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Catie's Closet Announces 13th Annual "A Night to Open Doors" Gala

Community members are invited to this unforgettable evening filled with music, exclusive auction prizes, engaging presentations, and more.

The organization's goal is to raise \$350,000 to provide clothing and basic necessities to 150,000 local children.

The event will be held on March 23, 2024, at Andover Country Club.

DRACUT, MA - Catie's Closet, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing clothing and basic necessities to children in need, is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated 2024 "A Night to Open Doors" Gala, which will be held at 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Andover Country Club.

Community members and businesses are invited to gather together in a joint effort to provide 150,000 children with life-changing access to clothing and basic necessities during this exciting evening of celebration and fundraising.

This is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year with a set goal of raising \$350,000. The event follows a challenging year for the organization due to a steep increase in demand and children on the waiting list for basic items. Funds raised from the gala are critical to the organization's mission of breaking down barriers to education for youth in need.

"Our Gala is always a momentous occasion for our organization as well as all of the groups and individuals who support our mission throughout the year," said Mickey Cockrell, CEO and Co-Founder of Catie's Closet. "We look forward to sharing the many ways we work to change the lives of children with the power of clothing and basic necessities and to give our attendees many exciting opportunities to join our efforts."

The theme of this year's event is Every Step of the Way, which commemorates Catie's Closet's work of supporting children in need from grades preK-12, no matter what challenges they face, and whether they need help once or throughout their school journey.

The 2024 Gala will feature presentations from Cockrell as well as the organization's Founder and Board President, Anne-Marie Sousa. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a silent and live auction, take their chances on raffle items, and enjoy live music performed by The Mike Payette Band.

Tickets are on sale now. For ticket purchases, sponsorship opportunities, attire information, and more, please visit www.catiescloset.org/events/.

If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation to Catie's Closet or participate in the event's virtual silent auction which will be held from March 16th - March 23rd. Donations can be made here: <https://www.catiescloset.org/donate/>.



Photo cutline: Catie's Closet will host its Annual "A Night to Open Doors" Gala on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Andover Country Club at 6:00 PM. Community members are invited to gather with other philanthropic individuals in the community to raise \$350,000 to support 150,000 children in need of clothing and basic necessities. All proceeds will fund the organization's In-School Closet Program and SOS Urgent Response Program as well as other important initiatives that break down barriers to education for children in need. Purchase tickets, sponsorships, and learn more at catiescloset.org/events.

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Established in 2010, Catie's Closet is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that gives students in need life-changing access to clothing and basic necessities. With its In-School Closet Program and SOS Urgent Response Program, the organization serves more than 90,000 students. Catie's Closet is offered in more than 130 schools across 11 school districts in Massachusetts

and New Hampshire with distribution centers in Dracut, Boston, and Springfield, Massachusetts. More information is available at catiescloset.org.