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A MAKE OVER FOR CONNECTIONS

On July 26, 2012 Professional Organizer Esmi Gonzalez with the help Christopher Olivares, and Mercedes Alhaj, went to town donating their helping hands, time, and services to help the Kids of Connections in the agency's New Braunfels emergency shelter.

"Getting organized is one thing - staying that way sometimes requires the help of a pro," said Susan DeLano, Development Director of Connections. Thanks to the collaboration of three local businesses, Sort it Out owned by Esmi Gonzalez, New American Royalty owned by Christopher Olivares, and The Happy Dragon Restaurant owned by Rami & Mercedes Alhaj, Connections' donation closet has a new improved way of organization.

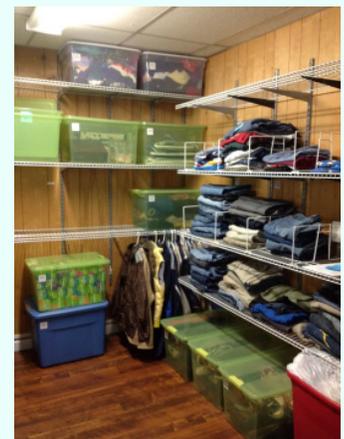
Happy Dragon Restaurant (located next to Planet Fitness in New Braunfels) donated the funding needed to purchase the organizational items required to get the Connections' clothing closet in order. Esmi Gonzalez, of Sort It Out, donated the firm's organizational and strategic planning services to help Connections improve the processing and storage of donations (such as clothes, shoes and hygiene products) needed for the residents staying at the Connections Youth Emergency Shelter.

The reorganization will allow staff more time and energy to focus on assisting clients in need.

This all came about because Esmi wanted to know more about the services Connections' offers. During the tour, Esmi's heart-strings were touched as she learned that we were in desperate need of an efficient and practical way of processing and storing donations. When Esmi saw the closet she knew exactly what needed to be done. Before Connections' knew it, Esmi was devising and planning a processing and storage system. Esmi drafted the design and secured a generous donation to support the room's makeover. Esmi also donated her time to make the new room a reality.



Before



After

"It's so neat and tidy, it's no longer the same room" said Dan Wilson, Lead Residential Specialist at Connections.

Non-profit organizations like Connections are in need of help year round. Back to School is around the corner and what better time to give back to those in need in our community. Connections' is always in need of new or gently used clothes, shoes, school supplies, food, twin-size bedding, and monetary donations.



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