Net Impact Clothing Collection

In 2014 UMass RSO Net Impact members began to think how not only students themselves can make positive difference in the Amherst community, but how their clothes can too. This idea quickly began a group initiative and shortly after temporary cardboard boxes were implemented into the laundry rooms of several dorms on campus. These weren’t just any cardboard boxes, they were boxes where students could bring their outgrown and unwanted clothes to be donated to the Amherst Survival Center. Within just weeks, the overflowing boxes spoke for themselves. Students were not only getting satisfaction from their clean closest, but also from knowing they were helping their community’s neighbors. By the end of the 2014 semester it was clear that the visibly heavily used cardboard boxes wouldn’t be able to endure another successful year of donations. This being the case, Net Impacter Olivia Newell, took the on the challenge to create a proposal to get permanent wood clothing collection boxes into UMass dorms to remain for years to come.

After months of work spent nailing down the details and logistics of the boxes, and not to mention numerous emails and meetings with administration, the positive permanent laundry room addition finally got approved! The next roadblock Net Impact faced was getting funding for the materials to actual create the boxes. With the generous donation from the UMass Sustainability Fund, and the help from the National Association of Home Builders Student Chapter, the new and improved wood boxes were implemented into seven of the Common Wealth Honor Colleges the last few weeks of this past 2015 spring semester.
Despite the short time period the boxes had been available to students Net Impact managed to gather SEVEN large trash bags of clothing to be donated to the Amherst Survival Center! This upcoming school year Net Impact, young business leaders working for positive social and environmental changes, plan to continue spreading the awareness of the donations bin to students and working to get them implemented into more dorms on the UMass Campus.
NET IMPACT CLOTHING COLLECTION BOXES

WHAT ARE THEY?

This box is a designated place where students and faculty can put good use to clothes they no longer have use for.

All box collections will be donated to the Amherst Survival Center where your clothes will be helping our neighbors in need.

Please be sure the following accepted donations are only gently worn (no major damages or holes):

- Shirts
- Sweatshirts/Sweater
- Jackets
- Pants/shorts
- Backpack/purse bags
- Sleeping bags/ comforters

WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?

Currently, our Clothing Collection Boxes have been implemented in the following Commonwealth Honor Dorms:

- Sycamore
- Oak
- Linden
- Maple
- Birch

Make a positive impact and donate your clothes today!

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