

The Closet of The Greater Herndon Area, Inc.
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The Closet of The Greater Herndon Area, Inc. Announces 2022 Grants and Scholarships Totaling More Than \$273,000

1 March 2023 (Herndon, VA) - The Closet of The Greater Herndon Area, Inc. ("The Closet"), recently announced the distribution of 2022 grants, scholarships, and vouchers totaling \$273,965 to local non profits, students, and community residents.

The grant program was created to help support organizations that are doing important work in the community. The 2022 recipients include:

Britepaths
Cindy's Legacy
Dulles South Soup Kitchen
Family PASS
Fellowship Square Foundation
Food for Neighbors
Herndon-Reston FISH
Herndon Senior Center
Herndon Village Network
Herndon Woman's Club
Insight Memory Care Center
Just Neighbors
Kid Power VA
Kids R First
Laurel Learning Center
Northern Virginia Dental Clinic
Northern Virginia Literacy Council
Pathway Homes
Rotary Club of Herndon
Vecinos Unidos

"Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. was delighted to receive grant funding from The Closet in 2022. These funds were used to further our mission to help Herndon and Reston residents cope with short-term financial crises by providing Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help. We are thankful for our partnership with The Closet and the funds provided to assist our program in helping our neighbors in need," said Mary C. Saunders, Executive Director, Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc.

The Closet also provides scholarships for local high school students pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities. In 2022 the scholarships awarded totaled \$42,000 for students at Dominion High School, Herndon High School, Mountain View High School, Park View High School, South Lakes High School, and Westfield High School.

In addition to cash grants and scholarships, The Closet partners with local government and community-based organizations to help people in need with a voucher program. In 2022 The Herndon Closet gave \$140,000 in free clothing and essential household items to area residents

through its voucher program.

In total, The Closet has donated close to \$2.4M in grants over the past 49 years and \$731,000 in scholarships.

"The Closet is honored to be able to continue our commitment to supporting organizations and people in the community," says Gene Wiley, President of The Closet. "These funds will help each organization make an even greater impact on our community, and help students pursue their higher education goals."

The Closet is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. through 5 p.m., and Monday and Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m.

For more information about The Herndon Closet, visit <http://theclosetofgreaterherndon.org>.

About The Closet Of The Greater Herndon Area, Inc.

The Closet is a non-profit thrift store located in Herndon, VA. Founded in 1974 by a number of faith-based congregations, The Closet currently has twenty churches, synagogues, and other faith groups participating. The Closet donates to the community by providing grants and scholarships to benefit low-income families in Fairfax and Loudoun counties.

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