



Emergency clothing with dignity and respect.



SHARIA'S CLOSET

YEAR IN REVIEW 2023





A Word From Shamaine;

As 2023 comes to a close, I want to thank each and every one of you for being part of Sharia's Closet's journey. I appreciate your great work, commitment, and dedication, which have been integral to Sharia's Closet's progress and success.

Ten years of operations, an achievement that I am particularly proud of – I am honored to be here and even more so to have done it on the back of our consistent strong values of dignity, respect, personalization, and quality.

This was illustrated in our recent results, where our number of individuals helped in 2023 14,874 surpassed last year's numbers by 65%. This achievement is a recognition of our great team and the hard work of our employees and volunteers. We have made impressive progress in reaching more individuals through the 231 referring organizations that we support.

There is still plenty to be achieved in Sharia's Closet's evolution and I see 2024 lined up with many successes and great achievements.

Shamaine Linton

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CEO, Sharia's Closet

Company Profile

Sharia's Closet does not charge clients for clothing, hygiene kits, or other items. Our organization relies on donations that are in-kind, grants, sponsorships, and individual contributions. Our organization is addressing the clothing insecurity, or the lack of sufficient, clean, seasonal, and size-appropriate apparel to people from all ages.

Sharia's Closet is the largest supplier of free clothing and hygiene products in the county. To date, over 200+ different agencies utilize our services. There are many small closets and paid voucher systems, but we serve more people than those programs. In 2023, we've served a total of 14,874 people, all at no cost to our partner agencies or individuals.

People don't always think about clothing and how something seemingly so simple can make a significant difference. Receiving clean, proper-fitting clothing can, and does, contribute to the betterment of people's lives. The impact is evaluated by surveys and testimonials.



Impact At A Glance

Total Financial Contributions Received: \$269,856.57

- Individual Donors: \$56,306.55
- Grants: \$72,208.99
- Foundations: \$116,808.00
- Corporations: \$11,770.37
- Fundraising: \$10,197.00
- Misco>Returns/Tax/Etc.: \$2,565.66

Total Clients Served in 2023:

14,874

Total Clients Served Since 2013:

45,723

Referring Partner Organizations:

231

TESTIMONIALS

**MARA ELLIOT,
CITY
ATTORNEY**

Sharia's Closet has been a steadfast resource for victims [during] their times of crisis.

People don't always think about clothing, and how something small like that can make a big difference. Just getting some nice clothes helped me change my career and change my life for the better. I can't thank Sharia's Closet enough; I really don't have words to describe how much their help means to me!

**SEBASTIAN,
CLIENT**

**MICHELLE,
ALPHA
PROJECT
RESIDENT**

The quality of the clothing was above and beyond. I am a success story!

I have had various clients over the years express their gratitude for the service Sharia's Closet provides. Sharia's Closet helps provide these families with their clothing needs. You all are so amazing! I appreciate all the hard work you do for our clients!

**VISTA HILL
PERINATAL
CASE
MANAGER**



WE LOVE OUR SUPPORTERS!

We are so thankful to everyone who supports Sharia's Closet. Together, we make a HUGE difference in our San Diego community.

"Community join us in hands and hearts" - Shamine Linton

AMAZON



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MARSHALLS



MASONIC RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB



PARTNER AGENCIES

Outstanding
Partners!

<p>National Charity League Inc. ReEmployAbility Mustard Seed Project San Diego State University - Step Up Program Access Inc. San Diego Unified School District Special Education Program Division Transition Services City Heights Rotoact Club UCSD Rotaract Club Bishop School Francis Parker School Just Serve San Diego Volunteer Match San Diego Police Department Academy of Our Lady of Peace Alpha Gamma Delta Birthline of San Diego County, Inc. Boys Scouts City Heights Rotaract Club Congregation Beth Israel Del Norte High School Eastlake High school El Capitan High School Episcopal Community Services Family Justice Centers: One safe place - San Marcos Your Safe Place - San Diego Female Athlete Volunteers First Unitarian Universalist Church Francis Parker School Girls Scouts Gompers Preparatory Academy Grossmont High School Program: Transition Program HandsOn San Diego Health Science High and Middle College Helix Charter High School High Tech High</p>	<p>Holy Spirit Anglican Church Justserv L.I.F.E. Mar Vista Highschool Monarch School Mustard Seed Project Olympian High school Pacific Beach Middle School Invitation Preuss UCSD Rochester Institute of Technology San Diego FBI Saint John XXIII Catholic School - Scottsdale AZ San Diego court system San Diego State University San Diego Youth Services San Diego Met High School Scripps Ranch High School SDG&E SDSCPA St Augustine High School St. Rita's School Steele Canyon High School Step up/ Hoover High School The Learning Choice Academy The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints TJ Maxx Torrey Pines High School Transition2Work U.S Navy VolunteerMatch Walmart Westview Key Club Women's Law Caucus at USD School of Law Workforce Partnership</p>
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COMMUNITY NEEDS

We invite you to partner with us as we spearhead into the next ten years of Sharia's Closet's history. The needs of our community continues to increase. It is our goal to touch the hearts of the lives we serve, expand our capacity to reach untargeted areas, bring more awareness to Sharia's Closet due to the amazing and overwhelming demand for service, and ultimately, garner more support. Clothing is a huge part of our identity, and the beauty of Sharia's Closet is that we show up for people when they need it most. We will provide free emergency clothing to all ages and walks of life whether rain or shine.

