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Racine County and Sacred Heart Congregation Partner to Provide Clothing and Supplies to Foster Families

Racine – Kids Closet is a collaborative effort between Sacred Heart Congregation & Racine County Foster Care. With the goal of providing foster families age appropriate clothing as soon as possible after they are placed in a home, Kids Closet’s mission is that children in foster care live as normal a life as possible and experience love, respect, and a kinder side of life.

Kids Closet is a free resource for foster families and relative care providers to access clothing and other basic care supplies for foster children who are placed in a new home. The idea of Kids Closet stemmed from the church’s desire to do more and become a “fostering congregation.” They conducted listening sessions to determine how they would help. Utilizing their congregation and contributions from the community, Sacred Heart Parish collects new and gently used clothing and other items for foster families who receive new placements at a moment’s notice.

The entire Sacred Heart Congregation is involved in some fashion. Some have decided to be trained as respite providers who care for foster children at times when foster parents need to take care of emergency situations or just need time for self-care and renewal. Others are Kids Closet volunteers and the remaining members donate clothing items for the closet.

The program operates through one of the coordinators, who is contacted by foster care staff when a family needs assistance. Kids Closet volunteers gather clothing items for the child and coordinate delivery with the foster parent.

Thank you Father Ricardo Martin, Kids Closet Coordinator Renée Howard, all Kids Closet volunteers and Sacred Heart Congregation for making a difference in the lives of children in need!

For more information on Kids Closet or Racine County’s Foster Care program contact Dan Chiappetta at 262.638.6509 or dan.chiappetta@racinecounty.com.

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