



Clothes That Work Celebrates 25 Years!

Since 1998, Clothes That Work has been a staple in the Dayton community, providing unique services and fulfilling great needs for jobseekers. An organization that was founded to provide interview and workplace-appropriate clothing to women who were affected by welfare reform in the 1990s has evolved into an organization that has impacted more than 39,000 women, men, and independent teens in the Dayton area. For 25 years, Clothes That Work has stayed true to its mission of clothing, educating, and empowering individuals to achieve employment success.

To commemorate this milestone, Clothes That Work hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 12, 2023 to launch its newest program, the Mobile Outreach Initiative. Local and state elected officials, community partners, donors, and other

distinguished guests were in awe as they toured the 38-foot long mobile unit that is stocked with professional clothing, shoes, and accessories for clients.

Melanie Troxell, the Mobile Outreach Initiative Program Manager says, ***"...this resource for our community is to enhance our existing referral partner program, create new partnerships with surrounding counties, work with local colleges and universities, and provide a unique resource for job seekers to help 'Accelerate their Success!'"***



SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM EXEC DIRECTOR

Hello,
I'm Cindy Garner,
Executive Director for
Clothes That Work.



Welcome to the first issue of *Community Threads*. This new publication is designed to keep you up to date on news and stories about our organization that are timely and relevant. Scan here to listen to my message.



Preparing and Empowering Our Youth

Clothes That Work tailors its programs and services to prepare youth for employment opportunities. Through the Workforce Education Initiative, Clothes That Work has provided 68 professionalism workshops to youth and has impacted more than 1,142 children and teens since January 2023!



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Dayton Mayor Jeffrey Mimms, Jr., speaks at the unveiling of our Mobile Outreach unit

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During the initiative’s pilot year, Clothes That Work has set a goal to serve 500 clients on the mobile unit. The Mobile Outreach Initiative will revolutionize service delivery and eliminate transportation barriers clients face while trying to access our services. The mobile unit will also be stationed at many community events, which will help increase organizational awareness and brand recognition.

There are many way you can support the Mobile Outreach Initiative. Clothes That Work is currently looking for

program sponsors and volunteers in Greene, Clark, and Miami Counties. For more information about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for the Mobile Outreach Initiative, visit our website or contact Melanie Troxell, at 937-222-3778 ext. 150.

Scan the QR code to see photos from our 25th Anniversary celebration!



We Want YOU!

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

September 12, 2023

5:00PM – 7:00PM

**1133 South Edwin C Moses Blvd
Dayton OH 45417**

Join us on Tuesday, September 12th, for our Volunteer Open House. Whether you’re looking for a way to get involved or you’re already a volunteer, we want you to meet other current and future volunteers, as well as new CTW staff. We’ll share light refreshments and tell you about all the volunteer opportunities Clothes That Work has to offer! Please mark this date on your calendar and register by scanning here. Or email

jana.smith@clothesthatwork.org.

Register by September 6th, 2023, and receive a **50% OFF** coupon to use in the Boutique.



Our Wishlist May Surprise You

Many of the items that are necessary to outfit an individual are not necessarily items you would think about donating. So much of our effective operation depends on our donors and corporate supporters, we thought we’d share a list of those items we always need, but rarely get.

- 1.) Bras (New Only)**
All Sizes
- 2.) Men’s & Women’s Socks & Underwear (New Only)**
All Sizes
- 3.) Men’s & Women’s Steel Toe Boots**
All Sizes
- 4.) Men’s Belts**
All Sizes
- 5.) Designer Handbags/Purses**
to sell at our annual Fashioning Futures Luncheon

Client Spotlight

On June 16th, we served our first client on our new mobile outreach unit! Twenty-three-year-old Jarod Murphy was referred to us by Miami Valley Works. He had a date set for an interview for a new job and needed suitable clothes. Working with the mobile outreach staff and volunteers, Jarod was fitted with a new suit and accessories to help him present a professional and positive appearance for his interview.



