

LIVE LAUGH LOVE...COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE PROJECT



Organizer's Guide

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What are Live Laugh Love® Programs?

Live Laugh Love® was founded on the core philosophy that life should be lived with heart! What you live for...what makes you laugh... what you love... can be different for each person, but when you put your heart and soul into them, it makes life worth living. Every day becomes an adventure that brings more excitement, more joy, more satisfaction. We've created Live Laugh Love Programs to help you do that. They are fun, easy ways for you to get involved with something you care about and bring positive changes to your community. So if you want to live a life that is inspired and that inspires others, then Live Laugh Love projects are made for you.

Life is better when you really live, laugh and love.

When you embrace life, you appreciate it and you want it to be the best it can be -- not only for you, but for everyone. And the best life is one that is lived to the full, one filled with laughter and love. Whether you live laugh love nature and animals, or people and community, these Programs offer something that will speak to your heart.

Change starts with you.

We give you all the information you need to organize and successfully carry out great initiatives that will not only benefit the wildlife and community around you, but will give you the opportunity to have fun as you build and grow relationships with your friends, family and neighbors. So don't sit around and wait for someone else to do it. Every person is unique and has something important to contribute. Each of us can make choices that bring beauty, love and good into the world we live in. Will you?

**So jump in. Have fun.
Make a difference.**

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Does your heart go out to those in need? Do you want to make a positive difference in the lives of others?

Then think about organizing a **Community Clothing Drive**.

There many people who have gone through difficult times in their lives. Maybe they've lost their job and can no longer afford a home, clothing or food for their family. Forced because of their circumstances to live in shelters, they have lost most of their belongings. One way we can help them get back on their feet is by donating new and gently used clothes.

Our **Community Clothing Drive** is something that can be done on a small or large scale. You can organize it at your school, church, work, community center. All you need is a generous heart, an energetic spirit and a desire to help someone in need.

One act of love can change someone's life.



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Introduction

Most of us have clothes in our closets that we never use...or at least haven't used in years. We may have worn them only a few times or not even once. The items that sit idly in our closets year after year could be wonderful gifts to people who really need them. So take the time to open your closet and your heart to others.

Special skills

No special skills required, just a loving heart and a willingness to share it with those in need.

Group size

You can do this solo or you can involve your friends, family, scout troop, fellow club members, etc.

Time Commitment

A few hours, days or weeks. It depends on you. If you run a clothing drive, plan on it lasting 2-3 weeks for best results.

All Over Benefits

Cleaning out your closet not only helps others, but it frees you from unnecessary clutter. That new pair of shoes you have never worn, that suit you've only used twice, that sweater that you don't think flatters your figure...all of these items can be a treasure to someone in need. You can help them make a new start. And you won't even miss the items that you've given away.

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Step 1: Contact your local shelter

Find out what organizations are already doing good things in your community. Some suggestions:

- A. The Salvation Army
- B. Goodwill
- C. National Coalition for the Homeless
- D. National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
- E. Your local faith group

Once you have identified the organization you want to work with, contact them and let them know you would like to help. Find out what items they might need. Some organizations have specific guidelines about clothing items they do or do not accept. Make sure you adhere to those guidelines.

Step 2: Get a team together

This is optional if you want to make this a bigger event. If not, you can do it on your own. Remember, every bit helps so get involved in whatever way you can.

Ask your friends, family, scout troop, club members, church group, etc. to help you run the clothing drive. You will need them to support you in the following ways:

- A. Identify locations for the clothing drive like a local church or community center
- B. Advertise
- C. Pack the clothes
- D. Deliver the clothes

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Step 3: Organize the Drive

- A. Plan for the drive to last 2-3 weeks
- B. Purchase boxes to store the clothes
- C. Collect or buy markers and poster board to decorate your donation area
- D. Design flyers to advertise the event
- E. Consider posting information on a community website as well as any local faith group and community group sites
- F. Network: personal emails, phone calls, etc. to spread the word

Step 4: Communicate Rules for Donation

Encourage people to bring clothing that meets the needs outlined by the local shelter. Make sure this information is made available on flyers, posters, emails, etc. Some guidelines for items to be donated include:

- A. Clothes that no longer fit
- E. Extra coats
- F. Extra hats, scarves and gloves
- G. Wash and dry items before they are donated.
- H. Items should not be stained or torn.

Step 5: Organize and Distribute Donated Clothing

Once you have gathered all the donated clothing:

- A. Call the shelter and find out what times you can drop off the clothing
- B. Go through the clothing and separate it out according to the parameters given to you by the shelter you are working with.
- C. Drop off the clothing to the shelter

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- How much time was involved?
- Were any news articles written about your event? Can you include them for us to share or send us a link where people can read about it?
- Did you get any support from your community or local government leaders?
- Do you plan on doing this project again later on or perhaps a different one?
- Was anyone inspired to do something similar because of your example?
- How did the community respond?
- What did you do to recruit volunteers?
- What did you learn from the experience?
- Pictures would be great to have so if you can, please include them after photos. Then everyone really get an understanding of what your team were able to do.
- If you really want to get everyone's attention, you can also write a short news article summarizing your event and its success. Hearing it from your perspective makes that much more meaningful!

SO TAKE SOME TIME, SHARE YOUR HEART, AND HELP US MAKE THE GREAT PLACE TO LIVE LAUGH LOVE.

Thanks!

The LLL Team

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