

Boxes of Basics is Growing: New Location in Prince William County!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Prince William County, VA – Boxes of Basics has been serving Prince William County youth since September 2018. The non-profit, created by Haymarket resident Sarah Tyndall, provides seasonal wardrobes to local children in need and since its launch, has provided clothing to nearly 3000 local children in need in Prince William, Manassas and Manassas Park. The demand for Boxes of Basics continues to increase Boxes of Basics is growing!

In August 2023 Boxes of Basics will relocate its headquarters to a new location, 9239 Mike Garcia Drive, Manassas VA. A donation from the Cecil and Irene Hylton Foundation, Inc is being used to support the growth of Boxes of Basics. "I am excited about our new location. There are so many local children facing clothing insecurity and our new space will allow us to help more children & welcome more volunteers. We are so grateful for the support of the Cecil and Irene Hylton Foundation, Inc. their generous contribution has allowed us to take this first step in expansion." said Sarah Tyndall, Founder & Executive Director. We will continue to deliver Boxes of Basics to children all over Prince William County, The City of Manassas, and The City of Manassas Park. By providing quality clothing that kids are proud to wear children are empowered to succeed in the academic environment.

The mission of Boxes of Basics is to provide quality new and gently used clothing to local children in need. We empower children by providing them with seasonal wardrobes packed with dignity, compassion, and love. We work with school counselors, social workers, faith leaders, and human services agencies to provide children with stylish, quality clothing that give kids confidence and help them thrive! From homelessness, domestic violence and refugees to single parents barely getting by, they help any local child struggling with clothing insecurity.

Quality clothing is collected through clothing drives throughout the county. Each unique Box of Basics includes an entire seasonal wardrobe including school outfits, play outfits, pajamas, one dressy outfit, new socks, new underwear, new shoes, a winter jacket, dental hygiene kit, an age-appropriate book and more! Every outfit is hand selected, gently wrapped and labeled by a volunteer. The children who receive Boxes of Basics are carefully identified and referred by other local charities, churches, government, community and school organizations. Once the boxes are packed, they are brought to the referring organization who delivers directly to the child.

Clothing insecurity is an underserved, and underfunded problem facing thousands of local kids. It is defined as the lack of access to affordable, adequate, appropriate quality clothing. According to a leading clothing insecurity organization: 2 in 5 American kids are unable to adequately dress themselves every day and "Lack of clothing" accounts for three of the top ten reasons kids miss school.

A Prince William School Social Worker said, "I just received a call from a parent whose child received a Box of Basics. She was completely moved by your generosity. She shared her son was not feeling confident about coming to school prior to receiving his box because his clothes were worn and small. Today, the child woke up 30 minutes early to pick out his outfit. The children are not just receiving clothing but love and confidence."

About: Boxes of Basics is a 501c3 that provides clothing to children in need, from size newborns through 16 youth. They work with other organizations, schools, charities, and county government agencies to identify and serve local children in need. Boxes of Basics provides many ways to get involved including individual or group volunteer opportunities, sponsorship packages, hosting clothing, shoe and winter coat drives, contributing monetary donations or shopping from their online Amazon wish list.

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