

Welcome to Threads, Hope & Love! Before you fill out your application to volunteer with us, we would like to share a little bit of history with you.

Threads, Hope & Love began in a small Sunday school classroom at Crossroads UMC in early 2009 and it was called Samaritans' Closet. By the end of 2010, we were renting a large warehouse and our name had become "Threads of Love," as we had formed a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation. Soon after, due to unforeseen issues, we changed our name to Threads, Hope & Love. In March of 2013, we purchased our current building. It took all of that year to renovate while we were set up in a temporary location on Peoria Street. Soon after the tornado, we were moving into our Zinser Place location and serving victims continuing needs while they dealt with the worst time of their lives. Then, we began regular giveaways again. On September 20, 2014, we finally had our public Grand Opening and ribbon cutting celebration at our current location on Zinser Place. We have been a member of the Washington Chamber of Commerce for four years.

From the first moment of the formation of this mission, God let it be known that we are to give our brothers and sisters in Christ the utmost of respect and to help them to stay on their feet when they are in need. We only give them the best quality merchandise; we treat them as we would our own family, and we never look down on them because of their circumstances. God let us know that we are to welcome anyone from anywhere and never need to ask about their finances or consider charging them for clothing. However, He gives us a keen sense of the intentions of people that are here for the sake of greed, not need. That can also include volunteers as well as clients. He has guided us to open the Emergency Center, from which we can assist fire victims, foster parents, tornado or flood victims, and the homeless. We are guided when we hold our school supply giveaway, prom event, and our Christmas toy event.

He gave us the best people to supervise and care for volunteers and train them to follow the way He wants us to use *His* mission in this world.

If you feel that God is leading you in our direction, please fill out the application and see if you are ready to become a part of the Threads family. On the other hand, if this is not something that you can agree with, then you may not be a good fit with us here at Threads.

God bless you,

*The Threads Hope & Love staff*