

# PS I LOVE YOU MINISTRIES

135 METRO DRIVE | SPARTANBURG, SC 29303

## A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

By Kay Kirby

As I began reflecting on the past few months at PS I Love You, I sat in tears thinking about how PS I Love You first began and how God has allowed it to grow. It started in the hearts of two foster moms as we stood in the hall of the church and prayed for God to show us how we could serve foster children and foster families in our community. That was in the fall of 2009 and ten and a half years later, we have just moved into a 3,000 square foot building that houses the PS I Love You Clothing Closet and Resource Center! Only God could do that from that prayer.

The first Monday morning at the new resource center, we had a 9:00 am clothing closet appointment for three sisters ages 14, 6, and 2. They were brought into care with only the clothes on their back. They were taken for physical abuse and were unable to bring anything with them. Before they arrived, I was discouraged because we didn't have everything in its place and wondering why would we take appointments this quick!

I want to rewind and let you know what the weeks prior to their visit was like... we had a crazy BIG move! We started packing things in November and December at our little 1450 square foot rental house. It held lots of beautiful memories and was FULL of clothes, shoes, toys, equipment and so much more for children in foster care. We had a lot to pack up! We closed on the new building December 4th and we immediately began renovations and repairs. We planned the packing and moving schedule and ordered more clothes racks. Then we spent three full Saturdays loading and unloading box trucks, taking down clothes racks, putting them back up, hosting six volunteer groups... and here we were on that Monday morning, EVERYTHING had been moved in but only a few things were in place.

I weep as I write this because I had worried about all the wrong things that morning... the beautiful girls standing before me had no clue that we weren't prepared with all "the stuff" we normally have in place. Really the only thing that mattered that day was meeting the needs of those three sweet girls and sharing the love of Jesus with them. The oldest girl was a very sad 14-year-old teenager; it was a struggle to get her to smile. She had been ripped away from her high school, her boyfriend and her band family. As she was leaving, I gave her a big hug and held her tight. I told her I loved her and how much Jesus loved her. He was her hope and I encouraged her to hang onto Jesus. God gave me a clear confirmation and peace through the eyes of those precious girls. He reminded me that those were His children and we are called to provide for their needs and love them like He does. That is why He opened the doors right here at 135 Metro Drive.

We are blessed to do what we do and so thankful for ALL of the wonderful people who support us and donate to the cause of children in foster care.

**"Being used by God to positively influence those around us begins with seeing the opportunities He places in front of us." -Lead Like Jesus**



Office Hours  
&  
Donation Hours

Mon - Thurs  
9 am-2 pm

Friday  
9 am-12 pm



## A December To Remember

December 6, 2019 was a night to remember! We hosted the largest Christmas party to date with over 125 volunteers, 80 families, and 180 children in foster care served. **Thank You Spartanburg County for helping children in foster care feel loved and respected.** There was a magician, two balloon artist, crafts, pictures with Santa and of course a toy room that surpassed any child's wildest dreams! At times the children became so overwhelmed with joy it made the toughest adult want to cry! The night was filled with LOVE -

**God's Love for HIS children!**

## Join our Team

We are looking for monthly sponsors to partner with our ministry. How can a monthly sponsor help the children we serve? When a child comes into the closet, they receive an average of \$300 worth of clothing, shoes, toiletries, equipment and necessities. The average child comes into the closet 3-4 times per year while in foster care.

Please help us support the resource closet by providing for these children.

- 1 Visit \$300 = \$25 monthly gift
- 2 Visits \$600 = \$50 monthly gift
- 3 Visits \$900 = \$75 monthly gift
- 4 Visits \$1200 = \$100 monthly gift

Please go to our website to begin monthly giving through Paypal, or you can setup a monthly gift through your bank. **Thank you for supporting the ministry and partnering with us to serve the children.**



## 2019 IMPACT

- 440 Children served in the closet
- 14,231 items given to families
- 80 families served at the Christmas Party
- 1580 Volunteer Hours



## HOW YOU CAN HELP?

### Needs for New Building

- 55" TV for Conference Room
- 12-15 Matching Folding Chairs
- Funding for MURALS in Resource Closet
- Large Rolling Cart

**Donate** - donate financially, or donate your children's gently-used clothing to our clothing closet. We are entirely funded by donors.

**Host a drive** - have your church, organization or business host a needs drive and collect items for our resource center.

**Volunteer** - volunteer at our resource center/clothing closet, our events or fundraisers, and at monthly DSS meetings.

**Become a foster parent/family** - the biggest need of all. Currently, over 400 children are living in foster care in Spartanburg County, while there are only 135 active foster families.

**FOR MORE INFO** [www.psiloveyouministries.org](http://www.psiloveyouministries.org)

