

WHO WE ARE

Cool Closet was developed in 2008 by a group of concerned clergy to fill a gap in services provided to youth in Santa Fe. It was determined that many local youth were not prepared to find and retain jobs for a variety of reasons, including lack of adequate and appropriate work clothes, interviewing skills, and knowledge of work place culture.

The Interfaith Leadership Alliance decided to form a project that would help youth accomplish these goals.

Cool Closet collaborates and works cooperatively with social service agencies serving youth, schools, and professional organizations.

OUR VISION

To have Santa Fe youth well prepared in getting and keeping jobs, and achieving economic independence.

OUR MISSION

Through a coalition of faith based organizations, we will provide the resources to clothe, prepare, and mentor youth in Santa Fe for obtaining employment.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

In keeping with a strong commitment and belief in the value of education, Cool Closet offers a learning curriculum that helps the job seeker put a best foot forward. It includes interviewing skills, how to complete an application, what an employer is looking for in an employee and what is expected once on the job. Mentor/Job Coaches help the youth to focus on goal setting and having realistic expectations. The emphasis is on building self-reliance and confidence by being well dressed and prepared to enter and stay in the workforce. All clothes and services are provided free of charge.



OUR ORGANIZATION

The Interfaith Leadership Alliance, established in 2007 consists of the following Santa Fe churches, synagogues and mosques.

Christ Lutheran Church
Center for Spiritual Living
First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
Lutheran Church of the Servant
Santa Fe Friends Meeting
Santa Fe Community College Campus Ministry
St. Bede's Episcopal Church
St. Elias The Prophet Greek Orthodox Church
St. John's United Methodist Church
Taha Mosque and Islamic Center of Santa Fe
Temple Beth Shalom
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe
United Church of Santa Fe
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Zia United Methodist Church

CONTACT US

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

The backbone of our organization is based on the talents and experience of our volunteer corps. Men and women help sort and display clothing, act as fashion consultants, and Cool Closet Committee members, defining and refining the purpose and activities of Cool Closet.

If you would like to know more about volunteering, please visit our website at www.coolcloset.org or call us at 505-577-1905 or 505-982-1376 Ext 109.



REFERRALS

In an effort to serve those in need and to provide a nurturing atmosphere, all youth seeking our services must be referred by any social service agency in Santa Fe, a school or a faith based organization.

Referral forms are available on our website at www.coolcloset.org.

SPONSORSHIPS

We encourage businesses and corporations to consider long-term sponsorship of Cool Closet by pledging financial support and/or continuous donations of appropriate clothing.

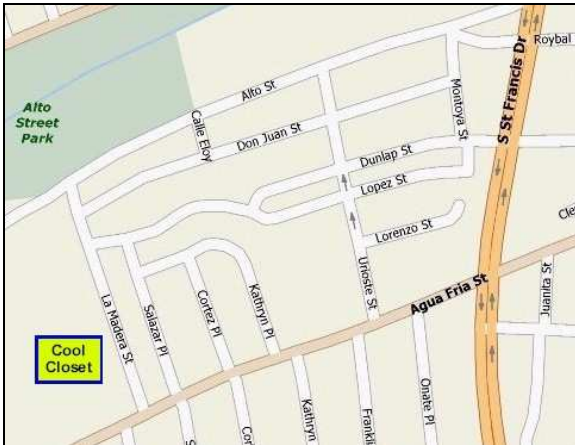


OUR FACILITY

Cool Closet occupies a portable building provided by iYouthworks! on their campus at the corner of La Madera Street and Agua Fria.

The Cool Closet portable includes space to display and try on work clothes, meet with mentors and attend job-related workshops.

iYouthWorks! operates a paid youth employment and training program that offers "disconnected" youth the opportunity to learn responsible work habits, earn a living wage and a regular paycheck, attend on-site GED programs and "reconnect" to their community.



DONATIONS

We are pleased to accept donations of clothes and accessories for a variety of work settings from office jobs to construction jobs.

We request that all clothing be clean and in excellent ready-to-wear condition and seasonal.

Donations may be delivered to our facility during normal open hours. Receipt forms will be provided for all donations. Cash Donations are also welcome. Please call 505-577-1905 or 505-982-1376 Ext 109 for more information.

HOURS

Monday	10am-12pm
Tuesday	1pm-3pm
Wednesday	10am-12pm
Thursday	1pm-3pm
Friday	1pm-3pm

Should a youth or group require a time to visit Cool Closet out of normal operating hours, call 505-577-1905 or 505-982-1376 Ext 109 to arrange an appointment.

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