Mary's Closet clients.

Cash Gifts: Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities - Mary's Closet or donate at www.catholiccharities.net/donate

Volunteer: Perfect for those who enjoy fashion and helping others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: (312) 655-7203
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