



COK JULY VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

CLOTHING OUR KIDS - SUMMER 2024

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Through
May 2024
COK provided
nearly
221,000
items of clothing to
36,000 KIDS



THE KIDS ARE SO THANKFUL FOR ALL
THE WORK OUR **REMARKABLE**
VOLUNTEERS
DO EVERYDAY

As Founder Mary Rio said: *It's not JUST about new clothes. It's about a new life.*



VOLUNTEERS OUR STUDENTS NEED US MORE THAN EVER!

Now that the 2023-2024 school year has wrapped up, we know our support will be **NEEDED** more when we begin to include the Sussex County High Schools over the next few years.

At the recent COK Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Cape Henlopen High School (CHHS) Social Worker Lisa Williams shared: "We are tracking homeless students and have funding for emergency shelter and food but **NOTHING** for clothing. All at the school are extremely thankful for what COK does for these kids." That's the reality of what most Sussex County High Schools are dealing with. The Cape Henlopen School District alone has 148 homeless students and is tracking more than 2,000 coming from low-income families.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

THE PENINSULA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

MAJOR SPONSORS SIGNED ON TO DATE:

Tournament Trustee: Schell Brothers/Ocean Atlantic
Corporate Booster: Tidemark Federal Credit Union
Premium Sponsor: Mountaire
Tournament Supporters: Mike And Ginny Palmer

OUR PARTNERS AND DONORS CONTINUE TO MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE!

- In collaboration with Volunteer Lisa Conley, throughout the month of April, clothing and personal hygiene items were collected by Delaware Technical Community College.
- The Carl M. Freeman Companies recently announced grant awards for 13 Sussex County nonprofit organizations. Of 47 non-profits applying for a FACES Grant, 13 were chosen with Clothing Our Kids receiving the maximum of \$10,000.
- Our amazing benefactors at TCC GIVES (Verizon stores) heard our story and will be awarding the first \$5,000 in a Grant to match COK's \$5,000 and cover the students in need at Cape Henlopen High School. This isn't the first time TCC has helped our kids.
- St. Edmond's Catholic Church generously provided COK with a \$6,000 donation once again to help us continue our work.

- Thanks to Volunteer Jennifer Kayes we received 30 bags of new clothing from one of the Outlets going out of business.



Help us continue to get the word out! Your support and help is what keeps COK going and through it we raise the money needed through the Golf Outing, Clothing Drives, Grants, various other fund raising events and

grass roots marketing. Please remember to send our social media posts and updates to 3-5 people you know to continue to spread the good word about COK.