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### Catie's Closet Gears Up for 2023 In-Person Gala

DRACUT, MA - Catie's Closet is thrilled to announce its 12th Annual "A Night to Open Doors" Gala will be held in person on March 18, 2023 at Andover Country Club to support the clothing, toiletry and other basic needs of 80,000 local children experiencing poverty and other crises.

This is the organization's first in-person gala in three years due to the pandemic. Catie's Closet's goal is to raise \$250,000 to continue its mission throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

"This is such an exciting time for our organization as we look forward to joining together live and in person with our supporters to share our successes thus far and all we have to accomplish this year," said Mickey Cockrell, CEO and Co-Founder of Catie's Closet. "Our annual gala is such a special night for us. We've missed holding this magical event in person, and are thrilled to bring it back this year," she added.

"A Night to Open Doors" offers an evening of dinner, dancing, and auctions. Catie's Closet invites community members to purchase tickets, donate a silent auction item, and consider a gala sponsorship opportunity.

Support for the 2023 gala will help children in need imagine their lives beyond the challenges of today, believe in their own greatness, and achieve their dreams.

More information can be found at [catiescloset.org/event/gala2023](https://catiescloset.org/event/gala2023).

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[catiescloset.org/event/gala2023](https://catiescloset.org/event/gala2023) to learn more about purchasing tickets and sponsoring the event.

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Established in 2010, Catie's Closet is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that disrupts the cycle of poverty by providing students experiencing poverty, homelessness, and other crises with free access to clothing, toiletries and basic necessities. Serving 80,000 students, Catie's Closet is offered in 120 schools across 11 school districts in Massachusetts and New Hampshire with distribution centers in Dracut and Boston, Massachusetts. The organization also supports children who are displaced via social service partnerships. More information is available at [catiescloset.org](https://catiescloset.org).