Rotary Club of Bryant, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern,

The Rotary Club of Bryant, Arkansas and Friends in Christ Lutheran Church partner together to operate The Kids Closet (501c3), which gives clothing, shoes, coats and other hygiene items and household items free of charge to needy children and families in our local community. Several hundred children a year are recipients of The Kids Closet. The Kids Closet has been located on the property of Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, 4305 Highway 5 North in Bryant since 2012. In February of 2023, The Kids Closet received a request for a child's bed. We delivered the bed. Soon, other calls started coming in for mattresses for children who didn't have beds. The Kids Closet contacted Ashley's Furniture, and they have donated 164 mattresses this year which have been given away to needy families. However, with this new venture, we needed storage space at the Kids Closet for these mattresses. A local contractor heard about it, and volunteered to build us an additional storage space for these mattresses. This new addition is described on the attached scope. This will allow us to store the mattresses in a climate controlled environment, and in an organized manner such that we can pull out the size we need.

I am requesting the appropriate permits and approvals so that this project can be completed, and we can continue to provide basic essentials to our local children and families.

Thank you,

11/15/23

Rev. Emil L. Woerner

Pastor, Friends in Christ Lutheran Church

District Governor, Rotary International District 6170, 2023-24

WBC Construction

344 Turtle Creek Rd
Benton, AR 72015
501-317-5766

Emil Woerner
4305 Hwy 5
Bryant, AR 72022

RE: Expansion of Kids closet

Dear Mr. Woerner, as requested I visually inspected the proposed building site on 19 April 2023, The building site is suitable for the addition and will only require a small amount of fill material, JLC communications has volunteered to bore underground utility line from electrical panel to supply Power for lights, receptacles, and HVAC , The addition will be approximately 26' x 30' on a concrete Slab with a concrete loading ramp at the east end of the addition with entry into a 6' x 80" (French door) Siding and roof are to match the existing, framing will be 2" x 4" walls with 4/12 roof truss set 2' OC Insulation will be batt type in walls and ceiling .

Cost of the addition is being covered entirely by Mr. Jimmy Johnson of JLC Communication

If you have any questions or I may be of further service in this matter please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the above telephone number or address

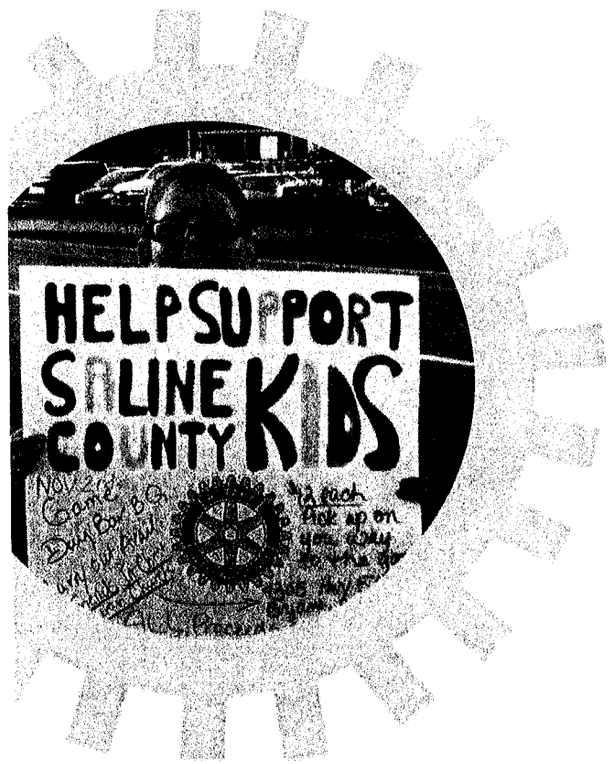
J.B. Watts
WBC

Who we are...

Did you know that many kids in Saline County go without clothing and the basic essentials every day?

In 2017, the Kids Closet served over 300 local kids with new clothing, shoes, coats and jackets, underwear, and backpacks for school.

The Kids Closet is a service project of the Rotary Club of Bryant. It exists to restore dignity to children by providing these basic items to kids free of charge. No child in need will be turned away.



