



624 Commercial Street
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Logo above is available on the "back" of a T-Shirt. On "front" smaller will say Carol's Closet, Strawberry Point
Let us know if you would like to purchase one to promote Carol's Closet.

Assisting Veterans, Military Families, Seniors and Families

Dear Church Members and Community Group Members: (of towns within an hour from Strawberry Point)

Many of you have heard of Carol's Closet in Strawberry Point, others of you may not have. Allow us to explain a little about the WORK OF MANY HEARTS of Carol's Closet, Strawberry Point.

Carol's Closet is a 501c3 organization. Carol's Closet founders, including Carol herself (who has since gone to be with our Lord) have been helping families for close to eight years. Providing free baby clothes, baby essentials & diapers for families unable to afford these items. In the summer of 2017, they began to assist veterans, military families and seniors. For the past eight years, this group of like minded individuals has helped nearly 400 families. Yes, that is 50 families/year and this year it appears we will be helping close to 100 families. Below you will see what we give away.

WE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING "FREE" for VETERANS, MILITARY FAMILIES & SENIORS

*Baby Essentials (including diapers, NEW car seats & cribs)
*Clothing *Hygiene Items *Household Items *Bedding *Appliances/Furniture *Wheelchairs, Walkers, Commodes

CAROL'S CLOSET's has an **ONGOING FUNDRAISER @ MINI MALL ON MAIN**, 114 W. Mission. Opening the Summer of 2017 with purchased items & donations. Donations may be dropped off in the "storage" space at 624 Commercial Street (old motel/south of town) by appointment (563-608-9649) **CAROL'S CLOSET** is physically located @ 624 Commercial. Donations are sorted here and either sent to the **MINI MALL** or to the garage for our Summer long fundraiser garage sale. Customers are encouraged at both locations to stop by the other location. The store has everything marked very reasonable. The garage sale is **DONATION ONLY**. Carol's Closet has sent our "overflow" to the following: Homeless Veteran project, Waterloo, Homeless Shelter, Cedar Rapids and various projects in Dubuque. We focus on our local area, however we are blessed to get additional items to give away to larger areas. Locally in the past 12 months, we have helped give out household items, furniture and clothes to local veterans, seniors and families in Strawberry Point, Manchester, Postville, Fayette, Oelwein, Elkader, Arlington and more. We serve any county that needs assistance. Often times social

workers, public health nurses and other agencies that are a support system for families “in the home” will pick up items and deliver for us. Most individuals come right to Strawberry Point to receive what they need.

How Can I Help? Let A Veteran, Military Family, Senior or Any Family

you know who needs a “helping hand” how we can help them FREE of charge. SHARE OUR PHONE #563-608-9649

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE SHARE this project with your church members, various groups in your church, and community organizations. Our hope and prayer is that your church or community group will give us a call and say “our group will volunteer”. We are looking specifically for individuals to “clerk” the store **10 am - 5 pm ONE DAY/MONTH. Example:** A church from Elkader currently has a member taking every Monday noon-5 pm. It is our hope that someone else from this same parish would take 10 am - Noon each Monday. In July the regular volunteer needed two Monday’s off. We are very appreciative and accommodating to our volunteers, so we had someone else fill in. We have another faithful volunteer from an Edgewood church assisting on Friday’s, occasionally she is unable to do every Friday. Unlimited Services in Manchester sends a staff with four of their clients to volunteer four days/week (10 am-2 pm). They are able to help us with sorting items, and when we don’t have enough store clerks, we use them in this manner. We are always appreciative of any volunteers to help with the sorting and organizing of **CAROL’S CLOSET**, the store and the garage sale fundraiser.

By having more volunteers fill clerk hours, the profits can help more individuals with necessary items. **If we do not have volunteers**, then we pay staff minimum wage. Our goal is soon to have only one paid position, a director. The remainder of the individuals will be volunteer. Currently our director has volunteered her time since July, 2017. She hopes to step down as soon as possible.

WISH LIST

Volunteers, volunteers and more volunteers: Clerking the store, laundering & cleaning donations, office work, volunteer coordinator, computer person to promote online sales (website/Facebook, etc.) and many individuals to help organize donations at either location. **NEWEST PROJECT, MM (Mobile Mission)** Owned by the 501c3. Will be used for temporary housing for those in need.

CAROL’S CLOSET needs are: Diapers & Pull ups (any size), new cribs, car seats, high chairs, financial support to purchase these items and also to purchase hygiene items for veterans & seniors. Stamps for sending out our newsletters to other organizations/churches.

MINI MALL: Totes to store items, racks/shelving for displays, water/beverages for volunteers.

THANK YOU for taking the time to read this letter & for your prayers for Carol’s Closet and all involved with this worthwhile organization. **THANK YOU** for letting us know if you will be a volunteer now or possibly will be planning to at a later date.

SAVE THE DATE: We have a fundraiser supper with a Veteran as our speaker planned for Wednesday eve., October 24th. Time: 5:30 p.m. Social. 6 pm Supper, followed by a Veteran speaker. The theme will be, “Work of Many Hearts For a Better Life”. Location will be at the Civic Center, 401 Commercial, Strawberry Point, Iowa. **THANK YOU** for spreading the word, marking your calendars. Email your reservation to: crlcloset@gmail.com.

Sincerely yours, Carol’s Closet Board Members,

Lynn Fettkether, Volga; Deb Sweet, Guttenberg, Sharon Taylor, Arlington; Karen Ehde, Waukon; Kayla Queto, Edgewood; Sally McGreal, Elkader; Jodi Collins, (Strawberry Pt., Representing Dyersville); Baily Fredericksen, Strawberry Point & Jane Sparrgrove, Strawberry Pt., Representing other towns not covered by other board members)