

Clothe the Cold

What is Clothe the Cold

Clothe the Cold is Common Good's winter campaign. By mobilising our whole church we are hoping to collect enough good quality second-hand clothes and blankets. The clothes and blankets that we get will be used to bless our partner NGO organisations as well as other flood relief organisations in Cape Town. This is the perfect opportunity for you and your small group to get involved.

Why does Common Good feel the need for Clothe the Cold

Christ calls all of us to be generous with everything that he has given us. In James 2: 15 – 16 the Bible states that: If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16) and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good[b] is that? 17So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. The Bible also says in Luke 3: 11: And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics[a] is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

God blesses us to be a blessing and therefore we should give gratefully to others out of the overflow that God has bestowed on us. We spend R 100 billion on the latest fashion every year so there is really no reason why we cannot spare a few of our clothes to warm those that have none this winter. In Cape Town there is plenty of opportunity and plenty of need. A full quarter million Capetonians have their homes partially or fully flooded every winter.

What we need from you

1. June 15 - Pray & Discuss:

- Lead your small group in a time of prayer to ask God what they should donate. You never know what God might ask you to donate (it might be that brand new coat you bought last week).
- Tell your small group that they need to please bring **Good Quality, Clean, Mended (if needed), Ironed (if needed) Winter Clothes and blankets** to next week's small group on **June 22**. Our view of the poor is reflected in what we give and so if you would feel uncomfortable giving it to a friend then it would not likely restore dignity to the poor either. Therefore, please encourage your small group members to bring good quality second hand clothes.
- **Please ask your champ or nominate someone in your small group to pick up clear bags and labels from the Common Good Involvement Desk on Sunday 19 June.**

- We are using clear bags because we are NOT giving away our rubbish but giving away good quality second hand clothes that will restore dignity to others.

2. June 22 – Sort:

- Please allow time in your small group to sort the clothes into the various categories and bag and label them.
- Make the event as fun as possible e.g. have a competition to see who can stand out in the cold the longest with no jackets or jerseys on.

3. June 23,24,25,27,28 - Drop off:

- Please make sure that either your champ or someone else in your small group drops off the bags you have collected at Common Ground Rondebosch office on one of the following days:
 - **Thursday 23rd of June till 18:30**
 - **Friday 24th of June till 17:00**
 - **Saturday 25th of June 10:00-12:00**
 - **Monday 27th of June till 17:00**
 - **Tuesday 28th of June till 17:00**

4. June 29 – Final Sort:

- We will be having a final sort on **Wednesday the 29th of June in Kids Zone at 19:00**. We need VOLUNTEERS so tell your small group and encourage them to help out. Please tell them they need to sign up at the Common Good Involvement Desk.

5. June 30 – Delivery Day:

- We need help delivering all the bags to our partners during the day from 10:00. We need VOLUNTEERS so please tell your small group and encourage them to help out. Please tell them they need to sign up at the Common Good Involvement Desk.

PLEASE NOTE: Your champ has been instructed with exact details of what to do at each stage so please consult them and allow them an opportunity to share more details with your small group.