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Mayor Jacobs New Series Highlights KCS Support Services

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs interviewed Jill Akin at the Knox County Schools PTA Clothing Center as part of his newest video series highlighting KCS support services. The center distributes school appropriate clothing for Knox County students in need.

The interview found [here](#), is the start of a new video series that will air each Wednesday throughout December on the County’s and Mayor’s various social media platforms, and on our homepage at knoxcounty.org.

Akin says the goal of the clothing center is to help students and remove barriers for families in need.

“We provide new clothes for all Knox County School students that need it throughout the school year. They can come once a semester and get a week’s worth of clothing and we really just try to remove one barrier for a lot of families,” said Akin.

The center, located at 1000 N. Central Street, takes donations year-round. Contributions can be made by placing items in the bins inside front of the building. Akin says the need for clothing in all sizes has grown in recent years.

“The other thing that people don’t realize is we will take sizes 4T to 4X,” said Akin. “Think about our smallest students that we serve to the oldest, we need all sizes in all the ranges.”

Mayor Jacobs and Akin further discussed the essential value of having clean clothing for school, how the center is looking at improving ways to get clothing to the 60,000 students they serve, and the impact inflation has had on families during this school year.

To donate you can visit the center or call them at 865-594-3791. You can also email them at clothingcenter@knoxschools.org or visit knoxschools.org/clothingcenter for more information on how you can help.

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