

**Steel Valley School District
220 East Oliver Rd.
Munhall, PA 15120**

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Kim Watkins Phone: 412-464-3603
Secretary to the Superintendent

Date: Feb. 8, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Steel Valley Middle & High School Organize “Caring Closet” for Students...
Donations Needed**

Munhall, PA – The Future is Mine (TFIM), in collaboration with School District Nurse Amber Thomas and Teacher Jodi Geyer, have created the concept of a “Caring Closet” for students at Steel Valley High School and Middle School.

The mission of the program is to serve students who are financially struggling and in need of a little extra help obtaining daily necessities; and for those striving to do well academically but need help to ensure that their focus stays on their education and not on meeting basic needs.

The closet is located in Nurse Amber Thomas’ office at the High School.

To kick things off, a drive was held in January to get the closet started and open. And, donations are now being accepted on an ongoing basis to stock up.

Donations are being accepted for the following:

- School Uniforms (gently used or new for Middle & High School students)
- New no-show socks
- Paper products such as plates, toilet paper and paper towels.
- Garbage bags
- Clorox Wipes
- Gift cards to stores such as Target or Walmart to purchase shoes, socks etc.
- A variety of hygiene products including shampoo/conditioner, body wash, Chapstick, mouthwash, toothpaste/toothbrush, dental floss, hairspray, laundry detergent, etc.
- Cash donations are also being accepted: Attn: Caring Closet: Ryan Dunmire-Kuftic,
3113 Main St., Munhall, PA 15120

To learn more about what donations are needed or if you have questions, contact any of the following individuals:

- Nurse Volunteer Amber Thomas – athomas@steelvalleypa.org
- Teacher Volunteer Jodi Geyer – jgeyer@steelvalleypa.org
- TFIM Advisor Ryan Dunmire-Kuftic rdunmirekuftic@steelvalleypa.org
- TFIM Advisor Gary Goga – gsgoga@steelvalleypa.org

(MORE)

Caring Closet

Pg. 2

“We appreciate any and all help in advance and look forward to making a huge difference in the lives of students at Steel Valley High School and Middle School. If successful, it is our hope to branch off to the elementary buildings,” said TFIM Advisor Ryan Dunmire-Kuftic.

Donations can be dropped off outside of the Nurse’s office (Main entrance of the High School). To arrange donation pickup, email TFIM Advisor Ryan Dunmire-Kuftic at rdunmirekuftic@steelvalleypsd.org.

#