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Kadens Kloset is a not-for-profit, 100% volunteer and donation run organization that provides physical and tangible needs for Foster Children, Foster and Adoptive Families, Military Families and At-Risk Youth.

Many times, a child is removed from their home under duress. This usually means that the child leaves a stressful situation very abruptly and with very little, often only the clothes on their back. Kadens Kloset provides First Night Bags for children that include all toiletries, clothing items and comfort items to help ease this stressful time. We also invite children and their families to come “shop” at our free community closet for a new wardrobe, bedding, toiletry items, even furniture. Everything that a caregiver might need to care for a child in their home can be found at Kadens Kloset. You can expect to be greeted at the door by a Site Director that will share a warm smile and a helping hand. We strive to help restore dignity to children who have felt the sting of an uprooted life and ensure that every child has access to quality items and necessities like their peers.



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First Night Bags...

because no child should carry a garbage bag.

A First Night Bag is a luggage item filled with immediate necessities for children and teens entering into care.

The first night is usually the hardest for a child entering into Foster Care, and children often leave their home without any of their belongings. We want to help alieve some of that burden and stress by providing each child with a Kadens Kloset First Night Bag.

Contact us to see how you can HELP!
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A First Night Bag includes:

- * a diaper bag, backpack, duffel bag or suitcase
- * a toothbrush and toothpaste
- * toiletry items (age appropriate) such as:
shampoo, body wash, hairbrush or comb
deodorant, hygiene needs
- * a new pair of pajamas
- * a new package of underwear
- * a new package of socks
- * a new change of clothes
- * a blanket and stuffed animal (comfort item)
- * a book and/or small toy
- * a note of encouragement
- * an invitation to shop at Kadens Kloset

Kadens Kloset launched locally in March of 2016, in Holland, Iowa. We started out as a simple idea of structuring a free to the public, donation run, on-site community closet. By October of the same year, there were 8 locations across the state of Iowa, including locations in both Waterloo and Cedar Falls. As of 2018, there are 16 locations across the Midwest with more slated to launch into the new year, as well as a global and international project that stretches across 7 countries outside of the U.S. where we work to provide much needed items to villages and orphanages. We maintain a permanent presence in Zimbabwe working with women and children to remove them from the sex trade industry and provide skills and economic stability. In 2017 we established a Disaster Relief Team and partnered with individuals and businesses across the Midwest to send volunteers and aid in the wakes of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Kadens Kloset currently employs over 80 volunteer staff members including 16 On-Site Directors! No staff member of Kadens Kloset receives a salary or compensation which ensures that 100% of donations made to Kadens Kloset go directly towards helping children in need and their families. Likewise, our community closets are supplied through donations from each Kadens Kloset Community! It is a true representation of community partnership and relationship/need based awareness.

This year in Blackhawk County, Kadens Kloset has served over 350 children and their families! We partner with other area agencies, non-profits, schools and community resource organizations to ensure access for every child. We were also able to provide "Christmas" for 280 local children of Foster, Adoptive, Kinship, At-Risk/Under-Resourced and Military Families in 2017! We have an even greater goal of serving 300+ children in 2018, and we will accomplish this with the help of our community and incredible partnerships with other organizations that care for our kiddos!

Thank you for choosing to walk along side Kadens Kloset and our community to meet the physical and tangible needs of children in our community and beyond!