Year in Review

The Wardrobe works to eliminate clothing insecurity; we believe access to the right clothing shouldn't be a barrier to success. Changes we put in place during the COVID19 pandemic have proven effective in eliminating barriers to access for people living in and near poverty in our region. 2023 was our busiest year to date - we outfitted 30% more people experiencing clothing insecurity, giving them tools to move forward in their lives.

In 2023, The Wardrobe outfitted 5,943 people.

The Wardrobe is more than just clothes!

"Thank you for providing a place that is safe for people that are homeless for getting clothing." - Sean

"Everyone was extremely helpful and very nice to me. I just did 7 years in prison and have no support from my family. I am alone. The Wardrobe was such a big help to me." - Jason

"Wonderful service and outstanding attention at every visit. I am so happy I can walk out of The Wardrobe confidently, every time." - Dong

Wardrobe Boxes

People unable to come to our sites in person due to issues with transportation, wellness, or caring for a child or elder, can order a personally-styled Wardrobe Box to be mailed directly to them.

Last year, we mailed 1,256 Wardrobe Boxes.

PA Workwear

The Wardrobe is the regional provider of PA Workwear which supports people on cash assistance (TANF) transitioning to work with professional clothing and uniforms. We provided outfits to 1,121 people in the PA Workwear Program during 2023.

Wardrobe Locations

Philadelphia
413 N 4th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Upper Darby
62 W Marshall Rd
Lansdowne, PA 19050

Exton Square Mall
153 Exton Square Pkwy
Exton, PA 19341

Kennett Square
345 Scarlet Rd
Kennett Square, PA 19348
Looking Ahead

In 2024, we will complete our integration of Wings for Success in Exton and Kennett Square. This merger will provide people in Chester County access to The Wardrobe's shopping and services. Likewise, it will provide people in Philadelphia, Delaware, and Bucks County the education classes and one-on-one coaching programs of Wings for Success in English and Spanish for anyone who needs help accelerating their job search.

30% of clients outfitted for a job search or training
90% qualify for food and housing support, 12% on TANF / cash assistance
14% of participants have a history of incarceration
2815 Clients self-referred.
2815 43% increase from 2022
99% of guests reported a positive experience with The Wardrobe

Open Wardrobe

This monthly program provides free clothing & resources without an appointment and focuses on a different community of clients each month. We saw 512 attendees in 2023.

Examples of populations we served through this program included refugees, college students, veterans, and LGBTQ+.

Returning Wardrobe

Anyone with a history of incarceration is welcome to receive clothing at The Wardrobe. This program supported 1,400 people reintegrating into the community last year. Program made possible with support from State Rep. Jordan Harris.

Wardrobe Box Intake Sites

Keystone Health Wellness Center
1929 West 9th Street
Chester, PA 19013

Bucks County CareerLink
4800 E Street Road
Trevose, PA 19053
Meet The Wardrobe

Leadership Team
Executive Director      Sheri K. Cole
Program Director       Mars Sharrock
Resale Director        Nick Kril
Development Director   Jill Laufenberg

Board Officers
President: Nina Markey  Littler
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Toya Lawson  Bridge Partners
Brian Lipstein  Henry A. Davidsen Tailors
Melissa Novak  Northern Trust
Jessica Rennard  Helpsy
Priya Sheth  Comcast Business
Laura Andrusko Traikov  HOVER Inc.

Financials
The Wardrobe FY2023 - $1,733,200 Income
- Contributions
- Government Contracts
- Event Income (Net of Expenses)
- Grants
- Programs (Earned Income)

In 2023, The Wardrobe received $737,000 in donated goods and services. We also had 98 corporations host clothing drives for us - a 20% increase from 2022.

The Wardrobe FY2023 - $1,829,898 Expenses
- Program Services
- Management & General
- Fundraising

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