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## About us

Organized in 2006, Teachers' Supply Closet, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing *free school supplies* to teachers in the Greater Charleston area.

Teachers' Supply Closet is modeled after similar programs in Charlotte, NC and Dayton, OH. We have received the 501(c)(3) designation and hope to open our doors to teachers in early 2008.

**Our Mission:** Our mission is to serve the educational and creative needs of children in the Greater Charleston area by providing a unique means to offer free merchandise, donated from businesses and individuals, for teachers to use in their classrooms.

**Our Vision:** Every child has the school supplies needed to succeed in school.

## What we do

We accept new and/or gently used school, art and office supplies and make them available to teachers to give to students in their classrooms.

Teachers' Supply Closet "store" is located in the Ashley Landing Shopping Center at 1401 Sam Rittenburg Boulevard, unit 11. We are currently looking for warehouse space to store school supplies.

Once open teachers can "shop" for the supplies they need. The store will be open to teachers in select schools with at least 95% of students on the free or reduced lunch program. Our goal is to help schools at 70% or higher in the future.

## What we need to open our doors

- \$100,000+ seed funding
- Corporate sponsors
- School and art supplies
- Warehouse space, equipment and racking, retail fixtures
- VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS!

## Our sponsors

The Charleston, SC Chapter of The Links, Inc.  
Charleston Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

## Similar organizations

Kids in Need Foundation, Dayton, OH [www.kidsinneed.net](http://www.kidsinneed.net)  
Classroom Central, Charlotte, NC, [www.classroomcentral.org](http://www.classroomcentral.org)

## Did You Know . . .

- **More than 22,000** Greater Charleston area students are on the free or reduced lunch program?
- In some Charleston County schools, **100%** of their students are on the free lunch program?
- South Carolina teachers receive a stipend of **\$200 a year** from the State Department of Education for supplies?
- South Carolina teachers spend on average **\$1,000 of their own money** to purchase classroom supplies?

**Teachers' Supply Closet can make a difference by providing free school supplies to Greater Charleston area teachers for their students!**