



Oakland County **FOSTER CLOSET**

**To Foster Hope, Love, And
Community One Child At A Time!**

Look what this community can do when we work together!



In May! we helped

**93 Families
227 Kids
and gave out over
10,268 items**



YTD we've helped

**342 Families
846 Kids
and gave out over
34,965 items**



Lifetime we've helped

**5,755 Families
15,478 Kids
and gave out over
399,957 items**

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

Hello OCFC friends! It is June and the kids are about to get out of school! We hope that everyone has a great Summer! If you are

thinking about volunteering with us this Summer, give us a text at 248-419-4487 so you can get more information and schedule an opportunity to come in. Make sure that if you are doing any Spring-cleaning that you are using our Simple Recycling program. That allows us to receive .10 per pound, but more importantly, it does not go in the landfill! Check out our recycling area in this newsletter! I have talked about how our new space is beautiful, but we are already out of space. We have done some planning and realized that we need to move to a 12,000 sq. ft. space to meet our needs. It allows us to have everything in one space. We currently have 3 storage units (10x30) and need another one soon. We are excited to look for our forever home, but we need to focus on paying the bills at the current location. We have started a monthly donor campaign to focus on paying our essentials like rent, insurance, storage units and such. The community is AMAZING at helping us with the essentials like hygiene, socks, underwear, diapers, wipes and so many more. We need help with the un-fun stuff, rent, which is why we are starting a monthly campaign drive. We would love for you to join our family and become a monthly supporter. If we have 112 friends, at \$25 a month, it will pay for our rent for an entire year! It would be so wonderful to not worry about that! Go to <https://givebutter.com/OCFC> if you are interested in becoming a supporter.

Christmas in July Hygiene Drive

We are blessed at Christmas time with our hygiene drives and we are so grateful for that. Therefore, it makes sense to me to do a Christmas in July hygiene drive to restock the hygiene. If your church, business, friends group, neighbors, families or anyone that just wants to help we would love to have you sign up for our drive to help us out. We have a flyer that you can hang during the drive. If you are interesting in signing up to do a hygiene drive, please text us at 248-419-4487 with your name and Christmas in July.



Christmas in July Hygiene Drive

We are running low on the hygiene items we collected from our Christmas drives so, we thought we would celebrate

Christmas in July.

We typically purchase all of these items at Dollar Tree.

They are great quality.

We are in great need of:

Kids 3 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner/BodyWash

Kids Toothpaste • Girls Body Wash

Toothbrushes (baby and ages 1-4 - no multi-packs please)

Baby Shampoo • Baby Lotion • Diaper Cream

What is next? You will do a collection from July 1 - July 31 and then make arrangements to drop off the donations.

Text or call us at 248-419-4487 and we will get you all set up for the Christmas in July hygiene drive!



Are you getting ready for Spring



Items We Collect for ReUse:

cleaning?

We have our Simple Recycling program that provides us .10 cents per pound for clothing that we can't use. It keeps it out of the landfills and that is the most important part for me, but the .10 cent a lb is nice as well. We have pink Simple Recycling bags to handout or you can use a white garbage bag and place a large X on both sides. You can drop them off Mondays for a Tuesday morning, weekly, pick-up. If you have household items or things children cannot use, I encourage you to checkout

www.donatestuff.com This program is connected with Simple Recycling and for each pick-up that selects our organization, we receive \$1. We receive between \$800 - \$900 a month for this program, providing us over \$10,000 in revenue a year. We have reached out to the schools for lost n found, rummage sales that have waste, anyone Spring cleaning their home. Just keep a pink bag on hand and when it is filled up, drop it off.

Men's Clothing
Women's Clothing
Children's Clothing
Coats and Jackets
Jewelry
Shoes
Purses
Hats
Toys
Blankets
Drapes/Curtains
Electronics
Sleeping Bags
Tools
Silverware
Dishes
Pots/Pans
Backpacks

Volunteer Spotlight



Vinnie Palermo

What and when was your first contact with OCFC?

My first experience with OCFC was during Christmas of 2022, when our company sponsored five children for the holiday gift drive. I went to drop off the presents and walked into what can only be described as beautiful chaos — toys everywhere, kids laughing, volunteers hustling. The energy was incredible. Even though I came straight from work (in heels) I couldn't help but ask if I could jump in and help. I ended up spending the rest of the day checking in sponsors, organizing gifts, and loading bag after bag into the Foster Closet trailer. From that day forward, I was completely hooked — and now I'm affectionately known as "the volunteer in heels." OCFC is such a special organization, and I feel genuinely grateful to be even a small part of their mission.

How long have you been a volunteer?

Since December 2022 — and I haven't missed a beat since!

Where do you live? Tell us about your family.

I currently live in West Bloomfield with my rescue dog, Sombra, who I brought home from Peru. My family is everything to me — I have two incredibly supportive parents and a younger brother who always keeps life interesting.

What are your hobbies/special talents?

I'm an avid reader, scuba diver, and traveler — I love experiencing new places and cultures. I also kickbox regularly, which keeps me grounded and energized.

What is your favorite part of volunteering at the OCFC?

Hands down, it's seeing the pure joy on the children's faces. Whether it's during the Christmas party, walking them into the toy room, or just sharing a moment with them — those smiles make every bit of effort more than worth it.

How has the Oakland County Foster Closet met your needs?

I'm so glad that I found out about you guys. The help that you have to offer is tremendous. I appreciate everything that you have done. As a parent everything that you have to offer is helpful.

-Michael Decher



People often ask, "What do you need the most?" VOLUNTEERS! We receive so many donations that need to be processed, the shopping floor needs to be restocked and organized. We have so much work that needs to be done everyday, we would love to have you! We welcome individuals, groups, churches, businesses, and families! Contact us for more information. You can text us at 248-419-4487



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