



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 June we helped

**67 Families
186 Kids
and gave out over
7763 items**



YTD we've helped

**409 Families
1,034 Kids
and gave out over
42,728 items**



Lifetime we've helped

**5,822 Families
15,666 Kids
and gave out over
407,720 items**

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

Hello OCFC friends and families! It is official - the Oakland County Foster Closet's Capital Campaign, launching July 1, 2025, is a bold

initiative to expand our reach and impact for children in foster care and families in need. Our goal is to raise significant funding to enhance our facility, increase storage and sorting space, and provide more specialized items—especially for children with special needs. This campaign will allow us to serve more children, more efficiently, and with greater dignity. We are seeking Legacy Sponsors at all levels, from a "Friend" at \$250 to a "Diamond" sponsor at \$25,000. Every gift helps us build a stronger, more sustainable future for the children we serve.

The Oakland County Foster Closet is looking for a forever home because the need in our community continues to grow, and our current space can no longer support the volume of children and families we serve. We help over 250 children each month, and that number is increasing. A permanent facility would give us the stability, space, and resources to operate more efficiently, store and organize donations properly, and expand our programs—including those for children with special needs. A forever home means we can stop worrying about rent, relocation, or outgrowing our space, and instead focus all our energy on what matters most: helping children feel safe, supported, and valued. It's about long-term sustainability, growth, and creating a lasting impact in our community.

There are many ways to support us:

1. Financially

We have monthly sponsorship programs to help us with our regular expenses. They range from \$25 per month to you fill in the amount. This is a monthly reoccurring charge.

We have a one-time donation that can be in any amount.

We are offering the opportunity for people to leave their lasting mark on the closet with a Legacy donation. This donation is a once in a lifetime opportunity and once the campaign is over, so will the chance to be a change maker for the closet.

2. Hosting a fundraiser/ having a sale

Do you own a home based business? Would you be willing to have a party and donate X amount to the Capital Campaign? We will put the event on our events page and anyone/ anywhere can order from you and support us at the same time.

Maybe the kids could do a lemonade sale and the proceeds could go to the closet. How about a garage sale that benefits the closet. The sky is the limit, have fun and think outside of the box.

3. Networking/ Referrals

Do you have a business, organization or group that we could come in and share the closet with? We have a presentation, flyers and swag to handout.

Can you do an email introduction with a potential donor and introduce us to them? If so, our email address is **info@ocfostercloset.org**

4. Share

It may seem simple, but just sharing our posts and fundraisers is a great way to support us.

This project is going to take all of us! Are you thinking of other ways that you can help? Please share those ideas with us.

<https://givebutter.com/OCFC>

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



Melissa DeGroff

What and when was your first contact with OCFC?

My first contact with the OCFC was several years ago when I brought a client to Michele's house for baby items. For several years after that, I made personal and corporate donations until joining the board of directors as the Treasurer of the board.

How long have you been a volunteer?

I have been on the board since early 2024.

Where do you live? Tell us about your family.

I live in White Lake township and live on Pontiac Lake. My husband and I have an 8 year old daughter and a 6 year old son. We love spending time on the boat, going on vacations, and participating in our daughter's figure skating events.

What are your hobbies/special talents?

My hobbies are reading and spending time outdoors. One of these days I hope to pick up writing as a hobby again.

What is your favorite part of volunteering at the OCFC?

I love the closet and everything we do to help people in the community.

Resource Spotlight



Diaper Assistance Program

Your local MDHHS office is now providing assistance with diapers.

To qualify for the Diaper Assistance Program, you must:

- Be active in at least one MDHHS benefits program:
 - Food Assistance Program (FAP).
 - Medicaid.
 - Child Development and Care (CDC).
 - Cash Assistance.
 - State Emergency Relief (SER).
- Have a child on your benefits case that uses diapers

If you qualify, you can pick up diapers once per month for four (4) consecutive months.

The Diaper Assistance Program will continue until MDHHS runs out of diapers or funds for the program.

If you are interested in receiving diapers through the Diaper Assistance Program, please inquire at the front window of your local MDHHS office and complete a Diaper Assistance Request Form (MDHHS-Pub-6251).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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The MDHHS (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) has a diaper assistance program that provides free diapers to families enrolled in MDHHS benefits programs. To qualify, families need to be active in at least one MDHHS program, such as Food Assistance (FAP), Medicaid, Child Development & Care (CDC), Cash Assistance, or State Emergency Relief (SER), and have a child on their case who uses diapers. Eligible families can receive diapers once a month for up to 4 months.

Testimonial

How has the Oakland County Foster Closet met your needs?

When I lost my job I didn't have any where to go for help. The OCFC helped me so much. As a parent it is a shoulder to lean on and someone to talk to. Thank you so very much!

-F Gordon



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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