



# CITIZENS & FRIENDS OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, INC.

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Imagine being a child who should be focused on spelling tests, playground games, and story time, yet instead spends the school day feeling cold, uncomfortable, or self-conscious because they do not have the basic clothing essentials they need. Now imagine experiencing an accidental bladder or bowel movement and not having a clean change of clothes to help you feel safe and comfortable again. For many children, this is not just an occasional worry but a daily reality.

This is the reality for many students at Coliseum Street Elementary School, part of the LA Unified School District. Through CFTT, we are coming together to change that by creating a dedicated clothing closet for students from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, so no child has to face the school day without warmth, comfort, and dignity.



## Why your support matters right now

Many students at this school are navigating significant challenges outside the classroom, including financial hardship, unstable living situations, foster care placements, and additional learning or developmental needs. For these children, access to clean socks, underwear, or a warm sweater is not always guaranteed.

When a child lacks these basics, it affects far more than physical comfort. It impacts confidence, participation, and their ability to feel included at school. Providing these essentials is one of the

most immediate and meaningful ways to help a child feel supported and ready to learn.



### **What we are collecting**

We are currently seeking new clothing items for elementary school-aged children, including:

- Socks
- Underwear (with a high need for sizes that fit children around age 4)
- Sweaters
- Jackets and other warm clothing

**Items donated will be placed directly into the school's clothing closet and made available to students whenever the need arises.**



### **How you can help today**

We've made it easy to give in the way that works best for you:

#### **Option 1: Donate funds**

Scan the QR code in this email to donate via Zelle (310-762-2253 CFTT). Monetary donations will be used to purchase essential clothing items.



### **Option 2: Donate through Amazon**

Use the Amazon link below to purchase specific clothing items. Items will be shipped to our storage location and delivered to the school in bulk.

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1QS9YGFT9HBDI?ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_6QRNKV4CVECE694A3AJK](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1QS9YGFT9HBDI?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_6QRNKV4CVECE694A3AJK)

### **Option 3: Donate physical items**

You may also purchase new clothing items independently and drop them off at the address listed below. All items should be new and appropriate for elementary school-aged children.

Citizens & Friends of Trinidad & Tobago  
For the attention of: Julian Belgraves  
2052 W. 78th Pl.  
Los Angeles, CA 90047



### **The difference your donation makes**

A clean pair of underwear. Warm socks. A comfortable sweater. These may seem small, but to a child, they can mean comfort, confidence, and the ability to fully engage in the school day. Your generosity helps ensure that children feel cared for, respected, and ready to participate.

All donations are tax-deductible, and every contribution directly supports students in our local community.

Thank you for helping us to make a difference in a child's life.

**With gratitude,  
CFTT**



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