

## Clothing Center

First of all.....THANK YOU to all the faithful volunteers! You are all amazing and giving people. It amazes me every time we are responsible for the center, that we always have so many willing people to volunteer!

We have had a busy year! We had a local Boy Scout and his family open the center on a Saturday to receive donations. He did the advertising and got some food donated for volunteers.

We have an Eagle Scout candidate working on a potential project for the center. He is in the planning stages and is getting ready to present the project to the Vestry. If approved, he will raise the funds to pay for closing off two of the changing rooms and putting in shelves for additional storage.

St. Luke's manned the Clothing Center in August and as with every time St. Luke's has the center, Shirley Seever and Bev Walker helped. Well, this one Sunday, the ladies and I were manning the center, and down the stairs comes bouncing, a middle aged women and her husband! The lady exclaims with excitement, "Is Bev Walker here!!!!" I said "Yes she is right here!!" The lady gets all excited and says "Do you remember me?" to Bev. Long story short....the lady drove all around town knocking on houses, doors and asking strangers if they knew who Bev was. She finally found Bev's daughter and the daughter sent the lady to the Clothing Center. This lady had worked with Bev at the college about 30 years ago. Bev had made such a mark on her life that she needed to look Bev up. The lady was dropping her son off at college in Buffalo and was on her way home and convinced her husband to stop in Brockport and find Bev! They found her at the Clothing Center! This was such a touching reunion, I hope when I am older that will happen to me.

In November the Girls Scout collected 94 bags of clothing to donate. They had a goal of 50 bags to get a pizza party!!! They got the pizza!!

Each church has 2 representatives that sit on the board. St. Luke's is in need of that second person to help with board representation! Please get ahold of me if you feel this would be something you are called to help with.

Finally, we continue to serve an average of 80 people a week! Some weeks are a lot more and we have a lot more when it is Harvest kitchen Sunday!!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Staci Vergin*