

No kidding T & E organization cares about clothing children

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With the change of seasons, T&E Care took advantage of Spring cleaning by soliciting area residents to consider donating gently used apparel to the organization's annual clothing drive.

Held at St. Matthew's Church on Walker Road in Wayne the event took place over two days and business was brisk



Sandi Gorman, a founder of T&E Cares, gets right down to it while sorting clothes for the Grad Bag event, with volunteers Yan Dang of Stratford and Carol Tompkins of Wayne.

according to Sandi Gorman, the woman in charge of the operation and a founder of the non-profit entity.

Proceeds from the sale support T&E's outreach, including scholarship monies for local summer and sport camp programs. Another endeavor funded by the proceeds takes place during July and August when collecting items to stuff backpacks with all the essentials for the start of school takes place. While some of the standard items, paper, pencils, etc., are donated by local citizens, others such as gift cards or snacks, are purchased by T&E Care to fill up the satchel.

In addition to the drive for school supplies the group stays busy all year assisting families find furniture, appliances or household goods as needed. The outreach provides holiday meals in November and December.

Got growing kids to cloth? Need sport duds, but don't want to pay full price? Be the first in line to grab a bag and fill it when the clothing 'store' opens next spring.

Visit the website at www.tecares.org to learn how to help with the back to school initiative.



Sarah Magino of Berwyn and Paoli gas Wynne Wilking and Barbara Busman checkout the boys' shirts and sports wear selection.



Debbie Weger and Nadia Gerard of Berwyn look over some of the costumes and PJs with Darren Ridder of Malvern and Lisa Nevns of Wayne.



Conestoga High seniors Nate Scribano of Devon and Marty Stenson of Malvern (far-right) look over some of the young boys' clothes with juniors (center-left) Chris Novak, also of Malvern, and Ryan Swope.



Mary Kiely of Berwyn takes a coffee break for coffee and bagels, donated by Panera, with Avani Gandhi of Stratford and her mom, Charu.



Ellen Boyer of Berwyn and Jenna Wilson of Malvern (center), sophomores at Conestoga High refold clothes for girls with freshman students Alice Mackenzie, also of Berwyn, Abby Koropka of Devon (right) and Malvern resident, Carolyn Lee, a junior at the school.



Tracey King of Devon and Lynn Greco of Malvern display the bags clients will fill with their bargain basement purchases.