

STUDENTS CLOTHING BANK

- * **Service Hours:**
Tuesday – Friday
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- * **Donation Hours:**
Monday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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National Reading Month

Within our mission statement we explain that providing children with adequate clothing allows students to focus on their school work and not worry about their clothing. Due to the fact that most of the individuals involved in operating Locker #505 come from a background in education, we know how crucial it is to support the students and their families who come through our doors. When students see us for clothing and shoes, they also get to take home a book of their choice. Even if we aren't directly in the classroom, our goal is to support all of the students we see on an educational

level as well. Most of the students we serve do not have books at home and are thrilled to pick out their very own book.

National Reading Month is observed in March and usually kicks off with celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. As believers and supports of education, we know how important it is to keep students interested in reading. Dr. Seuss even says, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." What fun ways are you celebrating National Reading Month? Are you having reading parties in

your classroom? Are you having story tellers come to your organization for children in the community? Whatever you choose to do, we thank you for helping students keep their passion for reading alive and well! We are always appreciative for donations of books that are appropriate for school age children. If you are cleaning out your bookcases, think of bringing them to us.



A Message from the Director

Opening Locker #505: Student's Clothing Bank 3 years ago was both scary and exhilarating because of how truly passionate I was about the program and wanted it to succeed. As I began to talk about the program, I will always remember the owner of LMN Associates, Inc. Insurance, locally owned by an extremely generous woman who believed in Locker #505. She was the first person to make a financial donation to assist in getting Locker #505 off the ground. Since that day she has been nothing but supportive of our mission, not to mention spreading the word to

others about what we do every-day. We would like to thank LMN Associates, Inc. Insurance for their continuous support; we could not clothe these students without you. If anyone ever needs insurance we hope they will contact LMN Associates, Inc. for a quote.

Another supporter of Locker #505 from the beginning is Nusenda Credit Union. We have applied for several grants and fortunately have received tremendous financial support. They have also supported events through YELP as both a fundraiser and an awareness

builder. Employees have also been supportive through several other avenues.

There are several businesses and individuals that have been a tremendous support to Locker #505. We will be highlighting them from time to time because we simply could not do what we do each day for these students without businesses and groups like these.

Sincerely,

Kim Kerschen
Director
Locker #505: Student's Clothing Bank

We've Got Prizes!

Drawing Benefitting Locker #505: Student's Clothing Bank

1st Prize: Trip for a Napa Valley Getaway— including 2 roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines and a two night stay at Hawthorne Suites/ Napa Valley.

(Trip must be taken by May 11th)

2nd Prize: Isotopes Baseball Suite— for you and 12 of your closest friends

(date determined by donor)

3rd Prize: Dinner for Two at Sandiago's at the base of the Tram— along with two tickets to ride the tram

4th Prize: Pizza for a Year— from Dominos (12 Certificates for a large pizza)

Drawing held April 2nd at Annual Fashion Show

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

All Proceeds benefit Locker #505: Student's Clothing Bank

If you would like to purchase tickets please contact us at director@locker505.org, 505-294-1647, or come by Locker #505 at 6020 Constitution Blvd. Ste 2. You can also come to our Fashion Show on April 2nd and purchase your tickets before we draw the winners.

We truly appreciate your support; you make it possible for us to make a difference in these student's lives!

This semester we have helped 111 students so far!

Year to date we have helped 2265 students!

WE RISE BY
**LIFTING
OTHERS**

—ROBERT INGERSOLL

A Bag Full of Clothes and a Beaming Smile!

As many of you know, much of the work at Locker #505 is done by our volunteers, many of whom are former educators. One of our treasured volunteers, Susan Davila, recently explained what volunteering at Locker #505 means to her. Susan has been at Locker #505 for about 9 months now and explains, "I started volunteering at Locker #505 after I retired from teaching. Kim Kerschen and I taught together many years ago and I was excited to reconnect with her. I have seen the number of needy children in Albuquerque increase tremendously over the years. The schools I worked in were

mostly middle class families and now they are predominately low income. I wanted to continue to work with children and I knew students who received clothing from Locker #505. Their parents talked about what a great experience it was. Locker #505 has a great reputation for putting children's needs first and I enjoy being a small part of that."

When asked about a specific memory she has from her time at Locker #505, Susan talked about a homeless high school student who came in with his counselor. Susan recalls, "He was so happy to be

there and the counselor had such wonderful things to say about him. Locker #505 had just received brand new Air Jordans and a leather coat—both of which were his size! He was so grateful for all that we were able to give him."

We are so honored to work with all the amazing volunteers who help at Locker #505. Susan said it perfectly when she told us how she felt about volunteering, "It's very gratifying seeing a child leave with a bag full of clothes and a beaming smile!" Thank you Susan and thank you to all our volunteers for your continued love and support!

Thank You Donors!

This month we would like to thank Bosque Running Shop and YELP! Thank you for your support!



Tips on Referring Students

- Our last day to see students will be May 19th this year, except for uniform schools, their last day will be April 28th. Please do not wait until the last minute to refer students. Please encourage parents to come as soon as possible after receiving their referral.
- When referring a student please point out the hours for Locker #505, we do not take students after 4:30pm, and they are seen on a first come, first serve basis. Parents can always call before coming to Locker #505 to see if we will have time to see their child.

Our Current Wish List

This month we are in need of:

- **A rack for hanging clothes**
- **Underwear: Adult Men and Women Sizes**
- **Paper grocery bags**
- **Volunteers!**

We are always in need of new volunteers who can help put their passion into practice. Do you like to organize? Do you like greeting new people? Is your passion filing or office work? Do you enjoy planning events? Whatever your passion is, we know there is a place

for you at Locker #505. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact us at director@locker505.org or at 505-294-1647.



Coming Up: April Fashion Show

Locker #505 will be having our Annual Fashion Show on April 2nd from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Canyon Club (formally the Four Hills Country Club). We are proud to announce that Eddie Garcia from Channel 4 will be our Master of Ceremonies this year. There will be a silent auction with numerous prizes, including staycations, artwork, jewelry, and pampering packages!



We are in need of boys and girls 5-18, from any school, who would like to volunteer to be models for our fashion show. They will practice the day of the show from 12pm-2pm and the show is from 2pm-4pm. Each model will receive a pass for a free game of mini-golf at Hinkle and a VIP pass for free shaved ice at Bahama Buck's on San Mateo. We ask that models bring one or two outfits (new or gently used) to model that will be donated to Locker #505 after the Fashion Show. Each model will receive a free ticket to the fashion show for a family member or friend.

Ticket prices are \$10 (each purchaser will also receive a second ticket at no charge). If you bring items to donate to Locker #505, such as new socks and underwear, you will receive tokens to use for large ticket prizes. We will also have a fabulous dessert buffet with samples from some of the best bakers in Albuquerque. Don't forget to bring extra cash to bid on \$5 mystery bags worth up to \$75. If you know a student who is interested in modeling, please contact our director, Kim Kerschen, at director@locker505.org as soon as possible.