

## What is CLAIRE'S Closet?

CLAIRE'S Closet formerly the H.O.P.E. Closet Helping Our Pilots Excel is so students can be students. CLAIRE'S Closet provides everyday essentials to support students and families, helping them start their day with dignity and confidence. The closet supplies snacks, toiletries, and basic needs, while also supporting seasonal programs such as Get Stuffed Box and Grab N Go during the fall and winter holidays.

Formerly known as the H.O.P.E. Closet, this space has been renamed in honor of Claire Martinet, a beloved Spanish teacher at Phineas Banning High School and dedicated member of A Needy Wilmington. Claire was known for her compassion, generosity, and unwavering support of students and families. She played an active role in community programs, helping create welcoming, respectful spaces where everyone felt valued and seen. Through her kindness, advocacy, and commitment to serving others, Claire helped shape the heart of our mission. CLAIRE'S Closet continues her legacy by providing care, dignity, and hope to those who need it most.



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## CLAIRE'S Closet

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STARTED  
 FEBRUARY 2026



(Sorry no donated items)

These items have to be store bought due to school regulations. bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, female personal products and other age-appropriate toiletries (combs, lotion, hand sanitizer, etc.)

- Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Beef jerky
- Applesauce
- Pudding
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Power bars
- Cereal bars
- Packaged nuts
  - Trail mix
  - Fruit snacks
  - Dried fruits
- Peanut butter cups with crackers
- Individually packaged chips/pretzels/Goldfish
- Boxed drinks, juices and water
- Pop tarts (Ready to eat / doesn't require a toaster)

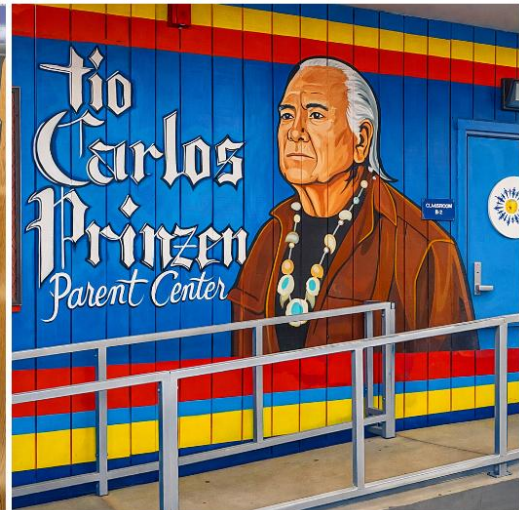
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 WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN  
 FOR 2,437 STUDENTS AT BANNING HIGH  
 2025 SCHOOL DIGGER



LET'S GET STARTED.  
 LET'S FILL EVERY SHELF AND  
 EVERY HEART  
 THIS WINTER & SPRING!



## **Supporting as well The Parent Center**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2026 TO MARCH 22, 2026**

### **What is the Claire's Closet**

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(Give thanks to a pilot) and Christmas (Adopt a pilot) for the GET STUFFED BOX and GRAB N GO events during fall and winter holidays.

Non-perishable snacks and healthy treats

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### **Healthy & Nutritious Snacks**

- Fruit cups (in 100% juice or light syrup)
- Applesauce or fruit purée pouches
- Dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, apricots, banana chips)
- Trail mix (with or without chocolate)
- Packaged nuts (almonds, peanuts, cashews, mixed nuts)
- Sunflower or pumpkin seeds
- Granola bars or oat bars (low sugar preferred)
- Power or protein bars (for teens and active youth)
- Whole grain cereal bars
- Instant oatmeal packets (single-serve)

- 🍪 **Savory Snacks**

- Cheese or peanut butter sandwich crackers
- Peanut butter cups with crackers
- Pretzels, Goldfish, or mini breadsticks (individually packed)
- Popcorn (ready-to-eat or microwave-safe packs)
- Baked chips or veggie chips
- Rice cakes or mini rice crisps
- Beef jerky, turkey jerky, or meat sticks
- Snack-size tuna or chicken salad kits with crackers

- 🍌 **Quick Energy & Comfort Snacks**

- Pudding cups (non-refrigerated)
- Fruit snacks or fruit leathers
- Mini muffins or breakfast biscuits (individually wrapped)
- Pop-Tarts or toaster pastries (ready-to-eat)
- Graham crackers or animal crackers
- Mini cookie packs (occasional treat)
- Cereal snack mixes

- 🥤 **Drinks (Non-Perishable)**

- 100% juice boxes or pouches
- Boxed chocolate milk (shelf-stable)
- Electrolyte or vitamin drink pouches
- Bottled water (small size for kids)

### **Extras & Considerations**

- Choose nut-free or allergy-conscious items when possible
- Avoid glass containers
- Look for easy-open, single-serve packaging
- Include a mix of protein, fruit, grain, and comfort items
- Group snacks by age or type (Elementary, Middle, High School, Adult Care Packs)

### **Basic Toiletries**

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### **Basic Hygiene Essentials (All Ages)**

- Bath soap or body wash
- Shampoo (gentle or tear-free for younger children)
- Conditioner (detangling or moisturizing)
- Toothbrush (soft bristle for kids, medium for teens/adults)
- Toothpaste (fluoride or kid-safe options)
- Mouthwash (alcohol-free for younger users)
- Dental floss or floss picks
- Hand soap or hand sanitizer
- Lotion or body cream
- Deodorant (unscented, sensitive, or sport formulas)

