

# WE URGENTLY NEED A NEW HOME - CAN YOU HELP?

## WHAT WE DO

<u>Sharia's Closet</u> provides free, gently used emergency clothing to individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship or crisis. We customize our care bags called "Bags of Hope" for each individual based on their needs and preferences with 7 to 10 hand selected outfits and hygiene items.

#### WHO WE SERVE



Sharia's Closet serves individuals and families experiencing hardship throughout San Diego County. We are connected to community members in need through direct referrals from a wide and long-standing network of over 90 schools and service agencies. The community at large can request emergency clothing direct from our website as well. On average **we receive 30 requests a day** from people needing assistance.

#### OUR IMPACT - 10 YEARS AND 30,000 BAGS DISTRIBUTED

In 2013, our first year of service, just 19 Bag of Hope orders were filled. Fast forward to 2021 and that number had grown to 5,159 bags in a single year. In **2022** however the demand for our services **grew by 80% in just one year** to an incredible **9,424** bags distributed. Since 2013 we have given out 30,000 bags.

# OUR NEED – A NEW HOME BY SEPTEMBER 2023

Sharia's Closet has experienced unprecedented growth while continuing to operate and serve the community out of the same modest facility. We need a larger space to serve our clients and to prepare for continued growth in the coming years. Our new home should be:

- **3,000 5,000 square feet** multi-purpose space that includes office space for volunteers and staff, storage space for inventory of clothing, lobby to greet clients and distribute Bags of Hope
- Located in central San Diego along or near a bus route and have plenty of free parking
- A 2–5-year lease at a discounted rate or fully donated
- Available for move in by September 2023

# Can you help us find a donated or discounted space so we can continue to serve our neighbors in need for another 10 years?

## Please contact Shamine Linton, Founder & CEO at (619) 549-6102

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Mission: To provide free emergency clothing to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship or crisis VISION: To empower people in our community with clothing that promotes self-esteem and self-identity