Volunteers

Clothing Items & Hygiene Products

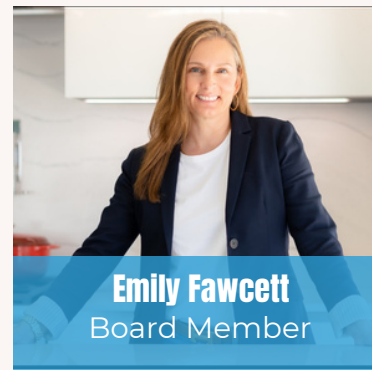
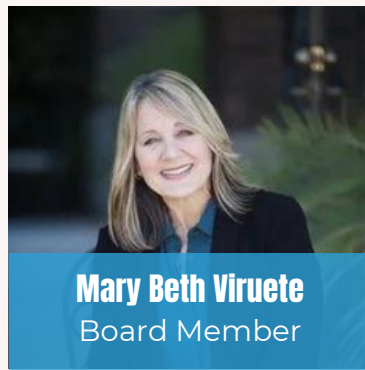
Time, Talent, and Treasure



OUR TEAM



Team Work Makes the Dream Work!



Sharia Linton
Co-founder & Namesake
Shamari Linton
Co-founder
Gena
Closet Associate
Lacy
Closet Associate

Rebecca
Office Manager
Mariela
Marketing & Communications Specialist

KEY VOLUNTEERS:

Monica
Michelle
Sara
Ms. Patty
Marlene
Maya
Haley
Jasmine

HEAR WHAT THE TEAM IS SAYING

Each bag that I fill lets me think about the family or individual who has requested specific things, and it's a rewarding challenge to try to supply everything that is needed, (I especially like filling the bags for the children. The former teacher in me tries to add books, crayons, etc., if possible.) - Ms. Patty



Serving others is my passion. I'm grateful for the opportunity to help those in need through Sharia's Closet. - Marlene



Volunteers are the life force of the closet! We have fun even on the most challenging days. We treat everyone who walks in the door with love, dignity, and respect no matter the situation. As volunteers, we support and acknowledge each other. As we go above and beyond daily. I have met, gotten to know, and learned from people I would not have met otherwise. Gratitude and Hope prevail. - Michelle



I have been a volunteer at Sharia's Closet since the end of Sept 2023. My most enjoyable moment about Sharia's Closet is the hands-on/fieldwork outreach opportunities. I get to engage and assist individuals from various communities on the spot. I can serve as a team player to ensure vulnerable communities are being serviced. I really love that amongst other things at Sharia's Closet. - Monica



I enjoy being able to capture the stories of everyone who is/has been involved with Sharia's Closet. This organization is dedicated to the community and I am glad I get to help advance Sharia's Closet's mission. - Mariela

I called and was set up with an interview with Fatimah and she showed me around. I was so impressed at what Sharia's Closet was doing that I said yes yes yes I want to work here. I've been at the Closet now for about three months and within three months I'm sure I've seen over 1,000 people come in and have their request completed.

It's so amazing. I've met the Lipton family, Sharmine, Shane, cute little Sharia, and his son. It's just an amazing family and an honor to work with them. - Gena



I was incarcerated in Santee for 4 years from July 2019 to July 2023. When I got out, I was 50 lbs heavier than I had ever been in my entire life. I'm not from California. I was born and raised in Texarkana, Arkansas. California was a total culture shock for me. A program called, Project in Reach, knew of Sharia's Closet and put a request in for a bag. All I had were the state-issued grey drawl string shorts that were size fits all and a white t-shirt. My flip-flops were so worn down that they hurt to walk. So you can't imagine how happy I was to get a bag specifically made for me, and they fit! I can't describe the joy I felt. The closet is my safe space where I feel most comfortable in this huge city I am just learning. I started volunteering about 30 days after I was released and did that consistently for 4 months. The closet saw how much of an asset I was, and Mrs. Shamine found a program that would pay 75% of my wages for 6 months, so now I'm here and getting paid. I truly believe I am here for a reason. GOD IS SO AMAZING!! He just keeps showing and showing out. I am so blessed to be a part of the team. - Lacy



I heard about Sharia's Closet when I Googled "places that provide free clothes to kids, San Diego". I sent an inquiry that day about volunteering! I first volunteered at the two-day event over MLK weekend in 2023. It was incredible! It's hard to pick one thing I like the most about Sharia's Closet because there are so many wonderful things about it. However, if I had to say what is the most meaningful, I think it's when someone who has been through a lot comes through the doors and gets treated with dignity and kindness. For a little moment, when they lay their eyes on their purple bag or (time permitting) get attended to by a personal shopper, and have the opportunity to choose their clothes - their eyes brighten and we can all feel that hope that things will get better. - Sara



Thank You!

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