

# Director's Note

## Locker # 505 Family and Friends,

As we tumble headfirst into the season of gratitude (pumpkin spice in one hand, thankfulness in the other), Locker #505 is practically bursting at the seams with appreciation. Why? Because every single day we get to do something magical: help students in need of clothing so they can walk into school with confidence, dignity, and—best of all—those radiant smiles that could light up an entire hallway. ✨

But let's be real: none of this would be possible without our incredible donors. Since August 1st, you've helped us serve more than **2,250 students**—that's 2,250 smiles, 2,250 moments of joy, and 2,250 reminders that kindness changes lives. You're the secret ingredient in our recipe for hope. 🍲❤️

And speaking of secret ingredients, our volunteers deserve a standing ovation (or at least a confetti cannon). They swoop in to tackle the countless tasks that keep Locker #505 humming like a well-oiled machine. Want to join the fun? Our Volunteer Coordinator, Felicia, is just a call away at **505-294-1647** or [felicialocker505@gmail.com](mailto:felicialocker505@gmail.com). Whether you're a solo superhero or part of a group, we've got a cape waiting for you. 🦸‍♀️

Of course, as director, I'd be remiss if I didn't shout from the rooftops about our extraordinary staff. They go above and beyond every single day to make students feel seen, valued, and cared for. And behind the scenes, our Board of Directors provides the wisdom, guidance, and support that keeps us moving forward with purpose.

So here's to gratitude, generosity, and the glorious community that makes Locker #505 more than just a place—it's a movement of kindness, stitched together one smile at a time. 🧵👉

### 📌 Don't Forget to Check Our Needs List

Our **Needs List** is updated regularly and highlights the most requested items from students. Every donation counts!

Please feel free to **share this newsletter** with friends, family, and anyone who might want to support our mission. Together, we're helping students show up to school with confidence and pride.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at [director@locker505.org](mailto:director@locker505.org) or 505-294-1647.

With gratitude,

Kim Kerschen  
Director  
Locker # 505: Students Clothing Bank



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Service Hours By appointment only

#### Donation Hours

Monday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Physical Address: 6203 Menaul Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94735  
Albuquerque, NM 87199

Contact Information:

[director@locker505.org](mailto:director@locker505.org)

505-294-1647

[www.locker505.org](http://www.locker505.org)

Please contact us for referral forms at

[referrals@locker505.org](mailto:referrals@locker505.org)

**CURRENT NEEDS LIST:**

**New items:**

Boys jeans/sweats: 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12  
 Girls jeans/sweats/leggings: 6, 8, 16 and 18  
 Boys shirts: 7, 12, 16 and 18  
 Girls shirts: 6, 7, 8, 12, 16 and 18  
 Kids coats: 6 - 18  
 Men's underwear (new): medium

**Gently used items:**

Men's sweats - S, Med, L and XL  
 Women's sweats - XS, XL, and 2X  
 Boys sweats - 12, 16 and 18  
 Boys shirts - 12, 16 and 18  
 Girls shirts - 7, 8, 12 and 18  
 Girls light jackets and hoodies - 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3LPW5ZQ61RSUU?ref=list\\_d\\_wl\\_lfu\\_nav\\_2](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3LPW5ZQ61RSUU?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_2)

SHOP OUR WISHLISTS



**A Thanksgiving Toast to Our Community Partners!**

This season of gratitude has us counting blessings like mashed potatoes at a holiday feast—and guess what? You're at the very top of our list! 🍠✨

Your time, energy, and compassion have carved out a powerful difference at Locker #505 and in the lives of the students we serve. From sorting donations and organizing supplies to distributing essentials and working behind the scenes, you've sprinkled kindness and care into everything you touched—like the secret spice in grandma's stuffing.

We simply couldn't do this work without you. You're not just volunteers—you're family at our table, an essential part of our mission, and the reason we get to serve up confidence, dignity, and smiles every single day.

So here's our heartfelt "thank you" with all the trimmings. ❤️ You make our community stronger, warmer, and brighter—and we're beyond grateful to have you in our corner this Thanksgiving season.

- Prime Therapeutics
- Kiwanis Family
- Presbyterian Healthplan Place
- Student Cares Club - CNM
- Sandia National Labs
- Sandia High School Girls Volleyball Teams
- NM Ice Wolves
- Chick-Fil-A (Unser & Southern)
- Bakertilly
- Girl Scout Troop #11606
- Faith Lutheran Youth Group
- UNM Athletics
- CABQ Advisory Board



**Please look at Donation Locations on our website**  
[locker505.org](http://locker505.org)



## A Heartfelt Thank You for Socktober Success!

We are overflowing with gratitude for your incredible support in making **Socktober** such a huge success! Thanks to your generosity and partnership, Locker #505 was able to collect an astounding **14,496 pairs of socks** and **4,332 pairs of underwear**—bringing comfort, warmth, and dignity to students in need.

