

UP STEPPING & DOWN STEPPING

"Our purpose is to provide support, encouragement and guidance to single parents in the pursuit of identifying life choice options that will enhance their opportunities for career advancement and independence".

As we enter the summer months, Mom's Closet continues to pursue its mission statement, but is faced with challenges to pursue that mission to the fullest. We encourage and pray for your continued support. (See "Ways to Help")

2nd QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

This year's opening night at the Downs, "Top Hats and Tiaras" proved to be a big success as there was a sold out room of nearly 170 revelers in attendance with a 25% increase in proceeds from last year's event. Thanks to the many, many people and organizations that donated prizes to make up baskets and prizes to bid on. Of particular note, was the BIG prize of a Florida vacation home on a weekly basis. Three happy participants successfully bid on this great item. Another "happy" happenstance was one of the workers at Churchill Downs participated by purchasing a raffle ticket for the door prize....and WON! And yet another great story was the cashier at the betting window that found herself \$21 over for the night....which she donated to Mom's Closet! We'll let the pictures tell the rest of the story:



Monday Night is Restaurant Night...



MCRC Restaurant Nights have started for 2018. The concept is easy. Attend the restaurant on the designated night and a percentage of your bill (usually 10%) will be donated to MCRC. Our recent 1st Q dinner night at Le Moo was attended by 135 guests and netted almost \$900! Our next restaurant night is at Zaxby's on July 16th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Dine in or carry out....just let them know you're eating to benefit MCRC. <https://momsclotcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/mcrrcrestaurant1b.pdf>

Come join us for a fundraising luncheon event at the University Club of U of L. Lunch is being provided by MCRC through a generous sponsorship.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Hero's Luncheon**
July 25, 2018
- **Back to School Campaign**
July-August
- **Give for Good Louisville**
September 13, 2018
- **Family Fun Festival/Chili Cook-Off** October 14, 2018
- **1st Annual Halloween Costuming** Mid September- Mid October
- **5K Walk/Run & Concert Series** October 2018
- **Hero's Breakfast**
November 2018
- **Thanksgiving Baskets**
Mid October to mid November
- **Christmas Baskets/Christmas Angels**
Mid November-mid December
- **Christmas Open House**
December 2018
- **Monthly Restaurant Night!**
Third Monday of Every Month!
- **Opening Night at the Downs**
TBD - April 2019



BIG DONATION!

Northeast Christian Church's congregation donated a whopping 425 bags of groceries for the pantry. This was over 3,300 items!



NEXT YEAR'S EVENT IS ALREADY IN THE WORKS. Mark April 27, 2019 on your calendar. You can register at the early bird price at <https://momsclosetcenter.org/tickets/>

MOM'S CLOSET "FACTS IN A NUTSHELL"

- We have had 37 Life Plan graduates and 27% of those earned more than one degree.
- Over 246 Moms have used the food pantry.
- 594 additional moms have been helped with resources and referrals to other beneficial organizations.
- One mom graduated law school, is a practicing attorney and does pro-bono work for MCRC clients.
- Mom # 2 graduated with an Associates Degree and now owns her own cabinetry business. In addition, her daughter graduated with a Bachelor's Degree and has applied for Grad School.
- A third mom recently graduated with her Master's Degree. She is working at Centerstone and just opened her own practice. As did Mom # 2, she currently has a son attending college.
- **FOOD PANTRY:** Any single mother in Kentucky can access the food pantry 4 times a year.
- **LIFE PLAN:** The main focus and thrust of MCRC. A single mother, working 20 hours a week and going to school at least half

time can qualify for the Life Plan. Upon qualifying, they can utilize the pantry as often as needed, have access to all other resources MCRC has available and receive financial assistance tailored to their specific case, as needed.

- **BRIDGE PROGRAM:** This program allows for working with teen mothers who may be getting ready to go to college or just starting college. MCRC works with the local Teenage Parent Program (TAPP) schools to bridge these young women into the LIFE PLAN Program. We are also looking at expanding our Bridge program to other partnering ministries for single mom's coming out of difficult situations and trying to rebuild their lives.
- **CAREER CENTER:** MCRC will be working with the Kentucky Career Center in finding ways to assist single mothers, who are coming out of college or just needing to change their profession, to find a career path that financially supports themselves and their family.

WAYS TO HELP:

- **Become a 100/600 SUPPORTER: A low entry, easy way to contribute.** We need 100 - \$50.00 monthly donors and 600 - \$25.00 monthly donors to build a strong annual operating budget instead of trying to operate on an event by event basis. This will help us build a strong financial foundation that our moms can stand on for many years to come.
- **3 Easy Steps:**
 1. Go to momsclosetcenter.org/donations/standing-strong/
 2. Select the 100/600 button
 3. Enter your payment information or call 502.245.9899
- **SAM: (Sponsor A Mom):** This allows you to directly influence and sponsor our moms. \$2400 helps assist a mom with her finances for a year; while \$1200 assists a mom for half a year.
- **Link your Amazon account with AMAZON SMILE.** Every time you make a purchase through

Amazon Smile, Mom's Closet receives a donation of .5%. (That doesn't sound like a huge amount, but with the number of purchases made on Amazon, it can easily add up).

- Similarly, go to **Kroger.com** to log in or register your Kroger plus card. By selecting the Savings & Rewards tab, you can enroll in the **COMMUNITY Rewards program**. Search for Mom's Closet Resource Center and enroll. (Renew annually). Every time you purchase items under your Kroger card, MCRC receives a donation!
- **PANTRY ITEMS:** Food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, over the counter pharmacy items and paper products (including diapers) are always welcome.
- **VOLUNTEER:** Check our website for volunteer opportunities as little as a few hours a week (or month).



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