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of our population and
all of our future



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MSD Caring Closet

School can be tough enough without worrying about having the basic daily essentials to attend school. Over 40% of students K thru 12 within the Mitchell School District qualify for free or reduced lunch. This means that there are a lot of local families who likely struggle with providing the daily essentials for their children that other families take for granted.

The MSD Caring Closet is housed at Mitchell High School and all items are distributed to all schools within the Mitchell School District from this location.

The sole mission of this program is to work with Mitchell school staff to confidentially distribute daily essentials so students K thru 12 can focus on having a successful academic school year.

This program is run by volunteers and is completely funded by community donations.

How does the MSD Caring Closet program work?

Any Mitchell student in need of basic daily essentials can simply discuss those needs in confidence with any school staff member, OR any school staff member can bring forth a student's needs. If the school does not currently have the needed items, the school will reach out to the MSD Caring Closet, and our volunteers will do our best to help fulfill the student's needs. Use and/or request of items is completely confidential.

Because of our limited resources, referrals are only accepted from Mitchell school staff.

How can you help us make a difference?

1. **Send a financial donation.** Make the check payable to Mitchell School District Caring Closet and send it to 920 N Capital, Mitchell, SD 57301. Financial donations to this program are tax deductible. For any donation of \$250 or greater you will automatically receive a proof of donation letter from the Mitchell School District.
2. **Donate items currently needed.** Please drop donations off at the Mitchell High School Office (920 N Capital) during office hours (weekdays 7:30am to 4:30pm).
3. **Donate your filled County Fair United Savings Cards and/or County Fair United Savings stamps** by dropping them off in the Mitchell High School Office (920 N Capital) during office hours (weekdays 7:30am to 4:30pm).
4. **Organize and host a collection drive at your business or workplace.** Please contact us for additional information.
5. **Volunteer.** Please join our volunteer Facebook Group for additional information on how you can get involved with this program. We have opportunities for volunteering during days and/or nights and/or weekends. You can choose to volunteer when it works in your schedule.

What items are currently needed and accepted?

Please refer to the backside of this sheet for our general item donation guidelines. Also, please watch our main Facebook Group for listings of items we currently need the most as this changes often based on recent donations and recent requests.

How can you stay up to date on what we have going on?

Our main form of communication to the Mitchell community is through our two separate Facebook Groups. Please consider joining one or both.



MSD Caring Closet: This is our central Facebook Group which will be utilized to post information about events and current needs.



MSD Caring Closet ~ Volunteer Page: This is our volunteer Facebook Group where we post information about volunteer opportunities.



Email: MSDCaringCloset@gmail.com



Text/Voicemail: (605) 299-1303



Group: MSD Caring Closet

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General Item Donation Guidelines

- We accept new or clean, gently used items (except where specified differently below)
- All clothing items must be appropriate for school and follow school dress codes
- All clothing items must currently be in style for school aged individuals
- All items with zippers must have working zippers
- No holes (unless intentional and appropriate)
- No stains
- From smoke free and pet free home
- No swimwear
- No holiday specific clothing

Items always needed and accepted

- **Clothing/Coats/Jackets/Winter Wear** - 4T thru all adult sizes
- **Underwear/Socks/Pajamas:** New only
- **Dress clothing & shoes:** Youth and adult sizes only in solid colors (black, white, gray, navy, and brown)
- **Shoes:** Athletic shoes only
- **Boots:** Winter/waterproof boots only
- **Drawstring Backpacks**
- **Hangers:** Plastic youth or adult only
- **TI-30 XIIS Calculators**
- **Towels**
- **Bedding/Blankets**
- **School supplies:** New only
- **Household products:** New and unopened only – Please contact us for a list of the items currently needed. *Please no detergent/dishwasher pods*
- **Hygiene products:** New and unopened only – Please contact us for a list of the items currently needed.

Please contact us if you have any items that are not listed above that you want to know if you can or should donate.

Because of our limited space we are not able to keep all items that are donated. When this happens, we re-donate the items within the Mitchell area to other help agencies or organizations.

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