

Dar-us-Salaam  
invites you to  
another  
community

# Children's Clothing Swap

**DONATIONS** can be dropped off on  
**Saturday, January 26 from 1pm to 3pm**  
in the Cafeteria

**SHOPPING** will take place on  
**Sunday, January 27 from 11am to 3pm**  
in the Cafeteria (SISTERS ONLY!)

## Take advantage of this opportunity to:

- Get to know other families just like yours!
- Clean out your closets and pass along clothing to other Muslims!
- Shop for nearly new clothing for your family FREE of charge!

### How does the swap work?

The premise is that we all have items around the house that we are not currently using. Instead of letting them just take up storage space, we have created an opportunity for you to pass them along to other families in the community who can put them to good use. In return, you receive shopping vouchers that allow you to shop for clothing for your family from among the other donated items.

There is no money exchanged,  
only good intentions.

### What kind of items are accepted?

All children's clothing and shoes must be in excellent condition and be:

- CLEAN
- with NO stains or extreme wear
- and NO holes or tears.

Toys and baby items (such as cribs, car seats, high chairs, bath equipment, and strollers) will also be accepted. Again, these items must be in excellent condition.

Anything leftover after the shopping segment on January 27 will be immediately donated to local charities.

Generally, those who donate items are also the ones who get to shop, but exceptions will be made.  
For more information or details, contact Sr. Zahirah at 301-552-2138.

## How does the Clothing Swap work?

The premise is that we all have clothing, shoes and household items around the house that we are not currently using. Instead of letting them just take up storage space, we have created an opportunity for you to pass them along to other families in the community who can put them to good use. In return, you receive a shopping voucher that allows you to shop for new-to-you items for your family.

## What does it cost?

There is no money exchanged, only good intentions. That means that you can pick up a wide variety of clothing and other items completely FREE of charge.

## Is it only for those sisters who can't afford new clothes?

Passing along our blessings to those in need is an important way that we can fulfill our responsibilities to our community. But the Clothing Swap is not designed to be primarily a charitable event. Imagine the implications if we took every opportunity that arose to get to know and help each other. Imagine further that you could reduce or eliminate the expense of buying new clothes for yourself and your family. Surely, the money saved could be used in many other ways.

## What types of clothing or household items will be accepted?

Donations will be collected on Saturday, January 26. We are collecting primarily children's clothing and shoes at this time. The items must be in excellent condition and be:

- CLEAN
- with NO stains or extreme wear
- and NO holes or tears.

Small household items should also be in excellent working order. These include:

- dishes
- utensils
- bed linens
- bath towels
- pots and pans
- vases
- bakeware
- small appliances such as toasters, mixers, blenders, coffee makers, irons, etc.

To ensure that the items are of excellent quality, the donations will be sorted and organized by type, size and style.

## How does the shopping work?

When you bring your donations, you will receive a voucher that allows you to shop for clothing items, shoes and household items FREE of charge. You must bring this voucher with you to the shopping segment which will take place on Sunday, January 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dar-us-Salaam cafeteria. Clothing and other items will be made available on a first-come first-served basis.

Sisters will be allowed to shop in rounds in order to ensure an equal distribution of clothing items. The number of items that can be checked out for each participant in each round will be determined by the number of donations received.

## What happens to the items that are leftover?

Anything leftover after the shopping segment on January 27 will be immediately donated to local charities. Every effort will be made to give first priority to Muslim organizations and groups that distribute rather than resell the items. We can always use help with these efforts. Please consider lending a hand.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Sr. Zahirah on 301-552-2138.