We're excited to get this important service kicked off by helping Jarod prepare for his interview. If you'd like to learn more about our Mobile Outreach Initiative, visit clothesthatwork.org/services/#moi or email melanie.troxell@clothesthatwork.org.



Centerville High School Students Leading the Way

Earlier this year, DECA students at Centerville High School organized a clothing drive on behalf of Clothes That Work and collected more than 4,500 articles of clothing for other teens who are in need of professional clothing. To watch students talk about their experience, scan here.



Here's an Easy Way to Support Us!

Many corporate businesses have launched charity rewards programs to support nonprofit organizations. If you shop at one of the following businesses, all you have to do is sign up and select Clothes That Work to receive a portion of designated funds!



SAVE the DATE

On the Move!

20th Annual Fashioning Futures Luncheon *On the Move!*

Thursday, October 26, 2023
11:00AM – 1:00PM

The Fashioning Futures Luncheon is an annual fundraising event hosted by Clothes That Work. During the luncheon you will have an opportunity to shop at our pop-up Boutique, merchandised with designer clothing, shoes, and accessories for both men and women! You will hear stories from some of our clients who will share how Clothes That Work has impacted their journey while seeking employment.

Please plan to join us for our 20th annual Fashioning Futures Luncheon, *On the Move!* Scan here for ticket, registration, and sponsorship information.



HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP

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September 12, 2023
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FASHIONING FUTURES LUNCHEON

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WE'RE READY FOR FALL!

September 23rd is the last day of summer! To prepare for the seasonal transition, we are currently accepting fall clothing donations! We accept clothing donations Monday-Thursday from 10:00am-4:00pm and on Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm. You can also schedule an appointment to tour our facility to see exactly how your clothing donations impact jobseekers! Just send us a message at clothesthatwork.org/get-involved/#clothes

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Thank You to Our Clothing Donors and Volunteers!

We truly appreciate people who are willing to donate their clothes and their time to support the work we do!

"I absolutely love being a volunteer at Clothes That Work. I love the people I've connected with and I love hearing the stories that are shared when community members drop off donations." -**Mikayla Grant, Clothes That Work Volunteer**



Every Grant Makes a Difference



We are thankful to the following community partners for supporting our mission:

Old Scratch Pizza is committed to driving social change in the Greater Dayton area. Cones for a Cause enables guests at Old Scratch Pizza to enjoy a sweet treat with 100% of the donations providing funding to local non-profit organizations. Enjoying an ice cream cone after dinner is a way to involve hundreds of community members in supporting a small organization. We received grant funding to help purchase the mobile outreach vehicle, which will expand our footprint beyond the Job Center in Dayton.

Dayton Workforce Partnership's mission is to strengthen Dayton's businesses through its program to "retain tech talent" within the local community. Grant funding from DWP provides clothing and coaching to young adult clients. With their support we can help nurture, inspire, and provide educational workshops for

youth in the Miami Valley. Additional grant funding enabled us to expand our program to surrounding counties this year with our mobile outreach initiative.

Funding from **St. George's Episcopal Church**, through its Community Outreach Commission, provided much-needed funding for purchasing basic essentials for the clients we serve. New socks and undergarments for men, women, and teenagers are provided in addition to work-appropriate clothing and shoes so they can put their best foot forward in the job interview to achieve employment success.

These community partners, along with your support help build the foundation to drive our mission. If you would like to learn more about ways to support Clothes That Work, simply go to clothesthatwork.org/get-involved

Men at Work 2023

Congratulations and thank you to Adam Horseman, our 2023 Ambassador of the Year, and all of the Men at Work role models!

Men at Work is an online competition featuring local businessmen and community leaders who are raising funds for **Clothes That Work**. The contestants share their stories and image for three weeks as they campaign for votes.

Each vote is a \$5 donation to Clothes That Work.

This year's Men at Work campaign raised a total of \$32,283.00! Adam Horseman single-handedly raised \$5,300.00 for Clothes That Work. We appreciate all the participants for helping us raise funds to support our mission.



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