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Dear Replacement,

Congratulations! Get ready for the endless cycle that is the Clothing room.

Before I started volunteering at the Clothing Room, I had no idea how much clothes we would be going through, how much clothes go back out into the community, & how much I hate wire hangers.

In order to be a successful volunteer here, you need to be both compassionate & brutal. You'll be shopping with many kids from the elementary school, & most of them are pretty quiet around new people, so make this experience one they'll never forget.

The hardest part about volunteering would have to either be deciding what clothes to re-donate & which to keep, or listening to the impact these clothes had on the people in our community. Battling Kalle about what to donate is going to be your biggest challenge.

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Kali Borovic is the Clothing Room director, & always seems to find herself involved with 20 different things, all at once. She is by far the most dedicated person I know, when it comes to thrifting, being eco-friendly, & helping ^{her} community. Kali is truly amazing, & is quite the riot.

The most rewarding part is hearing stories from people who have used the clothing room. You never really know how much a new package of socks & underwear means to someone who hasn't been able to get them for several years. Even the kids you're shopping with get so excited when they're able to get new clothes.

Some words to live by... You don't have to keep everything. Baby clothes will never run out. ALWAYS wear gloves when going through a donation. It gets a little lonely, so bring a friend to volunteer with you. Don't forget, the service you're doing will impact your communities lives forever, so make it count.

I wish you the best of luck!

Toni Kirk