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CLOTHING OUR KIDS (COK) UPDATE – FEBRUARY 3, 2025 STEPHAN AND CO. SALON AND SPA COMES THROUGH FOR THE STUDENTS IN SUSSEX COUNTY

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Stephan and Co. Salon and Spa in Rehoboth Beach represents the heart of local organizations that willingly give of their time and dedicate their businesses to assist Clothing Our Kids (COK) in providing new clothing for Pre-K, Head Start, Elementary, Middle School and now High School students. During the month of December, Stephan's Salon collected new clothing and funds to help the school children in need of appropriate attire to achieve their learning potential.

COK highly depends on a network of community partners as the primary source of overall support to the kids. Requests for clothing packages come from Teachers, Social Workers, Nurses, and other school personnel who are intimately knowledgeable of a child's situation. COK never deals with a child or their guardian. Students are identified through the school personnel and all orders come directly from the schools through the COK ordering system. The clothing is packaged at the COK Fulfillment Center and delivered to the requested party who in turn provides it to the child in private.

COK strongly believes that appropriate school clothing is essential for students to excel in their studies and help them thrive as human beings. Founder Mary Rio summed it up: "It's not just about new clothing. It's about a new life".

COK could not fulfill its Mission without the help of community partners like Stephan and Co. and we are profoundly grateful for their dedication to the Sussex County school students served by COK.

For information regarding Clothing Our Kids (COK), or to donate, please go to <u>www.clothingourkids.org</u>. Kindly pass on the good work of COK by sharing this Update and liking our Social Media posts with your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

