Joseph's Coat

SUMMER 2026

Joseph's Coat Free Store: Together, We Rise!

Joseph's Coat has been serving our community by welcoming all to shop in our store, in an environment of dignity and respect for 37 years! Last year alone, there were **10,433 shopping visits** to our free store where shoppers were able to access our services, and carefully choose much-needed clothes, linens, household items and hygiene products!

Our clients often struggle with job loss, language barriers, health issues, homelessness and more. Now more than ever, we are seeing the impact of daily expenses rising and people working hard to make ends meet. Our shoppers say things like:

"Shopping at Joseph's Coat helps a lot. It makes me feel good because I can't afford much."

"Clothes for my kids are expensive but free here and it makes them happy to get the clothes."

"I feel happy shopping at Joseph's Coat. Free is the price I can afford."

"It has helped me a lot for clothing to get a job. I have clothing to wear for interviews and at work."

"I feel grateful, "...hopeful", "...respected when shopping at Joseph's Coat."

We can provide these clothing, linens, housewares and hygiene products **for free** to our shoppers because of our generous product donors, and our financial donors. **Thank you for being one of our generous supporters and part of our community!**

SAVE THE DATE:



Joseph's Coat "Together, We Rise: Providing Necessities and More with Dignity and Respect" Celebration and Fundraiser!
Thursday, October 8, 2026 starting at 5:30 PM
Church of St. Peter, 1450 Sibley Memorial Highway, Mendota MN
Tickets: $75.00

The purpose of this event is to celebrate our work together and to raise funds to support our mission. Join us for an evening of fellowship and inspiration! You will hear stories about the impact of our shared work together. The evening will include a delicious meal, fun games and a variety of ways to support Joseph's Coat. Wine, beer and soda will be available for a free-will offering. Invitations to follow in August.

If you have questions about the event, or are interested in **volunteering, donating a silent auction item, or sponsoring our event** please contact Rebecca Bedner at rbedner@josephscoatmn.org or 651.377.8792.

Planned Giving: Leaving a Lasting, Impactful Legacy



For more than a decade, Georgiann Errigo and her husband, Joe, have faithfully supported the mission of Joseph's Coat through financial giving, and in recent years through generous donations of in-kind items to our free store. Since 2011, their partnership has helped us continue serve those most in need in our community, with dignity and respect.

We are deeply honored that Georgiann Errigo chose to extend her generosity through a planned gift by including our organization in her estate plans. Her thoughtful decision to designate a portion of her retirement account to support our mission reflects a lasting commitment to serving others and ensuring this work continues for years to come. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Georgiann Errigo and her family for their years of faithful support and for this enduring investment in our mission. Gifts like hers are a powerful reminder that a legacy of compassion can continue far beyond a lifetime.

Planned giving is one of the most meaningful ways supporters can create a lasting impact. If you are interested in learning more, or have already named Joseph's Coat in your Estate Plans, please contact Rebecca Bedner at rbedner@josephscoatmn.org or 651.377.8792

Thank You for your Support!



Joseph's Coat has one full-time employee, five part-time employees and 90-100 volunteers that support our mission. This picture was taken in May, 2026 at our yearly volunteer recognition event. It's because of our volunteers and generous donors that we have been able to serve those most in need in our community since 1989! Last month alone, we had 863 people shop in our free store! Thank you for your support of our mission!

P.S. Our annual Matching Campaign will be taking place in the Fall again this year. This is our campaign that matches your donations dollar for dollar. Be on the lookout for our letter in **September!**

If you do not want to receive communications from Joseph's Coat, call 651.377.8792 or send an email to info@josephscoatmn.org with your request. Thank you!