



Annual Report

2019



The Undies Project Inc.

Our mission is to provide new underwear to men, women and children in need to improve their lives.

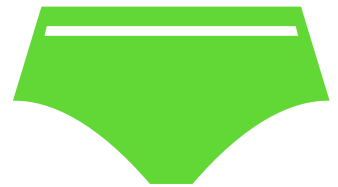
Together
we've made a difference.

The Undies Project turned 5 years old in November 2019 and saw it increasing its partner organizations to 25 in Lower Fairfield and Westchester Counties. The support from the local community fundraising & holding product drives on our behalf remained very strong and since our inception we have donated over 192,000 pairs of underwear and bras. Thank you everyone who has donated product during the year, to our donors, community partners and volunteers for helping to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate by providing them with the simple, basic necessity of underwear.

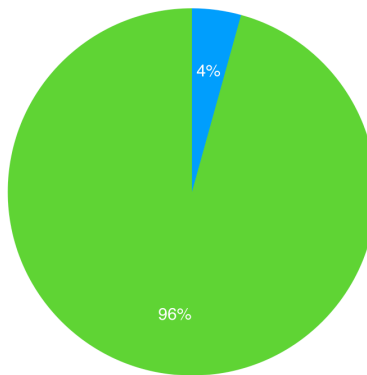
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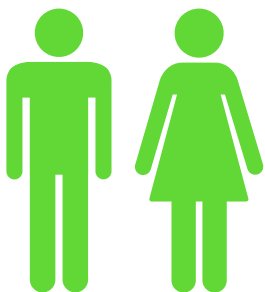
6,076 bras donated



38,134 men's, women's and children's underwear donated



Distribution of Funds
Admin Expenses: 4.3%
Donations used to purchase underwear: 95.7%



20 volunteers and
570 volunteer hours



over \$38,000 donated & raised
\$3,000 received in grants

Thank you
for your kindness!

Who We Helped in 2019

Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership Brewster

A winter time emergency shelter program with 5 Brewster churches partnering to provide beds, food and clothing.
900 items donated.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission Bridgeport

Offering food, clothing and emergency shelter services to men, women & children fighting poverty from the inside out.
5,442 items donated.

Building One Community Stamford

A welcoming community to advance the successful integration of immigrants and their families and in which all immigrants are thriving and contributing members.
199 items donated.

CHOICE of NY New Rochelle

No cost assistance to those in need of benefits, housing, case management and health services.
1,413 items donated.

Clothes to Kids of Fairfield County Stamford

Providing free quality clothing to low income families or in-crisis school aged kids in Fairfield County.
1,377 items donated.

Don Bosco Port Chester

Food pantry, soup kitchen, clothing distribution and youth community center.
2,021 items donated.

Fostering Love CT Norwalk

Helping ease the transition of those entering or exiting/aging out of foster care.
993 items donated.

Homes for the Brave Bridgeport

Providing housing and services to individuals experiencing homelessness, especially veterans.
933 items donated.

Homes with Hope Westport

Breaking the cycle of homelessness by creating independent living. Serving single men and women, and single mothers and their children, offering emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing and food, mentoring and youth programs.
1,692 items donated

H.O.T (Homeless Outreach Team) Bridgeport

Offers mental health and substance abuse services to homeless individuals in Bridgeport and surrounding towns.
1,357 items donated.

Inspirica Stamford

Serving families and children, they offer family shelters, providing emergency and transitional housing and support services to move people from homeless to home.
1,479 items donated.

Who We Helped in 2019

Kids Kloset White Plains

Supplying under-served Westchester County children, newborn to 18, with “Bags of Love” consisting of clothing, foot wear, diapers and baby essentials of properly sized and well co-ordinated outfits.

810 items donated.

Malta House Norwalk

Providing a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers and their children.

1,436 items donated.

Mothers for Others Greenwich

Provides diapers and baby equipment for children from birth to 3 years old.

584 items donated.

Neighbor to Neighbor Greenwich

Food pantry and clothing distribution center serving families in Port Chester, Greenwich and Stamford.

3,079 items donated.

New Covenant Center Stamford

Food pantry, cafe, and a shower program for clients. We donate the underwear given to the clients after they shower.

814 items donated.

Open Door Shelter Norwalk

95 bed family shelter providing food, clothing and many additional services to the working poor.

