



NEAT STUFF FACT SHEET 2009

What is Neat Stuff?

Neat Stuff, Inc. is a unique and cost efficient 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that is dedicated to serving at-risk children throughout South Florida. The organization was founded in 1995 by a dedicated volunteer, Phyllis Krug, who identified a critical need for children involved in the social services system.

During their free of charge "shopping experience" at the Neat Stuff store, the children are able to pick new clothing that fits as well as contemporary shoes that fit well and allow for some growth. Throughout the year, children visiting the store leave with customized clothing packages which include: school uniforms, casual clothes, and pajamas. Very often, this is the first time the children have the opportunity to wear clothing or shoes that are not hand me downs. Neat Stuff proudly serves on average of 8,000 children per year- this barely scratches the surface of need in our community.

Our Mission

Neat Stuff's mission is to provide free new clothing and school uniforms to abused, neglected, homeless and other at-risk children. Our **vision** is to inspire the self-worth, dignity and pride of at-risk children by providing new clothing free of charge. Neat Stuff is the **only** agency of its kind in South Florida.

To serve its mission, Neat Stuff manages a store in Allapattah, and will soon be opening a second store in Perrine. The stores are open all year to serve at-risk children from any of Neat Stuff's 45 collaborating partners.

The Need

Florida ranks third in the country in the percentage of its children who are in foster care - six percent according to the Pew Charitable Trust. Each year, more than 4,500 of Miami-Dade's children need fostering. Thousands more live in families whose income is below the federal poverty guidelines and more than 27,000 of our elderly grandparents are the caregivers for their grandchildren.

Our Funding

Neat Stuff's FY2008 budget was \$2,530,078 of which more than \$2,256,000 was dedicated to clothing for the children we serve. Donations are raised through individual and corporate giving, new clothing, grants, and special events such as our annual Spring Gala. For information on how to get involved and help support Neat Stuff, please contact us at 305-638-5878, Ext. 5.

Who runs Neat Stuff?

A 21-member volunteer board of directors provides strategic direction and policy governance to the agency as well as contributing hours of direct volunteer services. Volunteers provide more than 210 hours of service every month. Only four full-time employees oversee the warehouse, distribute clothing, administer the program and work with the children and their caregivers.

Where is Neat Stuff? When is it open?

Neat Stuff is located at 2624 N.W. 21st Terrace, Miami, FL 33142. The office can be reached at 305-638-5878. The stores open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, please visit our website at: www.neatstuffhelpskids.org.