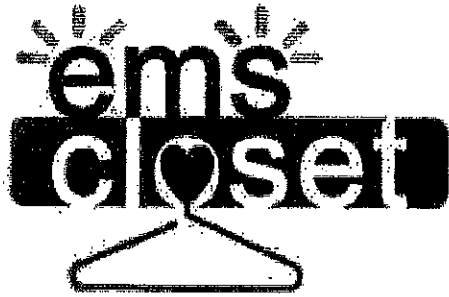


EMS Closet 2023 Expense Budget

| Expenses: | | | |
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| | <i>Personnel</i> | | |
| 1 | Operations Director | \$ 36,400.00 | 41.68% |
| 2 | FICA | \$ 2,912.00 | 3.33% |
| 3 | <i>Personnel Subtotal</i> | \$ 39,312.00 | 45.01% |
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| | <i>Administration</i> | | |
| 4 | Office Supplies | \$ 2,000.00 | 2.29% |
| 5 | Software | \$ 400.00 | 0.46% |
| 6 | Insurance | \$ 1,200.00 | 1.37% |
| 7 | <i>Administration Subtotal</i> | \$ 3,600.00 | 4.12% |
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| | <i>Marketing</i> | | |
| 8 | Printing | \$ 500.00 | 0.57% |
| 9 | Stamps | \$ 250.00 | 0.29% |
| 10 | Promo Items | \$ 575.00 | 0.66% |
| 11 | Subscriptions | \$ 600.00 | 0.69% |
| 12 | <i>Marketing Subtotal</i> | \$ 1,925.00 | 2.20% |
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| | <i>Programming</i> | | |
| 13 | <i>Non-Inventory</i> | | |
| 14 | General Supplies | \$ 3,000.00 | 3.43% |
| 15 | Totes & Storage | \$ 3,000.00 | 3.43% |
| 16 | Shelves & Racks | \$ 3,000.00 | 3.43% |
| 17 | <i>Inventory</i> | | |
| 18 | Clothing | \$ 15,000.00 | 17.17% |
| 19 | Shoes | \$ 15,000.00 | 17.17% |
| 20 | Bags | \$ 2,000.00 | 2.29% |
| 21 | Stuffed Animals | \$ 750.00 | 0.86% |
| 22 | Books | \$ 750.00 | 0.86% |
| 23 | <i>Programming Subtotal</i> | \$ 42,500.00 | 48.66% |
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| | <i>Volunteer Appreciation</i> | | |
| 24 | T-shirts | \$ 700.00 | 0.80% |
| 25 | Snacks | \$ 500.00 | 0.57% |
| 26 | Incentives & Gifts | \$ 1,200.00 | 1.37% |
| 27 | <i>Volunteer Appreciation Subtotal</i> | \$ 2,400.00 | 2.75% |
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| 28 | Total Expenses | \$ 87,337.00 | 100% |



Children in Poverty

Growing up in poverty is one of the **greatest threats to healthy child development and can impede academic engagement, learning ability and school success and contribute to behavioral, social-emotional problems** as well as **poor mental and physical health outcomes**. EMS Closet was founded to address clothing insecurity, meet basic material needs of low income children and ease financial stress of struggling families.

- **10,524** children live in poverty in **Richland District One** (RCSD 1: Final Poverty Report 4/19/2022)
- **15,736** children live in poverty **Richland District Two** (RCSD 2: Student demographics)
- Having access to adequate clothing and basic necessities helps improve **students' school attendance, social and emotional well-being, behavior and ultimately academic outcomes**.
- Lack of clothing is one of the **top 10 reasons kids miss school**.
- Children in poverty are also more likely to **miss medical appointments** and social outings, creating significant **short and long-term health, social, and economic deficits**.
- Low-income students often miss school because of issues with health, housing and transportation.
- Only **three of the four basic needs** (food, energy, housing) are supported by government safety net programs. <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org>
- Significant increases in the costs of rental property and a lack of affordable housing has left low income parents with little left to provide adequate clothing and other basic needs for their children.
- Children living in poverty experience daily impacts that easily come to mind — **hunger, illness, insecurity, instability** — but they also are more likely to experience low academic achievement, obesity, behavioral problems and social and emotional development difficulties. (Malhomes, 2012)

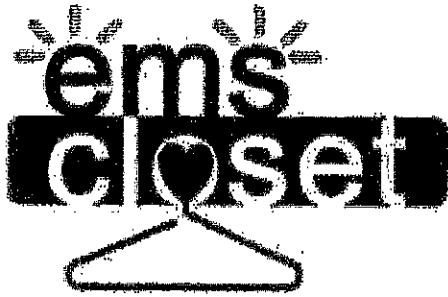
- Individuals with an income at the federal poverty level spend an average of 73% of their income on transportation. When housing is added to it, it skyrockets to 112% of their income. (“South Carolina: Structural Factors Associated with Poverty.” Sisters of Charity Nov 2020)
- Across South Carolina, there’s a shortage of rental homes affordable and available to extremely low income households, whose incomes are at or below the poverty guideline. Many of these households are severely cost burdened, spending **more than half** of their income on housing. Severely cost burdened poor households are more likely than other renters to sacrifice other necessities like healthy food and healthcare to pay the rent. <https://nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state/south-carolina>
- **Clothing Insecurity description:** The inability to obtain or purchase adequate **clothing** or to wash and maintain **clothing** in adequate condition. (Chronicle of Philanthropy, D. Blatt.)
- **Clothing insecurity**, or lack of sufficient, clean, seasonal apparel, is a much more serious problem than many people understand. If an individual can’t pay the rent or afford food on the table, basics like underwear, socks, and shoes become luxuries. (Chronicle of Philanthropy, D. Blatt.)
- **Clothing insecurity** leads to school absences which impacts a child’s academic success and erodes their self-esteem.
- Children and teens who are clothing insecure are more likely to endure bullying and drop out of school. **Social anxiety** and **being bullied** are also common reasons kids avoid school.
- During a crisis, philanthropic and government funding rightfully targets the most extreme and obvious needs — hunger, homelessness, and in the case of the pandemic, medical care. Clothing for struggling families is unlikely to even make the list.
- Chronic absenteeism and low self-esteem negatively impact a child’s academic success making them more likely to drop out with lifelong economic, social and emotional consequences

Your clothing donations and your financial support make a difference in the lives of these children and teens. Together we can help keep them in school where they can learn, feel better about themselves, and thrive.

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EMS CLOSET is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization founded in 2019 by three generations of educators to provide clothing to children in poverty in Richland Districts One and Two.

MISSION: Our mission is to ensure children in grades K-12 will have the everyday essentials they need to flourish and thrive in school and beyond.

VISION: We envision a world where all children can access the resources they need to reach their full potential.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Follow us on FB at EMS Closet!

VOLUNTEER

- Sort clothing and/or fill orders. Invite your co-workers, social group, faith community to come as a group
- Assemble requested orders into Gift Bags
- Host a fundraiser to benefit EMS Closet
- Hold a clothing drive in your neighborhood
- Become a neighborhood captain who receives donations from your neighbors to be collected by EMS Closet

DONATE

- Have your faith, professional, service, or social organization sponsor a clothes drive
- Donate new and nearly new clothes, coats, shoes, for children K-12th grade
- Donate new stuffed animals and new or nearly new books (Please no toys)
- Donate new socks and underwear for children K-12th grades
- Encourage your employer, family & friends to make a cash contribution.

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