1,861 items donated.

Pacific House Stamford

Emergency homeless men’s shelter, with capacity for 110 beds, providing food and lodging, and support services to help them find employment and stale long-term housing.

2,226 items donated.

Person to Person Darien

Helping people in times of need with emergency assistance for basic needs such as financial assistance, food, clothing and household necessities.

2,678 items donated.

The Salvation Army Stamford

Serving people in their time of need, each individual is addressed as a whole person with physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They assist individuals to become more independent through a variety of services and programs.

1,808 items donated.

The Sharing Shelf Port Chester

A clothing bank for children, collecting and distributing new and gently used clothing for children and teens from infancy through age 19.

1,490 items donated.

The Thomas Merton Center Bridgeport

A day shelter supplying meals, clothing, support and creative groups, case management along with a food pantry and shower program.

3,386 items donated.

Others We Helped in 2019

Greenwich Human Services Greenwich

The mission of the Department of Human Services is to enhance the quality of life of Greenwich residents through support in meeting basic human needs and promoting services that foster self sufficiency and economic independence.

62 items donated.

Faces in Between NYC

A community outreach non profit providing platforms and resources for individuals living in economically disadvantaged situations.

1,186 items donated.

Optimus Healthcare Bridgeport

Serving as a patient-centered medical home for local communities to achieve and maintain a positive state of wellness, particularly for the uninsured and underserved.

595 items donated.

Poughkeepsie Children's Home Poughkeepsie

Serving children in the foster care system. A place of healing and hope for children who have suffered abuse, neglect and maltreatment. Dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment that improves lives and empowers at risk children and families in the Hudson Valley and surrounding communities.

432 items donated.

Sidewalk Samaritan NYC

Their mission is to directly aid and provide necessary items to the homeless of New York City.

496 items donated.

Events

First County Bank CommunityFirst Choice Grant Program: With the help of our supporters voting for The Undies Project in this online event \$1,000 was raised.

Panties Party: Old Greenwich resident asked party guest to bring underwear donations in lieu of hostess gifts: 346 pairs of underwear and bras donated.

Sara Campbell, New Canaan: hosted a 10% shopping Giveback shopping. \$310 raised.

Sophia's, Greenwich: Sip & Shop event. \$200 raised.

Swing Fore Hope - Greenwich Women's Golf Club: 404 pairs of underwear and bras collected at their annual event.

United Methodist Church of Westport & Weston: Senior High School Sunday Class held a bake sale and raised \$500.

Workplace Collection: A friend of The Undies Project hosted a drive and collected 159 pairs of underwear and bras

Outreach

Greenwich Town Party '19: The Undies Project was given an outreach table at the event.

Presentations about Who We Are, What We Do and How We Do It made to: The Lions Club of Greenwich; The Lions Club of Rye; Greenwich International Ladies Group.

Trinity Serves Fair, Trinity Church, Greenwich: The Undies Project attended to talk to the community about our mission.

Programs

Mardi Bra

A two week long collection drive to coincide with Mardi Gras. Donation bins placed at local businesses in Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford and Westport. Through the generosity of these communities 1,791 bras were collected.



Undie Sunday

Held throughout the year in collaboration with local area churches and synagogues. Houses of worship in Greenwich, Darien, Stamford, Westport, Weston and Wilton participated in the program. Over 4,690 pairs of undies and bras were donated by these congregations.



Cocktails & Comedy

Hilarious annual fundraiser, comedy evening, this year with comedian Andy Pitz and MC Kim Berns. With too many names to list, a huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped to raise over \$32,000 to support our mission.



Underwriting Undies Community Program

Rolled out in 2018 the Underwriting Undies Community Program is used to apply for grants to benefit a specific named partner agency. A grant was received in 2019 from Trinity Church for Bridgeport Rescue Mission. \$2,500 worth of men's underwear was purchased for the guests at Bridgeport Rescue Mission.



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Children feel better and less embarrassed when they are wearing a fresh pair of undies.

If they have new underwear adults can focus on work and have more dignity & self esteem.



Sometimes it is just about loving yourself and feeling good - everyone deserves to feel this way!

Not having to worry about the expense of a new bra, a single mother of four girls can focus on providing other essentials for the family.



It is important for people living on the street to have access to a regular supply of new, clean underwear

