

## **Clothing God's Children (CGC)**

This program is based on Matthew 6: 25-32 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothes you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them... With this in mind we work to be God's hands in removing this worry from both the children and their parents.

We choose to furnish new clothing to the child as we feel that many of them may never have had the experience of wearing something that was only theirs. We hoped that through giving new clothing they'd realize their value and worth in this world and know that they are truly loved.

When a school counselor knows of a child in need they will prepare a form that gives us sizes, etc. Upon receipt of this form those who have volunteered to be part of CGC are contacted and at that time can decide how they'd like to help i.e. purchase item(s) or make a cash donation. The CGC member can always decline if that time for them is just not a good time to help. CGC members then make their purchases or donations and they are then gathered together and placed into a bag, along with a gift card saying it is "A Gift Given in Christian Love". The bag is delivered to the counselor who in turns gets it to the child or parent in a manner that avoids any type of embarrassment for that child and at this point our work is done.

We do get requests from a couple of other contacts, however, we try to stay in touch with just the school counselors. They are so important to the work of this ministry.

We are always looking for more people to join the CGC member list and welcome any that would like to help out. If you are not a member and want to join or have additional questions, please feel free to contact me @ [lpaul@iisd1.org](mailto:lpaul@iisd1.org), call me at 361-920-0069 or talk to me at church.

Yours in Christ, Lorie Paul

