Can you help clothe Denver's street homeless?

Occupy Denver’s RESURRECTION CLOTHING anti-store is in need of help.

The anti-store has been in business since early May of 2017. It has grown to a helpful resource for clothing for Denver’s street homeless. It has become increasingly necessary for those who live on the streets and have their possessions confiscated by DPD when they are arrested to have access to free, durable, clean, intact replacement clothing. (It is illegal to be homeless in Denver despite the lack of shelter beds or affordable housing per the Urban Camping Ban. However, there is a city initiative being circulated to allow some important rights and protections for the homeless, so sign it when you see one of us with it).

Some have lost their clothing and bedding several times and have few resources for more. We are trying to partially fill the gap between the need for free, clean, useful clothing and its accessibility to the homeless who lack vehicles, bus fare, laundry facilities and money.

I therefore set RESURRECTION CLOTHING up as a non-profit accessible clothing bank with casual, office casual and professional, designer clothing and evening clothing to meet the possible need for special clothing among the homeless. I have been buying dresses, skirts, and business apparel for both genders lately and find that the women especially appreciate getting something attractive and useful to wear.

I have taken my anti store to LODO businesses that Occupy is boycotting to try to get them to drop out of the Downtown Denver Partnership. The DDP is the lobby that talked the city council into passing the Ban and keeping it on the books, even going so far as to talk the city into placing 10 off-duty cops in LODO after hours to wake the homeless and demand that they “move along” several times a night. If they don’t, they are under arrest and all their possessions except what they can carry are confiscated and compacted in a garbage truck. They even bought a Segway for each of them so they can get to the homeless faster.

Since there are now estimated to be over 7,000 more street homeless than shelter beds or affordable housing units in Denver, more people than ever are living in fear of arrest and theft of their possessions. Therefore, the need for replacement seasonal, clean and intact clothing has grown.

My expenses have also grown. I now pay only $12 a month for a 5 ft square storage room at CubeSmart, but I still have other expenses and the need to buy some clothing such as women’s underwear (has to be new), blankets, belts, and socks. The $200 donation I was given by an ecumenical Catholic church last winter has gotten me this far but is running out fast as has an irregular infusion of cash from Occupy’s political button sales.

Since I put out a plea for start up money through a GoFundMe appeal last winter, I have been able to obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN), which has

allowed me to receive vouchers from the ARC to purchase clothing for my customers and also register my company as a non-profit with the Secretary of State. Therefore, any donations to Resurrection Clothing, EIN No. 82-4110081, are tax deductible. My ID number as a non profit is 20181182277. I thank some of you for donating last winter and helping me get set up.

All I ask now is for a donation of any amount to help Occupy Denver feed and clothe the homeless on a weekly basis until the Urban Camping Ban is repealed or judged unconstitutional. I would also like to receive any summer clothing you no longer need with a special plea for socks, women’s new underwear, men’s clean underwear, belts, small toiletries, and summer shorts and tops.

If you are able to donate to RC, please know that I am extremely grateful. So are the homeless people we feed every week. Monetary donations may be made to PayPal under my name, Laura Avant, or mailed to Resurrection Clothing at 3556 Fairfax St., Denver 80207. Pickups for clothing donations can be made by calling 303-316-6748.