

Elder Project - The Bigger Picture

Idea - Clothing donations for the homeless or others that need it more, especially during the winter. Place bins all around Ripon in our local businesses for people to drop off clothes that they do not use anymore and can be used for others that need them for warmth. One day a week, visiting the bins and taking the clothes to drop them off at the Salvation Army. The plan is to do this for a month and see the results and see if it can stay afloat for a longer time.

Step 1 - Organization and Full Idea

- ★ Multiple bins for clothes to put in
- ★ A list of clothing that is more needed
- ★ A flyer with contact information on where to locate the bins
 - Have someone or multiple people who are willing to be free answering questions

Step 2 - Ask Local Businesses

- ★ Contact business to ask if they don't mind having a bin in their company for people to drop off clothes
 - If it goes well, ask if they would like to continue the project in their business
- ★ Businesses to ask
 - Ripon Fire Department
 - Ripon Police Department
 - Churches
 - One Church Ripon
 - Ripon Grace
 - Calvary
 - Crossroads
 - Pizza Plus
 - Ice Cream Emporium
 - Savemart
 - Ace Hardware
 - Ripon High School
 - Ripon Christian High School

Step 3 - Spread the Word

- ★ Go to all the Ripon schools and share the idea and how they can make a difference
- ★ Talk to Discover Ripon and see if an ad can be put in the magazine
- ★ Have our social media account to encourage people to donate and see how easy it is to help someone in need



Have the option to either head to any one of their thousands of drop-off sites (near us) or scheduling a free pickup



It's not that hard to go to your closet and take clothes out of your closet that you don't wear anymore. Then take a drive to one of our drop-off locations, and then volunteers will do the rest.



What change did you want to see on your campus, within your school culture, or community?

- ★ The change I wanted to see on campus was to show students that it wasn't hard to have a helping hand. Everyone summer, students get new clothes to start the new school year, but what happens to the clothes from last year? Instead of leaving their clothes to dust, donate them to the bins and give them to someone who needs them.

How do you want to change the world today?

- ★ I want to change the world by recycling clothes, so they don't go to waste. This is one of the easiest ways for students to be a part of something big or small and see that they are making a difference. Clothes do go out of style, but style doesn't matter to most who need warm clothes on their back.

What difference do you want to make before it is your time to move on and leave the tribe?

- ★ I want to make the difference that no matter what your age is or if you have doubt, you can do anything that you put your mind to. I want to be remembered as someone that didn't go down without a fight and worked hard for what I wanted. I want them to know that it's okay to have an off day and not be going at 100 mph. Take time to yourself and work on self-worth.

What is the ripple effect and/or transformation you wish to create within the boundaries where you live?

- ★ I want to clarify to the students that I have made relationships with that I will always be part of their lives. I am only a phone call away and will be there for them when needed. I want to be part of their goals and accomplishments in life and share those moments with them. They will always be like family to me.