



# COK NOV. VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

CLOTHING OUR KIDS - FALL/WINTER 2024

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**YOUR DEDICATION HAS PUT SO MANY SMILES ON THE FACES OF SUSSEX COUNTY CHILDREN WHO HAVE NEEDED OUR HELP.**

As of the end of October, COK provided over **203,000 items** of clothing to **36,750 KIDS**



### HELP WANTED - NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Please contact Kathleen at [kblouin@clothingourkids.org](mailto:kblouin@clothingourkids.org)

## WHY DO WE DO IT?

### 2 RECENT THANK YOU'S THAT SUM UP OUR WHY?

"I just wanted you to know that the student that you guys brought clothes and shoes for today cried when he got the clothes. He said he has one set of clothes and has never had sneakers before. When he saw there were clothes and shoes for him, he broke down. This child has not been coming to school because he only owned a pair of slippers with holes in the soles and one set of decent clothing. He knew his grandfather who is raising him couldn't afford them. I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for all the children but especially this one. He said he will be excited to come to school for the last month of his 8th grade year. Thank you all again. And I may get him a couple more things if that is okay since he will be going to high school next year."

~ a middle school teacher

"I cannot thank you and your team enough for the smiles that you bring to children's faces when they receive the box of clothing! I have had the privilege of witnessing the joy and smiles of 3 children opening their boxes of clothing this week and I wanted to let you know how thankful I am for all that Clothing Our Kids does for students! Thank you again for everything you do and the difference you make in children's lives!"

~ a middle school teacher

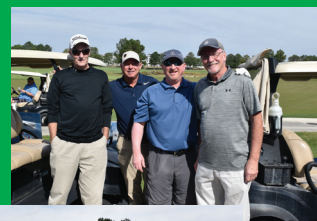


## COK 2024 10TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Once again, the Clothing Our Kids Volunteers ensure our Annual Golf Outing is a huge success.

### A FEW KEY FACTS TO SHARE:

- Over half of our ongoing volunteers assisted with preparation and hosting of the event in addition to all their other day-to-day responsibilities
- 70 Sponsors helped raise approximately 1/2 the money we will need to supply our students in need
- 127 golfers joined us for the event



## CLOTHING DRIVE UPDATE

Clothing Drives provide much needed clothes to our students. For years we have been fortunate to have many different organizations put them on with their employees, church attendees or other organizations. This is just a sampling of what has been going on in the past few months. COK appreciates the efforts of our neighbors!

- St. Matthews By the Sea- United Methodist Church
- Mountaire Cares
- The Seabrook Community
- Delaware Technical Community College
- Coats for Kids-Bishop Burke Council- #11285 Knights of Columbus

### A few statistics of why Sussex County Children need our help:

- In Delaware child poverty more than doubled from 2021-2022 according to the Supplemental Poverty Measure.
- 43% of Delaware families struggle with basic needs.
- Children in Sussex County are more likely to live in poverty than Kent or New Castle.