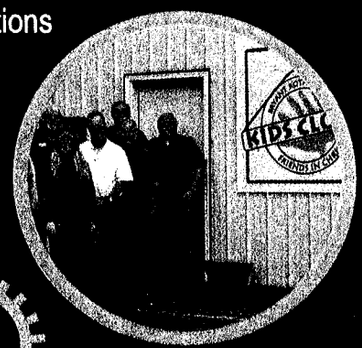
Contact us...

You may contact any Bryant Rotary Club member or for more specific information, please contact:

General Inquiries
BryantRotaryClub@gmail.com

Supply and Donations
Pat Baker
(870) 820-2634

Location
Emil Woerner
(501) 749-4574



Where is the Kids Closet located?
Friends in Christ Lutheran Church
4305 Highway 5 North
Bryant, AR 72002

Mailing Address
PO Box 560
Bryant, AR 72089

Find us on Facebook
@BryantRotaryKidsCloset
@BryantRotary
@RubberDuckFestival



Making a difference, one child at a time.

Bryant Rotary Club

BRYANT ROTARY CLUB
KIDS CLOSET
FRIENDS IN CHRIST

"Service above self."

From the start...



The Kids Closet was started in 2008 as a closet in a member's office that would store clothes for children who been removed from their homes without their belongings due to circumstances beyond their control. Being able to give them new clothes was our way of helping restore them with a sense of pride. If possible, we tried to find items that they expressed interest in or items that were similar to "now gone" items that held personal value to them, in hopes to ease the troubling transition.

Over the years, it has grown to a stand-alone building on the property of Friends in Christ Lutheran Church. Soon after a shoe closet was added to make more room in the main building.

In 2019, the Bryant Rotary club started to raise funds to build another building twice the size and expand from school-aged children to helping infants.

How are children connected with the Kids Closet?

We receive referrals from all over the county. Most common connections are:

- Local School Counselors
- Local Teachers
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Police and Sheriff Departments
- Fire Departments
- Non-Profits
- Churches
- Social Media Outreach
- Concerned Citizens

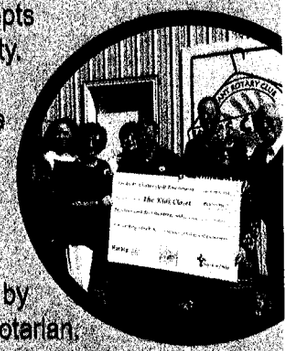
The Kids Closet has put many new smiles on faces of some of the kids at the Bryant Boys and Girls Clubs. It has been a life changing impact.

Suzanne Passmore, CEO
Boys and Girls Clubs

How do you get the items and raise money for the Kids Closet?

The Bryant Rotary Club applies for grants and works with local and national companies for inventory throughout the year.

The Kids Closet always accepts donations from the community. These donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made on the Bryant Rotary website www.BryantRotary.org, on the Facebook page @BryantRotaryKidsCloset, by calling (870) 820-2634 or by contacting any Bryant Rotarian.





We also have a signature fundraising event every year the first Saturday in May at Mills Park in Bryant called the Bryant Rotary Rubber Duck Derby Festival. Through this event, we raise the money needed to run the Kids Closet by selling "adoptions" of the racing rubber ducks, corporate sponsorships and partnerships with other non-profits. This event is also a kid-focused festival that is free to attend complete with entertainment, games, prizes, rides, contests and more.

2008 Bryant Rotarian Michelle Finney started a sharing clothing and supplies out of a closet in her office.

2011 Kids Closet expanded to the top floor of the First Security Bank Building.

2013 Bryant Rotarian Emil Woerner worked with Friends in Christ Lutheran Church to offer land for the Kids Closet to have a permanent building.

2017 Duck Derby Fundraiser first held to raise funds annually for Kids Closet, Imagination Library of Saline County and Bryant Boys and Girls Club.

2019 Ground was broken to build a second building to expand the materials offered to include babies and infants sizes.

EXISTING KIDS CLOSET BUILDING 24' x 90'

NEW ADDITION 26' x 30'

FRIENDS IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

4305 HWY 5N

BRYANT, AR

72022

NOV. 2023

