



CoServ grant helps *Love Thy Neighbor* clothe others

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It's not just any old pair of jeans. Love Thy Neighbor ensures jeans and other clothing given to those in need are almost new if not recently purchased.

"It's more like a boutique," said **MaryAnn Saxton**, volunteer program manager for the Clothing Assistance Program (CAP). "It's very dignified."

CAP is managed by Love Thy Neighbor in partnership with The Salvation Army Service Center in Lewisville.

A CoServ Charitable Foundation grant funds the purchase of brand new socks and underwear in all sizes for anyone who walks in. CAP relies on donations of gently used clothing from the community.



Three sets of eyes review each item of donated clothing before it is sorted into individual drawers marked by size. Each family member receives four outfits and undergarments, shoes and an extra item of choice ranging from purses and belts to scarves.

"We give them nothing but the best," she said. "We want our kids to wear just what the other kids are wearing."

Distributed clothing items



WHAT: Love Thy Neighbor began in 2010 as a North Texas nonprofit committed to supporting people who need clothing and nutrition. The entity cooks more than 100 meals daily at The Salvation Army Service Center in Lewisville. Through **Love Thy Baby**, newborns born into economic or health crises receive assistance. An estimated 50,000 infants have received blankets, and clothing packets are provided to several regional hospitals and programs each year. The new **Love Thy Pet** helps area shelters.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR NEEDS:

Gently used or new:

- Men's jeans – sizes 28-36
- Boy's tops and bottoms – sizes 10, 12, 14, 16

LOVE THY BABY NEEDS:

New only:

- Onesies
- Newborn clothing
- Socks
- Hats/caps

LOVE THY PET NEEDS:

Contact for details.

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The need grows as the population grows. We're trying to keep up.

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Gloria Kennedy
Program Manager, Love Thy Baby

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NEED A HELPING HAND?

Love Thy Neighbor is a CoServ community partner that assists people in need. They are able to do so, in part, because more than 70 percent of CoServ Members and Customers “round up” their electric and gas bills to the nearest dollar every month. The extra pennies go to the CoServ Charitable Foundation, which regularly distributes grants to agencies that help people meet basic human needs, support education and promote community vitality.

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