



# DONATION DRIVE Ideas

Thank you for your interest in holding a drive for Chrissy's Closet, a part of the non-profit CSISD Education Foundation, that provides clothing, shoes, and toiletries to current students in the College Station Independent School District free of charge. This document will help you get started on planning a drive, but please keep in mind that every collection is different. Feel free to use ideas that will work best for you and your group. We are happy to help at any step along the way.

## HOLD A FOCUSED DRIVE- IT'S THE BEST WAY TO HELP!

- NEW Underwear- sizes Toddler and up through Adult XXL
- NEW Socks- sizes Toddler through adult
- Coats- Gently used sizes 5T through Adult XXL
- Children's Pants and Jeans- Gently used sizes 5T and up
- Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, detergent pods, feminine hygiene products and soap)
- Prom/Homecoming Dresses

## PLACES TO COLLECT

- Holiday Parties
- Birthday Parties
- Sporting Events
- Office Parties/Conferences/Meetings
- Assemblies/School Events
- Church

## WAYS TO DRAW INTEREST:

- Make your drive a competition among departments, grades, classes, clubs, teams, etc. A friendly contest is a great way to encourage everyone to get involved.
- Make posters and flyers to post and decorate boxes with
- Designate a time-frame. A single day event can be super successful as long as it's advertised and promoted well. Make the drive last only as long as you think you can keep the excitement and interest high.

## CREATIVE WAYS TO COLLECT:

- If many people will be driving in to drop off donations (i.e. at a school or event), consider setting up a drive through staffed with volunteers who can take items straight from vehicles. The easier you make it for people to donate, the more successful you will be.
- Have a party and ask folks to bring a donation as their "ticket" to enter

When you are ready to drop off donations, please schedule a time by emailing [chrissyscloset@csisd.org](mailto:chrissyscloset@csisd.org). We are happy to arrange a Chrissy's Closet store tour and/or a short drop off volunteer activity for members of your group so that everyone can see how their hard work will benefit children and youth in need in our community.