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CLOTHING OUR KIDS (COK) UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 17 COK SCHOOL LIAISONS WORK DIRECTLY WITH SCHOOL STAFF TO HELP THE SUSSEX COUNTY STUDENTS IN NEED OF APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

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Through the combined effort of Clothing Our Kids (COK) and our school contacts, 3,559 Sussex County children were provided with 28,241 articles of clothing during the 2023/2024 School Year. COK recently developed a Volunteer Liaison Committee to support the Staff in the schools who take time out of their busy workdays to assess children in need of new clothing and submit orders to COK on their behalf. The Liaisons also provide COK Flyers to be placed within the schools and encourage Staff to spread the word regarding COK services by attending school events.

COK Liaison Lisa Conley (pictured) attended open houses at both Laurel and Delmar Middle Schools in August and spoke with Nurses, Counselors, Teachers and the Head of Food and Beverage at one of the schools. As the "Chief Lunch Lady", this woman observes every student daily. Lisa was surprised at the number of Staff who were unaware of COK, which validates the necessity for our Liaisons. Through the program COK's intent is to serve more children who are in desperate need of clothing.

Having COK Liaisons working face-to-face with school personnel underscores the reality that it does take a village to support the students in Sussex County.



