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2022 1st Quarter Sponsorship



We are honored to share the story of PFS' Clients Bill and Jayne Denwood from Naperville, IL.

Our story began when Bill Denwood was trying to take Bible teaching into Stateville Prison, one of 34 state prisons in Illinois. Then in November of 2016, the prison chaplain wrote an email to several organizations requesting gently used clothes that would be suitable for parolees to wear for job interviews.



Bill linked up with Steve Hirmer, the owner of Signature Cleaners, 1809 South Wehrli in Naperville, IL. In the ensuing years, they have enlisted other dry cleaners: KC Cleaners in Joliet, Green Acres Cleaners in Sugar Grove, Sycamore and DeKalb,

and A-1 Cleaners throughout the Rockford Area. Donations have doubled over the years as has \$ to pay for expenses and volunteers have grown to 21.

To date, we have delivered over 78,000 clothes to the Illinois Department of Corrections, Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Juvenile Department within Illinois, and the DuPage Correctional System.

These clothes have been provided by businesses, churches, non-profits, and individuals throughout DuPage, Cook, Will, and Kane Counties.

The largest contributors are:

- Sharing Connections, Downers Grove
- Woodridge United Methodist Church
- Willow Creek Church, Barrington, IL
- The Chamberlain Companies Inc., Oakbrook, IL
- Robert Half Staffing, Worldwide
- Community Methodist Church, Naperville, IL
- Encore Shop, Silver Cross Hospital Resale Store, Crest Hill, IL
- First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange
- Birches, Assisted Living Community, Clarendon Hills
- First United Methodist Church of LaGrange
- Dupage County Bar, Wheaton, IL
- Exelon, Chicago, IL

In our beginning, we worked with IPDL, Illinois Professional Dry Cleaners, and Launderers. They cleaned the donated clothes for free and it was estimated that they contributed \$180,000 in the first two years. Since then we have paid them to clean the clothes which add to our expenses.

In all that we do we are trying to reduce recidivism by 1-2% of the 41,000 inmates that are housed in the State of Illinois Correctional facilities and get these men and women out of the cycle of imprisonment, freedom, and imprisonment again.

As a side benefit, this will save the state and the taxpayers \$15 million to \$30 million dollars a year which will be cumulative.

We hope that you will join us in these goals.

As we earn additional funds our hope is to gather more and more clothes to further supply the parolees at the State Prison System. To this end, it will become necessary to get some storage, more collection points, and more volunteers. At the present time, our volunteers have grown from 4-5 a year ago to 12 today. In addition, as we are a 501(c)3 with a dedicated board evolving the operation.

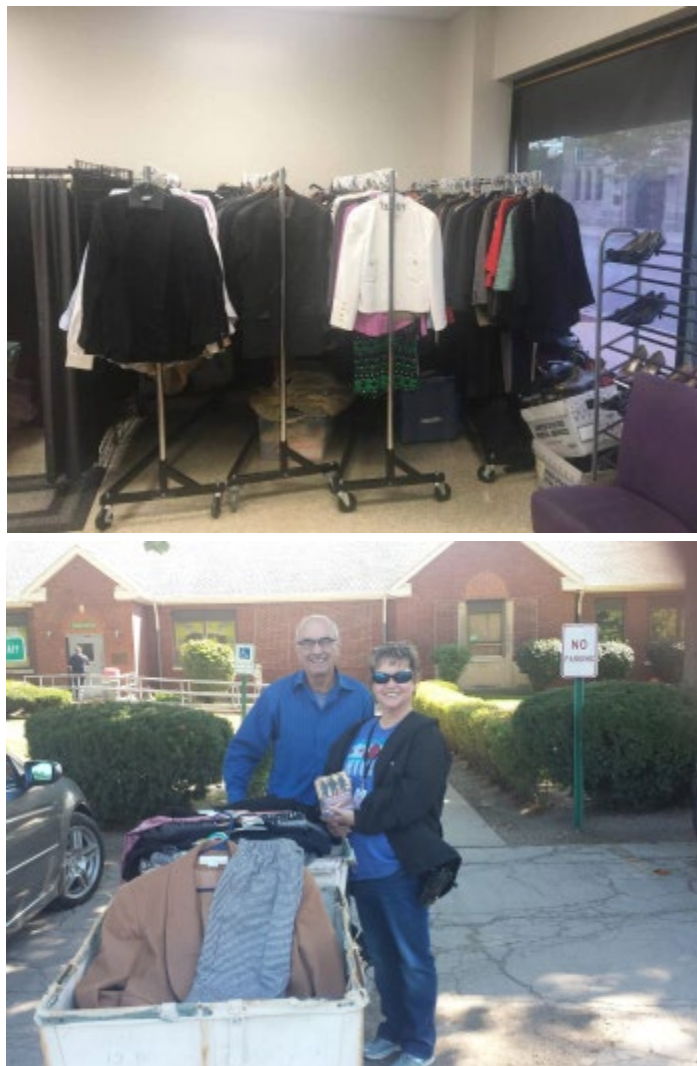
The Illinois Department of Corrections has recognized us, as has many officers from

wardens down to the guards. They have told us that we are filling an ever-increasing need. In collecting, cleaning, and supplying they conservatively estimate that we are saving the state some \$600,000.

If you can, please consider making a donation to our efforts. Being a 501c3 any donation may be tax-deductible. We do not pay our board or volunteers for their gas or time. All the funds we receive go into the core mission of delivering clothing.

“It is good to begin by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and then by degrees you find yourself doing what is impossible.” Francis of Assisi

Bill Denwood – Executive Director



*The donation caps at \$2000/quarter

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