

Students, faculty, and community members could donate new or gently used clothing to be distributed to our students through the Fresno State Student Closet.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

The San Joaquin Valley is an area of high poverty, and many of our students struggle. Food insecurity is being addressed by the successful Fresno State Student Pantry. However, another area of need is for clothing, not only for students, but also for their children.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

The Fresno State Student Closet would address a need on campus. Students, faculty, and community members could donate new or gently used clothing that would be distributed to our students. A special area would involve the “bring and take exchange” of children’s items. (Kids can outgrow their clothes and shoes after a very short time!)

The Closet would operate based on the Cupboard model, but might not need to be open five days a week---perhaps even once a week.

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

The Closet would benefit our students directly, their potential for success (removing a worry and concern about their children’s attire), and the environment (re-used material not delegated to a landfill). It would benefit the San Joaquin Valley and exemplify the care and concern Fresno State has for our students and the community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Closet would offer donation opportunities to people who could not otherwise afford to contribute to the University. This would increase the sense of a community family and would benefit the donor, recipient, and Fresno State.