

Chalk Talk

Community Closet Volunteers Bell Ringers Supreme

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/BEL-RING-ER/ For TEF, that means someone or something that succeeds in enriching and enhancing education.

On Saturday, August 8, hundreds of families and children within the school district came to the Tooele Jr. High School to participate in and enjoy the Back to School Community Closet.

TEF would like to express our appreciation to all those volunteers who worked over a six month period of time to accomplish such a positive community event. Over that period of time, many schools in cooperation with the PTA conducted clothing drives and other kinds of service projects. The TEF warehouse filled to capacity.

Several businesses participated such as Cargill and Select Health by donating money or buying backpacks, underclothes, stockings and



Volunteers set up many racks of clothing for the Back to School Community Closet.

shoes. But the treasures in the closet are those slightly used clothes that not only help the receiver but also the giver. When it all came together, tables were stacked with pants and shoes, and racks hung with hundreds of dresses, shirts, coats and clothes kids could proudly wear to school.

Scout troops helped, youth groups helped and families came out as a team to assist. Businesses like Cargill sent volunteer teams. It was really a day of service learning.

At the center of this busy wheel where three generous leaders - people who just make service a part of the way they live. We'd like to ring the TEF bell of gratitude to Christy Johnson, Closet Coordinator, Kendall Thomas, TEF director and Tonya Haddon, a wonderful lady who that just keeps on giving her time and service, year after year.

We want to ring the bell of thanks for the Eye Care for Kids van and volunteers under the direction of Dr. Mike Griffith and the Tooele Vision Group for their eye screenings and help. We are also grateful to Soelberg's for their promotion of the Community Closet.

We'd also like to thank the TCSD and particularly the Tooele Jr. High for making their school available for this closet. It takes several weeks to get ready and the school custodians went out of their way to help.



The Back to School Community Closet would not be possible without the hard work of Christy Johnson - Closet Coordinator, Kendall Thomas - TEF Director and Tonya Haddon - Supreme volunteer.



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