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Greater Kansas City

August 2022 Newsletter

Order now: Honey for the holidays!



It is that time of year! Every year, we offer you the chance to wish friends and family a sweet new year by sending jars of honey for Rosh Hashanah. You give us the names and addresses, and we send out the packages. It's a crucial fundraiser for our section's projects and a special treat for your loved ones.

Send in your order today—we always sell out! We will mail your recipients a festively wrapped jar of honey and a special holiday greeting with an explanation of the significance of this tradition. You can [access the order form here](#) or on the [website](#); each gift costs \$12.00.

Want to volunteer to help prep and send the honey? Please email Meg Adler at adlermomx3@gmail.com. Upcoming times include Wednesday 8/17 (7-9 p.m.), Sunday 8/21 (2-4 p.m.), Tuesday 8/23 (7-9 p.m.), and Friday 8/26 (1-3 p.m.).

Volunteers needed for Stacey's Closet



Stacey's Closet is ready for another school year. We have added two new partner schools in KCK, Grant and Bertram Caruthers Elementary, and will continue to provide clothing for Gordon Parks and Faxon Elementary in KCMO. Schools will be starting shortly. Here is how you can help!

schools. What does a liaison do? When your assigned school has a request, the school contact person will email you the order. You will send the request out to volunteers to find someone to fill the order at the closet and find someone to deliver the order to the school. Ideally, the liaison should feel comfortable having a key to the closet and can fill orders (if needed) for the schools and drop them off at the NCJW volunteer driver's house to deliver to the school.

Volunteer driver needed

We have a nice group of NCJW members who have volunteered to take the clothing to schools when needed, but with new partner schools, we need a few more. What does a driver do? When an order comes in, we will send an email or text to the group list to see who is available to help that week. The person filling the order will drop the clothing off at your home, and you will deliver to the school within 24/48 hours. This volunteer role does require some flexibility during school hours and willingness to drive to KCK and KCMO schools.

If either of these volunteer opportunities sound like something you can help with, please email Stacey's Closet Program Chair Kelly Somberg at kellysomberg@gmail.com, and we can talk further.

Seeking gently used suitcases for Suitcase to Start

Through NCJW's Suitcase to Start project, we help youth aging out of the foster care system by providing them with brand-new household supplies (linens, pots/pans, dishes, cleaning items, etc). These items offer recipients a fresh start in their first independent home.

We are looking for gently used suitcases for the Suitcase to Start program. If anyone has a suitcase they would like to donate, please contact Stephanie Herman at 913-579-4410 or sjherman@me.com.

Back to School Store appreciation

such a success this year. We supplied 12 social service agencies with 423 backpacks filled with school supplies, and a bag of clothing filled with a winter coat, hats and gloves, shirt, leggings/sweats, underwear, and socks to begin the school year.

We were so organized that all of the orders were completed by Thursday afternoon so volunteers helped the agencies load the bags and completed inventory by Friday afternoon. A tremendous thank you also goes to the wonderful volunteers who moved the inventory to Ohev and then moved it back to storage. This was an extraordinary success for NCJW, and we look forward to 2023!



Spotted: NCJW in action

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for a productive summer!

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