**AFR**

**Chic-Fil-A**

**Manzano Day School 5th Grade Classes**

**Jordyn and National Honor Society at St. Pius**

**Delta Sigma Theta**

**Black Dog Shredding**

And many more.....

A huge thank you to our SUB (socks, underwear, bra) volunteers, Beth and Sandra for counting every pair of socks (and underwear).

Your commitment to our community didn't just fill drawers with essentials; it filled hearts with hope. Every student who received these items walked away with more than just necessities—they walked away with the confidence that someone cares deeply about them.

Because of you, Socktober wasn't just an event—it was a movement of kindness. Your business helped transform simple items into powerful symbols of compassion, and we couldn't be more grateful to have you in our corner.



## Sneak Peek Alert!

We couldn't keep this under wraps any longer... something exciting is brewing at Locker #505, and we're giving you a first look! Think of this as pulling back the curtain just enough to spark your curiosity, while saving the big reveal for later. ✨

Stay tuned—you won't want to miss what's coming next.



## Tuesday, December 2nd is "GIVING TUESDAY"!

Why do we believe that Locker #505: Student's Clothing Bank is worthy of your resources when so many groups are doing valuable work in our community?

You may receive a plethora of emails from non-profits asking you for a donation. So what makes Locker #505 stand out?

Because Locker 505 is on track to serve well over 5,000 kids in the ABQ metro area this year. We have already seen over 2,161 students this school year, with over 3,850 referrals since the end of July. The need for our help continues to grow every year.

Because we are not wasteful. When you give us clothing, money and even your time, it directly benefits the children we serve. This is your community, these are your students who will someday be in the position to give back in the same way.

Because the need in ABQ is not easing up. The poverty in our area means that many families choose between buying milk and cereal for the week or a new pair of shoes. No parent should have to make this choice. We are helping to take that burden off of parents.

Because no child should have to share a pair of shoes, or a toothbrush, or a coat with a sibling. These are real situations that we see everyday.

Because sometimes, the difference between a child staying in school and a child dropping out is whether or not they can show up to class looking "just like everyone else." Nobody wants to stick out for the wrong reasons.

Because this is our community, these are our kids, and they need us to help give them a boost.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to Locker #505 this holiday season. The year-end deadline for charitable donation for the current tax year is December 31st. Let's keep our dollars local and going to a great cause.

Wishing you and your family a holiday season filled with happiness, good health, and joy!

Sincerely,

Locker #505 Student's Clothing Bank



### What can you do to help?

- Remember us on "GIVING TUESDAY" 12/2/2025 by making an online [donation](#). If you desire to donate on a larger scale, consider providing a "Matching Donation Challenge" by choosing a total amount that you will match if others in our community donate by year end. This way, you will double the amount of your generous gift through the generosity of others.
- Donate: Pants; tops; sweaters; jackets; new socks & underwear; new shoes; personal care items; backpacks; school supplies; books; stuffed animals; and toys.
- \*Attend one or more of our upcoming fundraising events such our exciting "[13th Annual #505 Fashion Show](#)" on **March 1, 2025**.
- Participate in our events' "[Online Silent Auctions](#)", whether present at the event or not.
- Sponsor an event as a way to promote your business or organization.
- Volunteer your or your employees' time to help us serve our students.
- Visit our [website](#) for more opportunities to help support our mission.





### Cheers to Our Amazing Partners!

We're sending a giant, heartfelt **THANK YOU** (with a dash of quirk) to the incredible partners who keep Locker #505 thriving!

- **The Bourbon House** hit it out of the park with their Corn-Hole Contest, and we were lucky enough to be the beneficiaries. 🎯 Your fun and generosity make our mission possible every single day.
- **Canteen Brewery and CrossFit Albuquerque** flexed their muscles and raised their glasses at the annual Logger Lift—once again lifting up Locker #505 in the best way. 🍻💪
- And let's not forget the powerhouse energy of **Día de los Deadlifts at Sports & Wellness Riverpoint**. 🏋️ Another event that proves our community knows how to mix strength, sweat, and support!

Because of partners like you, we don't just do what we do—we do it with joy, confidence, and a whole lot of gratitude. You bring the fun, the heart, and the hustle, and we couldn't be more thankful to have you in our corner. ❤️

