

# MOBILE MENDERS

Sewing mends the soul



## VOLUNTEERING

What does it mean to you when you hear the word volunteer? For many, those words can mean different things. For me personally, it takes on dual meanings. Mobile Menders wouldn't be where it is today if it wasn't for its volunteers. We wouldn't be able to provide our free mending services to 8 – 10 groups or organizations every month. Countless people wouldn't be able to get their clothing repaired. It also means that our mending events wouldn't get scheduled and communication out to our volunteers wouldn't get done by our Community Outreach Coordinator.

April 7 through April 13 was National Volunteer week in the United States. We celebrated some of our volunteers on our **website**. Take a look. We truly have some amazing people volunteering their time and talents

## 2019 VOLUNTEER AWARD

The Salvation Army Northern Division nominated Mobile Menders for their 2019 Organization Volunteer of the Year award and we won!. We are so thankful for our partnership with The Salvation Army and the opportunity to provide our free mending services to the residents of HOPE Harbor in Minneapolis. We will be advancing to the Territorial Volunteer of the Year process. You can read more about Mobile Menders and the other winners here: <https://salvationarmynorth.org/2019/04/meet-the-2019-volunteers-of-the-year/>

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Mobile Menders held some first time mending events in March and April. We are thankful for new partnerships with the following groups and look forward to coming out again and providing our services.

1. **MSS (Midwest Special Services):** They are a non-profit organization that provides individualized programs and supports to adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.
2. **Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge:** Their mission is to assist teens and adults in gaining freedom from chemical addictions and other life controlling problems by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.
3. **Hamline Fashion Club:** The purpose of this organization is to use fashion as a gateway to reuse and recycle clothing through service, develop a diverse and open space to discuss issues around the fashion industry and the media, and teach other unique skills of self-expression that breaks down stereotypes and defies our society's standards of what we should look like.
4. **Metropolitan Airports Commission:** We provided free mending services to their employees as part of an Earth Week celebration. We worked with their Recycling and Solid Waste Specialist, Lewis Segl, on getting the event staffed and logistics set up.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS & CURRENT NEEDS

We worked hard behind the scenes to get all of our scheduled 2019 events up on our website and sign ups created. If we have new events for the remainder of the year we will get them posted as soon as possible. Now is a good time to take a look at our events calendar to see if an upcoming mending event works with your schedule. We are still in need of volunteers for May events. We have "greeter" slots open, and this is a great way to get started with Mobile Menders. Also, if you want to take it a step further, we are also looking for more people to volunteer as "leads" for our mending events. We'll be holding a training on May 4, 2019 and will continue to hold trainings throughout the year. It really is easy and a fun way to meet new people.

Check out our "Events" on our website: <https://mobilemenders.weebly.com/events.html>

## IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD

Whoever said starting a non-profit would be easy, I'd sure like to meet them. I've been personally traveling this road for almost two years now and it's been a learning experience since conception. Between working a full-time job and trying to get Mobile Menders off the ground, and living my life, I've been blessed on so many levels. My family has been super supportive and understanding and my friends, well, I'm not sure what or where I'd be without them. They have literally been my lifesavers more often than not. Then complete strangers who've read about Mobile Menders, loved the mission and offered up their services pro-Bono. From helping me obtain trademark rights to Mobile Menders to providing free legal services in helping me fill out paperwork for our 501(c)3 status. We will finally be filing in May!

We have a wonderful board formed and I'm excited to see where the rest of 2019 takes Mobile Menders!

***" You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream" ~ C.S. Lewis***



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