

Friends and Neighbors:

We hope that your family and loved ones are safe and healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak. In order to reduce the spread of the virus, we have temporarily closed The Clothesline for Arlington Kids for client appointments and donations. We look forward to re-opening when it is safe for clients and volunteers.

Our client base is particularly vulnerable to the economic effects of this crisis, with little or no financial reserves and jobs that are impacted by the economic shutdown. All the while, their children are outgrowing their clothes. We want to be well prepared to help these families when we re-open.

Two ways you can help families in need:

- 1) **Help Keep The Lights On!:** Make a financial donation to The Clothesline to help outfit hundreds of needy students. Temporarily closed or not, we still need to pay rent, utilities, insurance, and costs of running the store. Since opening in mid-2018, we have given away over 43,000 items of clothing to nearly 1,000 kids. To donate funds so we can continue serving, please visit our website at Network for Good: <https://clotheslinearlington.networkforgood.com/projects/94873-the-clothesline-for-arlington-kids-subscription-giving>
- 2) **Family Community Service at Home:** Clean out your closets and donate quality items your children have outgrown and are still in great shape. To better serve our community, please take the extra step to examine your donation based on the criteria below. Please wash, fold and bag your clothes before donating them. Given our current limited storage, please also hold winter items until September.

What we DO need	What we DO NOT need
♥ Clean kids clothes (sizes 4-16)	✗ Clothes with stains, odors, or pet hair
♥ Clean adult clothes in teen styles	✗ Pilling or fading
○ Women – sizes 0-22	✗ Damaged
○ Men – sizes 18 to 44	✗ Missing/broken parts
♥ New underwear and new socks	✗ Promotional or event shirts, youth sports uniforms
♥ Shoes in excellent condition (wash and air-dry sneakers)	✗ Used underwear or used socks
♥ Bras in excellent condition	✗ Baby/toddler clothes or shoes (0-3)
♥ Swimsuits/PJs in excellent condition	✗ Toys, books, athletic gear, hangers
♥ Accessories in excellent condition: belts, purses, hats, jewelry backpacks	

Please also support our local foodbanks and other poverty assistance programs who are tirelessly working to help needy families during the outbreak.

Thank you,

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