

## The Caring Closet of Mitchell

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*This program, which is run by volunteers, is funded by community donations and helps Mitchell students with daily essentials so they can focus on having a successful academic school year.*

School can be tough enough without worrying about having the basic daily essentials to attend school. Roughly 40% of students K thru 12 within the Mitchell School District qualify for free or reduced lunch. This means that there are a lot of local families who likely struggle with providing the daily essentials for their children that other families take for granted.

### The Caring Closet of Mitchell

The Caring Closet of Mitchell's sole mission is to work with school staff to confidentially distribute daily essentials so students can focus on having a successful academic school year. The Caring Closet is housed at Mitchell High School. Items are distributed to all schools within the Mitchell School District from this location.

### How does this program work?

Any student in need of basic daily essentials just needs to discuss those needs in confidence with any school staff member, OR any school staff member can bring forth a student's needs. If the school does not currently have the needed items, the school will reach out to The Caring Closet of Mitchell, and our volunteers will do our best to help fulfill the student's needs. Use and/or request of items is completely confidential.

### How can you help us make a difference?

1. Send a financial donation. Make the check payable to Mitchell School District Caring Closet and send it to Mitchell School District, % Steve Culhane, 821 N Capital, Mitchell, SD 57301. Financial donations to this program are tax deductible. For any donation of \$250 or greater you will automatically receive a proof of donation letter.
2. Donate items currently needed.
  - New items – Please drop off at the Mitchell High School Office (920 N Capital) during office hours.
  - Clean, gently used items – Please contact us to arrange drop off.
3. Donate your filled County Fair United Savings Cards and/or County Fair United Savings stamps.
4. Organize and host a collection drive at your business or workplace. Please contact us for additional information.
5. Volunteer – Please contact us for additional information on how you can get involved with this program.

### What items are currently needed and accepted?

Clean, gently used items are accepted except where indicated otherwise below.

- **Bedding/Blankets** (Please smoke and pet free only)
- **Clothing/Coats/Jackets/Winter Wear: Youth size 4 thru Adult** (Please contact us for list of the items currently needed and being accepted.)
- **Drawstring Backpacks**
- **Hangers** (Plastic youth or adult only)
- **Shoes: Youth size 11 thru Adult:** (Please only athletic)
- **TI-30 XIIS Calculators**
- **Towels**
- **Underwear & Socks: Adult & Youth** (New only)
- **Household products** (New and unopened only – Please contact us for a list of the items currently needed.)
- **Hygiene products** (New and unopened only. Most-needed items: Body Soap (Liquid), Deodorant, Facial Tissues (travel size), Feminine Products, Floss, Hand Sanitizer (travel size), Hand Towels, Lip Balm, Lotion (travel size), Men's 3 in 1 Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Wash Cloths.)
- **School supplies** (new only – Please contact us for list of the most-needed items.)

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