

Neighborhood Threads

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Remembering Robert “Duckie” Carpenter

It is with a heavy heart that we write about the sudden passing of our beloved friend and coworker, Robert “Duckie” Carpenter, on January 22, 2025.

Duckie became an integral part of the Neighborhood Industries team and surrounding Tower District community because of the qualities he demonstrated in every aspect of his life: He was kind, compassionate, hard-working, and always willing to lend a hand—whether that was to a coworker, friend, or neighbor. A “stranger” was just a friend that Duckie hadn’t met yet, and this talent for connection made him friends everywhere he went.

Duckie embodied the kind of spirit that Neighborhood Industries aspires to in its work, and so we would like to invite our community to a memorial in celebration of Duckie’s life and his lasting impact on our lives. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 4:00pm at The Big Red Church (2131 N Van Ness Blvd) in Fresno.



Empowering Students Through Fashion

In 2024, Neighborhood Industries gave out over \$41,000 worth of Neighborhood Thrift clothing vouchers. NI provides these vouchers to empower members in our community, while helping them to meet their basic needs. One group that these vouchers go to are job-seekers: anyone who needs clothing for an upcoming job interview is welcome to come into Neighborhood Thrift to receive a \$20.00 clothing voucher, so they can spend more time preparing for the interview and less time worrying about what they’re going to wear.

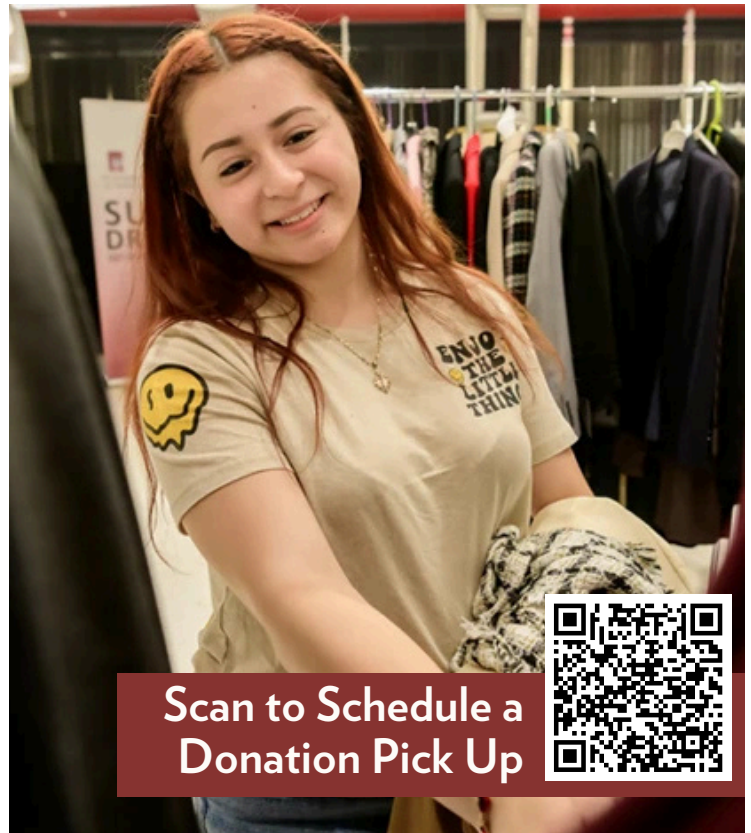
So we were excited to partner with the Foundation for Fresno Unified Students on their Annual Suit Drive and Shopping Event for Fresno Unified Students in 2024. Last year’s drive collected over 5,000 suits, shirts, skirts, ties, and other items of professional wear. Students were able to shop for themselves, find quality second-hand clothing, and bond with their peers over the shared experience.

Thank you to our partners!



This year, we are hoping to collect over 7,000 items of gently-used business attire to help empower students by preparing them for job interviews and the next steps they take as they venture into the job market. Items collected through the Suit Drive will be available for students to pick out at a Shopping Event, where they can receive styling tips from their peers and event staff.

Help us reach our goal and empower students in your community by donating your gently-used business attire at the Foundation for Fresno Unified Students' 3rd Annual Suit Drive! The Suit Drive will kick off on February 7th and run until February 24th. You can drop off your gently-used professional attire at the following locations: Neighborhood Thrift (353 E Olive Ave), J. Crew (River Park Shopping Center), Anthropologie (Fig Garden Village), and blkmktpc (1625 E Olive Ave). You can also call (559) 498-0708 or fill out our online form to schedule your donation pickup!



Scan to Schedule a Donation Pick Up



neighborhood thrift #2
BAG SALE

STUFF, CRAM and JAM
 a bag with as much clothes as you can for only **\$10**

Date: Friday, February 14th - Saturday, February 15th
 Where: Neighborhood Thrift #2
 3139 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA
 Time: 10am - 3pm

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 MARCH 6TH, 2025 | 6 p.m.
 620 BROADWAY STREET, FRESNO, CA 93721

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