## **Hair & Body Care**


- Hair combs and brushes
- Hair ties, scrunchies, and clips (for girls)
- Styling gel or leave-in conditioner (for boys and girls)
- Lip balm or petroleum jelly
- Body spray (mild or unscented for younger ages)
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Face wash (gentle or acne-care for teens)
- Moisturizer (oil-free for teens)

## **Female Personal Care**


- Sanitary pads (regular, thin, overnight)
- Panty liners
- Feminine wipes (unscented)
- Compact pouches or discreet storage bags

## **Additional Practical Items**

- Nail clippers or nail files
- Cotton swabs and cotton balls
- Travel tissues
- Small first-aid items (band-aids, antiseptic wipes)
- Wet wipes or facial wipes
- Compact mirror
- Towels or washcloths
- Reusable toiletry pouch or zip bag

 **For Girls (Ages 6–17)**

- Gentle detangling spray
- Kid-friendly hair accessories
- Light-scented lotion or perfume mist
- Feminine deodorant wipes (teens)
- Mini brush & mirror set

 **For Boys (Ages 6–17)**

- Comb or pick (for textured hair)
- 2-in-1 shampoo + body wash
- Shaving cream and disposable razors (older teens)
- After-shave lotion (mild, non-alcoholic)
- Athletic-grade deodorant

***Any donations of these type it doesn't matter the brand name***

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## [Terms and Conditions](#)

Whether you choose to donate items or contribute financially, every form of support helps us keep the closet available for students and families in need. Monetary donations can be made by clicking [here](#)

*Donations may be made publicly or **anonymously**. Some of our greatest support comes from what we call our **Unheard Hearts** those who give quietly, simply to help others.*

## **Why This Campaign Matters Now More Than Ever**

Our community is at a crossroads. The cost of living is rising, services are shrinking, and too many families are quietly struggling especially during the hardest parts of the year like back-to-school, the holidays, and the cold months that follow.

This campaign isn't just about handing out supplies or food. It's about reminding each other that we're still here, still watching out for our neighbors, and still willing to step up when times get tough. When public programs fall short or get cut, grassroots efforts like ours fill the gap.

Whether it's a child walking into school with dignity because of a new backpack, a senior receiving groceries so they don't have to choose between meals and medication, or a parent finding hope through simple kindness **every donation matters. Every act of giving multiplies.**

We're not waiting for change. **We're building it together.**

Join us. Share. Give. Spread the word. Because someone right here in our neighborhood needs to know they're not alone.

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[#HopeInAction](#)



## **Donors**

Feb 17 **Tiffany Rau** - Monetary Donation

Feb 22 **Cyndi Ponce** - Monetary Donation (1)

Feb 27 **Janet Ves'sells** - Monetary Donation

Feb 27 **Esther Rendon** - Monetary Donation

Feb 28 **Claudia Macias** - Monetary Donation

Mar 2 **Cyndi Ponce** - Monetary Donation (2)

Mar 7 **Cecilia Moreno** - Monetary Donation

Mar 12 **Johana Rendon** - Monetrary Donation

Mar 17 **Bryan Martinez** - Monetary Donation

Mar 2 **Nikki Diaz** -Tangible Donation (1)

Mar 4 **Vicki Darin De Mello** - Tangible Donation

Mar 10 **Nikki Diaz** -Tangible Donation (2)

Mar 13 **Jay Sam** - Tangible Donation

Mar 17 **Laura De La Torre** - Tangible Donation

Mar 17 **Nini Megallon** - Tangible Donation

**ANW A Needy Wilmington** provides these financial updates voluntarily as part of our commitment to honesty, accountability, and good faith stewardship of community donations.

While nonprofit organizations are required to follow applicable federal and state reporting requirements, the detailed public updates we share about donations received, funds spent, and needs supported are provided by choice not because we are trying to prove ourselves, but because we believe our community deserves to see how support is being used.

Every donation entrusted to us is treated with care, and these updates are meant to show, in plain language, how contributions are put back into the students, families, and community needs we serve.

**Small legal note:** nonprofits do have required filings, like IRS public inspection rules for Form 990 and California charity annual renewals, but our extra community breakdowns are generally a voluntary transparency practice.

**Grassroots Support & Human Dignity Statement** A Needy Wilmington operates through a grassroots, community-first model guided in part by the principles of Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs. We believe that before recognition, publicity, or acknowledgment comes the responsibility to protect a person’s basic human needs, dignity, emotional well-being, and sense of safety.

Our approach focuses on:

- Identifying the need
- Understanding the purpose behind the need
- Finding the most respectful way to fulfill the need
- Creating a positive and meaningful outcome for the individual or family receiving support

Because of this philosophy, there may be times when photographs, names, personal stories, or identifying details are limited or intentionally withheld. Some individuals and families may be experiencing hardship, emotional distress, insecurity, embarrassment, or concerns related to privacy, self-esteem, safety, or belonging.

We believe no person should feel obligated to publicly display their struggles in order to receive compassion, assistance, or community support.

While transparency and accountability remain important to our organization, we also recognize that human dignity matters equally. For that reason, we strive to balance responsible reporting with respect for the emotional and personal well-being of those we serve.

At the center of our work are the needs that matter most: food, water, shelter, clothing, emotional support, safety, stability, belonging, and hope.



Thank you Nikki Diaz "you rock"!





Thank you Vicki Darin De Mello  
"your an awesome possum"!





Thank you Nikki Diaz "your far out"!





Mar 13 Thank you Jay Sam  
" your an awesome blossom " !





Mar 17 Thank you Laura De La Torre  
"you are the bees knees"!





Mar 17 Thank you Nini Megallon  
" your peachy keen " !

