

♥ The Problem

Michigan is the 6th largest foster care system in the country, with 16,000 kids in foster care. These kids are removed quickly from their homes because of abuse, abandonment and neglect. Often they leave with very little of their own belongings, moving several times and living with multiple caregivers. The state provides a small stipend to offset the cost to foster families, but it is not enough to cover basic necessities like clothing and life-skills.

♥ Our Purpose

Our purpose is to come along side at-risk teens and their caregivers during a time of uncertainty and instability to bring the love of Jesus through personal relationships and meet them in their time of need.

♥ Our Mission

Rick Rack is dedicated to restoring the esteem and dignity of teens in foster care by building up a community of individuals, businesses, and churches who will give of themselves to care for the "least of these".

♥ Our Vision

Through the impact of our programs, we touch one life, one heart, one future at a time.

♥ How to Help

Help us break the cycle of abuse and neglect. Help us encourage hope.

- Send a general ministry donation
- Sponsor a Teen (\$40 a month)
- Host a fundraiser to support our programs
- Donate new or nearly new name brand clothing and accessories
- Donate Gift Cards to clothing retailers
- Donate Kohl's Cash
- Volunteer at the ministry of Rick Rack, helping in inventory or as a personal stylist
- Join our Clothed-in-Love, Inspire Mentoring or our LOL leadership teams
- Join the Board of Directors



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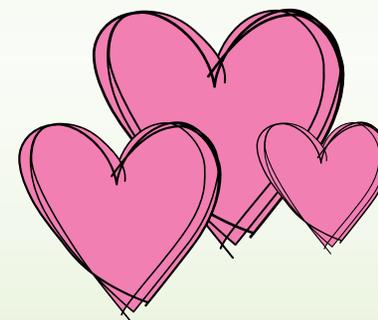
Located in the City On A Hill Ministry Center

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You can find us on Facebook and follow our Twitter feed.



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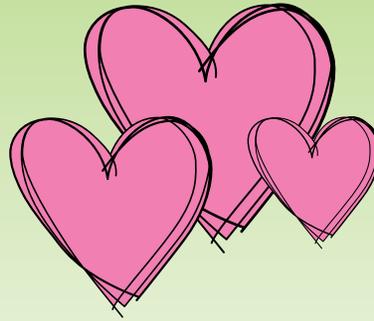
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In 2011, Rick Rack began as a clothing boutique providing LOVE, HOPE, and DIGNITY to teens in foster care through a personal shopping experience. Our goal was to let them know they are created in the image of God and deserve to be treated with dignity and showered with love.

The inspiration of Rick Rack came from a video the founder, Casandra Collins, saw in 2008 about a clothing store for girls in foster care. Casandra immediately sensed God tugging at her heart and went to work. Rick Rack is named after Casandra's foster father, Rick Englert, who passed away unexpectedly in 2004.

Seed money to create the Rick Rack 'boutique' was made possible in part, by three grants: The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, The Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland Youth Fund, and the Mignon Sherwood Delano Foundation of Allegan.

Rick Rack reaches out to male and female at-risk teens through the venue of a boutique, life skills, and fellowship. We want every teen to feel valued and worthy – the opposite of everything they have experienced their entire lives. Through our community of volunteers we build more than a wardrobe, we build a bridge to their heart.



Whatever you did for the least of these,...you did for me. ~ Matthew 25:40

From the beginnings of a boutique to a multi-faceted ministry, Rick Rack has extended its efforts to reach the whole teen whether in foster care, adoption, refugee, kinship, or with a safe family through various programs, such as:

clothed in love

Rick Rack boutique demonstrates LOVE to at-risk teens through a shopping experience. Each teen is referred by partnering agencies and invited to shop our boutique once a month, leaving with six (6) pieces of brand new and/or nearly new designer clothing and accessories, FREE, valued at \$140. Our volunteers demonstrate LOVE with kindness and a listening ear and verbal affirmation. But even more he/she leaves feeling loved and valued. It is an amazing experience to see the transformation which takes place from the simple act of kindness; a once hardened, hurting heart melts with each visit.



Our program purposes are geared toward teaching and nurturing that "Inspire" hidden dreams and prepares at-risk teens for the adult world. We partner with business professionals who teach life skills throughout the year. Our goal is to provide our youth with DIGNITY by sharing our knowledge and teaching skills that will help them to be successful adults and form life-long connections.



LAUGH Our LOL program is intended to have a little fun a few times a year and help lighten the load for foster and adopted families and to provide HOPE for the kids they care for. We do this by collaborating with local agencies and businesses to offer fun activities to help offset cost to families who care for them.

