

The Clothes Line



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Outfitters' Clients Say Thanks

Dear Outfitters,

Thank you so much for helping my daughter with her school clothes. My three children and I are living with my parents and we don't have much money.

Outfitters was such a blessing for us. I hope that in the future I can help out someone like you have helped me.

Single mother of 3 Children

Dear Outfitters,

I really appreciate the clothes and shoes my two children received.

I recently divorced and never thought I would have to use a service like yours, but I found myself without a job and no income. Your services were greatly appreciated when I needed them the most. I liked how discreet it was to come in and shop without anyone else being there.

Thank you to all who donate and when I get on my feet, I will be donating too.

Single mother of 2 children

Dear Outfitters,

Thank you for the opportunity to say how much we appreciate the service you offer our community.

The children really enjoy coming to the store. Everyone is so helpful in assisting the children to make their visit enjoyable. They were also proud to see some of the clothing

we were able to donate, available for other children to choose from.

I personally can not begin to say how much financially it helps us to get the kids off to school and for the spring and summer to a good start.

We are grandparents helping our son raise the kids after his divorce. They live with us and it is wonderful to watch them grow up. It is sometimes difficult, but we all work together to make it a happy home.

Thank you to everyone in business and the community that helps support such a worthwhile cause. Thank you and your staff and all the volunteers that take time out of your busy lives to make this possible.

Grandmother of 2 children

I wanted to let you know how good I feel to get clothes from you. Those clothes were the best.

3rd Grader

Pendleton Elementary



Outfitters Report Card

August 2005—
September 2006

of Children Served

502

of Items Distributed

Pairs of Underwear

3566

Pairs of Socks

3777

Pants/Shorts

3171

Shirts

4724

Skirts/Dresses

416

Jackets

516

Gently Used Shoes

363

\$20 Shoe Vouchers

490



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Outfitters is a Christian service that exists to provide new and quality used, in-style clothing to low-income children in South Madison County.

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Teen Shows the Heart of Serving Others

Brittany Barker was just like any other young girl getting ready to start a new adventure—college! Unlike many girls though, Brittany decided that the \$200 gift card she had received would be better spent on helping others.

Brittany took the money that she received and went on a shopping spree and then donated all the great clothes to Outfitters. Brittany stated, “I felt like I had enough clothes and it needed to go to other teenagers.”

If Brittany could have seen the look on the girl’s face that received those new Nike Shox, she would have felt proud!



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Black Shoes *by Leigh Berline*

There is nothing like the feeling of finding yourself in a place at a time when you realize God is working. This happened to me in October. I was at Kohls, looking for a pair of brown shoes. About five minutes into it, I overheard the sweet voice of a little girl, “Mom, how ‘bout these!?” “No,” she said, “winter is coming—those are sandals!”

A few more times the girl found the “perfect pair,” and her mother reminded her of the changing season. Before long, there was another voice—the girl’s sister, also shopping for shoes. Their excitement was contagious, and I found myself forgetting the brown shoes and helping to

look for black ones—two sizes smaller than my own.



Finally, a bit drained from the frenzy, their mother said, “Girls, your vouchers are for \$25—stay in that range!” I asked, “Are you here from Outfitters!?” They smiled and exclaimed, “Yes!” I leaned over and said, “I work at Outfitters!” We were all struck with silence.

Soon our names and their address were exchanged, even birthdays, and there it was—that place and time when I

knew with certainty that God was working. So I told the girls, “You guys, this is it. This is God working.” They looked at each other. “Really. It is. Look how much fun we’re having and how you came to find shoes because of Outfitters and I came and found YOU because of Outfitters.” I think they grasped it—I think they could get their arms around it.

Last Friday I delivered to their home some things that my own girls have outgrown. And there on the living room shelf, with family pictures and figurines, were the size 6 black shoes--and I knew God was there. And that’s what Outfitters embodies.