

STUDENTS CLOTHING BANK

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Tuesday – Friday
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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National Autism Awareness Month

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), autism is the fastest growing developmental disability. In fact, the CDC reports that the prevalence of autism in U.S. children has increased by 119.4% from 2000 to 2010. In the year 2000 autism was formally diagnosed to 1 out of every 150 children. In 2010, the diagnosis rate jumped to 1 out of every 68 children. At this time there is no known single cause for autism, but as the Autism Society explains, “Researchers... are investigating a number of theories, in-

cluding the links among heredity, genetics, and medical problems.”

In working with students and their families, the staff and volunteers at Locker #505 want everyone to feel welcome and important when they walk through our doors. We know that parents may be concerned if their child has a learning disability or a sensory processing disability and how they might respond to coming to Locker #505. Our goal, with all students, is to meet them where they are and support them

however we can. We understand that some students may need a person or an object with them as they are measured and pick out clothes so that they feel comfortable and secure. We know that some student may need a break during the process as well. Please know that Locker #505 is here to help every and all students and their families.



A Message from the Director

As we head toward the end of this school year it is hard to believe that Locker #505 will be completing it's third year serving students throughout Bernalillo County. We have been fortunate to continue to receive donations, both financial and in kind, and have seen more than 850 students this year. Our busy time has just begun for the spring semester. As I mentioned in a past

newsletter, both our wonderful employees are retiring and we are fortunate to have hired two new ladies that we will introduce in our May newsletter, so stay tuned! Please remember us when you are doing your Spring Cleaning, we not only take clothing, we take toys, books, stuffed animals, school supplies, and hygiene products.

The last day we will be open to take donations will be May 24th, however the last day we will see students will be May 19th.

Thank you all again for your continued support of Locker #505– we wouldn't be where we are without you!

Fondly,

Kim Kerschen
Director
Locker #505: Students
Clothing Bank

Annual Fashion Show Recap

Our 3rd Annual Fashion Show was a huge success. We had 50 models showing off some of the latest spring fashions both from their closet and the store. After they modeled the clothing they donated their outfits to Locker #505 for our students to have some beautiful spring outfits. Eddie Garcia, from Channel 4, served as our Master of Ceremonies and did a great job! The Silent Auction and Mystery Bags appeared to be enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Domino's, Hinkle Family Fun Center and Bahama Bucks on San Mateo for donating certificates to each model as a thank you. We would also like to thank Nothing Bundt Cakes, Bittersweet Bakery, Albu-Cookie, and Doughboy Donuts for providing yummy goodies for our Dessert Buffet. Lisa Grenko also deserves a huge thank you for coordinating the models and providing decorations; the Canyon Club looked wonderful! We hope to see everyone next year for our 4th Annual Fashion Show!

And the Drawing Winners Are:

1st prize: Napa Valley Getaway:

Ali Christensen

2nd prize: Isotopes Suite:

Lori Beverly

3rd prize: County Line Dinner and

Tram Tickets:

Debbie Edmundson

4th prize: Domino's Pizza for a Year:

Michael Grange



Make a Difference!
DONATE

Remember that if you have clothing to donate over the summer or when we are closed— we have a few places you can drop it off: Star Bright Cleaners (8000 Wyoming Blvd. NE B-8; Paseo and Wyoming), Aahsome Nails (3006 Altez St. NE; Moon and Candelaria), and The Recognition Place (3320 San Mateo Blvd. NE; San Mateo and Comanche).



Get those referrals in now!

With the end of the semester quickly approaching, we are asking that you please emphasize to students and their families that we will only be seeing students until May 19th and we will only be seeing students who require uniforms until April 28th. If you have any questions or need a referral form please contact us at director@locker505.org ASAP!

Thank You Donors!

This month we would like to thank Domino's, Hinkle Family Fun Center, Bahama Bucks on San Mateo, Doughboys Donuts, Bittersweet Bakery, AbuCookie, and Nothing Bundt Cake.



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.

Our Current Wish List

This month we are in need of:

- **Small Book Shelf**
- **Clothing Rack**
- **New Socks and Underwear (especially adult sizes)**

We want to also take this time to thank everyone who continues to make both in kind and financial donations to Locker #505. Without your donations we wouldn't be able

to help as many students as we have! Please share with anyone you may know that we take donations year round and can take clothing from children's size 5 to 4XL in adult sizes.

Coming Up: 2017 NM Dance Showcase & Competition

Please come support Locker #505 at the 2017 NM Dance Showcase & Competition! Gently used clothes, new shoes, new socks and underwear, and other donations will be accepted at this event.

In May:

Watch out for our Recyclothes event on May 21st at Hinkle Family Fun Center sponsored by the Solid Waste Department of the City of Albuquerque. Each donor will receive a pass to use at Hinkle Family Fun Center to play mini-golf. We will be accepting donations from 10am-3pm. You can bring new and gently used clothing as well as toys, books, stuffed animals, hygiene items and school supplies. Start cleaning out those closets!