



To Our Volunteers & Board Members -

We would like to share with all of you two major developments for “Clothing Our Kids” that will greatly enhance our efforts to spread the word about our organization in many communities.

First, Mary applied for and received a grant for \$25,000 to become a Media Partner with WMDT broadcasting. The grant will provide professional production for 60 seconds of airtime to promote COK. WMDT operates eight stations that reach a broad demographic, including ABC Channel 47, CW 3 and MeTV.

The initial segment will run for 30 seconds explaining who we are and what we do, and will be shown hundreds of times throughout the end of 2017. The segment will feature comments from Pam Fleurette, CEO of Tidemark Federal Credit Union; Patti Grimes, Executive Director of The Freeman Foundation; and two other community leaders yet to be determined.

Second, thanks to Glenn Schuster's community outreach efforts, COK has been named "**The 2016 Outstanding Trailblazer Leader of The Year**" by The Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. In conjunction with this award, COK also received "Tributes" from both The State of Delaware Senate and House of Representatives. (Award Photos are attached).

This recognition elevates the status of our organization to a whole new level. The event was attended by Governor John Carney, The Kent/Sussex Counties Director for U. S. Senator Chris Coons, and State Representative Ruth Briggs King.

In addition to these major developments, COK is forever grateful to The Schell Family Foundation for their \$10,000 2016 Donation. Thank you to the entire Schell Family!

Many thanks to each and everyone of you for your contribution to Clothing Our Kids. Your hard work and dedication have made achievements like this possible.



GREATER GEORGETOWN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
*Linking Business & Community*

*Presented to*

**Clothing Our Kids**  
**Outstanding Trailblazer**  
**Leader of the Year**



*In recognition of your community  
involvement, customer service,  
excellence in industry, innovation  
and workforce motivation*

**The Greater Georgetown  
Chamber of Commerce  
2016**

STATE OF DELAWARE



SENATE

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Be it hereby known to all, Senator Brian G. Pettyjohn is joined by the Senate of the 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in commending

## *Clothing Our Kids*

*upon being designated the*

*Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce  
2016 Small Business Trailblazer of the Year.*

*recognizing the value service this nonprofit organization provides to the community. Mary Rjo and dedicated volunteers of Clothing Our Kids are to be applauded for their efforts.*

*Senator Pettyjohn finds it most befitting the Senate pay tribute to this highly respected business, upon this most recent accolade.*

*With congratulations and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors, the Senate directs this tribute presented, Wednesday, the twenty-fifth of January, 2017.*

*David B. McBride*  
David B. McBride, President of the Senate

*Brian G. Pettyjohn*  
Brian G. Pettyjohn, Secretary of the Senate



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# STATE OF DELAWARE



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES *Tribute*

Be it hereby known to all that  
the House of Representatives recognizes

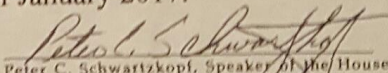
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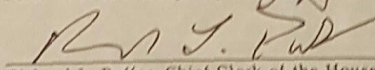
*On the Occasion of Being Honored as the  
Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce  
2016 Trailblazer Award*

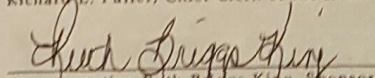
*We commend this outstanding 100% volunteer organization for providing  
free clothing and shoes to needful elementary school children throughout Sussex County.  
This organization was established in 2012 by Mary Rio  
and has grown significantly throughout the past five years.  
The volunteers work closely with social workers and school nurses  
in thirty-three Sussex County elementary schools  
since they are familiar with the children and their families and can identify the clothing needs.  
Since its inception, this organization has distributed 48,678 items to 9,002 children.  
Best wishes for continued success!*

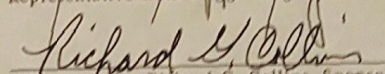
The House of Representatives extends its sincere  
congratulations and directs this tribute be issued  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.



  
Peter C. Schwartzkopf, Speaker of the House

  
Richard L. Puffer, Chief Clerk of the House

  
Representative Ruth Briggs King, Sponsor

  
Representative Richard G. Collins, Sponsor

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