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Brittany Woods Middle School is opening its “Brittany Boutique” To Provide Clothing and other items to Students in Need



University City, MO – Officials with Brittany Woods Middle School in the School District of University City are making clothing items available for students who need them. They have an entire room dedicated as a clothes closet so that students and their family members can easily and discreetly pick out these items. The Brittany Boutique will officially open for students this Friday, March 29, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.

In addition to clean clothing, the closet will include jackets, backpacks, food, deodorant, and shoes. It will be open during the regular school year.

“This closet will help our students maintain their dignity even through hard times,” said Allegra Grawer, a social worker at Brittany Woods. “Students, teachers and families all contact me on a regular basis about clothes. Sometimes there is need, other times teachers feel there’s a need based on something they have seen or heard.”

The clothes closet was made possible through a partnership with the St. Louis-based youth development nonprofit, Wyman Wraparound Services. The local nonprofit, Helping Hand-Me-Downs (HHMD) will keep the closet stocked with clean, gently used clothing for students.

The clothes racks and shelving that make up the closet were made possible by a 2018 grant from the University City Education Foundation. At this time, additional shelving is needed for the room. For those who wish to donate clothing to the student closet, please visit HHMD’s Pagedale location at 6728 Page Avenue, 63121.

About Helping-Hand-Me-Downs: This nonprofit works to enhance the quality of life for children and families in the St. Louis area by meeting their immediate needs. HHMD works to connect them with life-changing resources that foster independence. HHMD accepts client referrals from their network of more than 100 agencies, hospitals, and shelters. In addition to their Pagedale location, they’re also based in Soulard, House Springs, and Crystal City.

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On February 21, 1911, with a City population of only 2,417, The School District of University City was officially established. Classes began in September 1912 with a total school population of 769. Today, you will find outstanding educational programs serving a student population of approximately 2,800 with a preschool, four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. In May 2018, University City High School held its 101st formal Commencement Ceremony.