

# The Closet Of the Greater Herndon Area, Inc.



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<b>Hours of operations:</b> Tues., Thurs., Sat. 10:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m.	<b>Donations accepted:</b> Thurs. & Sat. 8:00 am--2:00 pm
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## Who We Are

Except for a limited number of paid employees, generally around ten to twelve, the bulk of the staffing support comes from unpaid volunteers from sixteen supporting churches and one synagogue. The number of volunteers who give their time and talents during a given month range from sixty to seventy. On occasion, high school students assist by completing their community service requirements with us.



## Our Mission

The Closet was founded in 1974 by a handful of churches to assist low income families by supplying used clothing. Over the years, this nonprofit enterprise has evolved into a significant resource for the greater Herndon area.

The Closet accepts a wide variety of quality donated items, including not only clothing, but household items, electronic and sporting goods, books, toys, videos, musical instruments, and other items. After preparing acceptable items for sale, The Closet sells them for a nominal price.

In addition, The Closet donates clothing without charge to needy persons, after referral by an authorized social service agency, the homeless shelter, or by a sponsoring congregation. Most important to our mission is utilization of our profits for projects that will directly or indirectly benefit low income families.

We also seek to encourage community involvement through providing an opportunity for residents to donate items and to volunteer in a local charity. Fortunately, we have been blessed with an abundance of donated goods and a coterie of devoted workers.

## Our Donations

Every year the Closet donates approximately 90% of its proceeds after expenses to a variety of worthwhile causes in our community. Between 1985 and 2004, these donations have totaled just over \$2 million. Examples of recipients include:

- Scholarships-area high schools
- Christmas in April
- Habitat of Northern Virginia
- Head Start
- Herndon Free Medical Clinic
- Hospice Northern Virginia
- Just Neighbors
- Kids Are First
- Laurel Learning Center
- Literacy Council of No. Virginia
- Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter
- No. Virginia Dental Clinic
- Project Graduation
- Reston Interfaith
- Herndon Parks & Recreation

## Management Council Members

- Dranesville Church of the Brethren, Herndon
- Dranesville United Methodist Church, Herndon
- First Baptist, Herndon
- Floris United Methodist Church, Herndon
- Good Shepherd Lutheran, Reston
- Holy Cross Lutheran, Herndon
- Riverside Presbyterian Church, Sterling
- St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Reston
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Herndon
- St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Herndon
- Shoreshim Jewish Community, Reston
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Herndon
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston
- United Christian Parish, Reston
- United Methodist Church, Herndon
- Vale United Methodist Church, Oakton
- Washington Plaza Baptist Church, Reston

## Officers

**President:** Laura Greenspan,  
**Vice President:** Barbara Jobson,  
**Co-Treasurers:** Carol Gibson & Judy Erickson  
**Secretary:** Connie Walbert,  
**Manager:** Aaron Sawyer

Located in historic downtown Herndon, the rear of The Closet property faces the Herndon Municipal Center on Lynn St. Parking is available behind the building, in the municipal parking lot, or on the street. The Fairfax Connector RIBS 4 North Reston/Herndon bus runs along Station Street.

