

CLOTHES TO GO

Free Clothing Pantry

Faith Fellowship United Methodist Church, 20 Hoppin Hill, North Attleboro, MA 02760

- **Date(s):** You can volunteer your time every first and third Friday at the church from 7-8:00 p.m. and every Saturday from 9-11:00a.m.
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This 5 year old outreach FREE clothing ministry began with a vision of two women of our congregation who were moved when they witnessed this type ministry in Ginghamburg, Ohio. At the same time this congregation was aiding 3 men burned out of their home with nothing but the clothes on their back and a car. Within 2 weeks, Faith Fellowship United Methodist Church rallied to provide all the clothing these men needed and “Clothes To Go” was born opening its doors to over 50 walk in guests and several major deliveries or pick- ups per week.

Since then, over 1 million pounds of clothing have gone out locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Locally, clothing has gone to people of Mansfield, Foxboro, Norton and beyond. Regionally, clothing has gone to Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton, Attleboro, Providence, Woonsocket, Newport, and Warwick, R.I. Nationally, clothing has gone to Alaska, Arizona, Texas, and Maine. Globally, clothing has gone to Siberia, Africa, and Nicaragua. We continually seek out recipients for our clothing.

We have daily donations from the local community and since November of 2010, an anonymous national corporate donor of trades and work clothing has also supplied clothing 5 days per week.

Last February and August brought a new dimension to “Clothes To Go”. This national corporate donor of trades and work clothing decided to give us 2 separate colossal donations that were so large that we needed warehouse space to process this donation of epic proportion (over 71,000 garments at each donation). Many from the corporate community had come forward with much needed warehouse space, trucking, boxes, equipment, recycling container and supplies. Volunteers from every walk of life, and the 6 New England states have been part of the volunteer work force to process this clothing for the homeless and marginal.

There is not a residency or need restrictions. No one is turned away.

We accept new, nearly new, or gently used clean men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing, shoes etc. accessories, hand bags, book bags, belts, career, work clothes, scrubs, tradesmen clothing, and casual. Bundled sheet sets and blankets by size are also accepted. If you can wear it.... we accept it.

We are opened every Saturday 9 am to 11 am and by appointment for individuals and organizations.

In the past 5 years, besides ours in Mansfield, we have helped to open a “Clothes to Go” at Martha’s Vineyard, at The River UMC, Woonsocket, R.I., Memorial UMC, Taunton, Ma., and the 5th “Clothes To Go” at The Church of the Master, Providence, R.I.