



JULY NEWSLETTER



It's Official!

We've obtained 501(c)3 Status!

After 2 years as a volunteer organization, Mobile Menders officially received our 501(c)3 approval on July 5, 2019! This means we are officially a non-profit!

What does this mean for our organization?

As an official non-profit, any donations received since July 5, 2019, and moving forward can be considered a tax-deductible donation. Many employers will match donations made to 501(c)3 organizations as well. We are in the process of being added to several platforms that allow for easy giving like Benevity, GuideStar, Give to the Max and Amazon Smile.

If you are so inclined to donate, we still have a Go Fund Me page set up (<https://www.gofundme.com/mobilemenders>). We also have an Amazon wish list for non-sewing supplies needed during our mending event. Once we are set up on the other platforms, fundraisers can be set up on Facebook or you may be able to find us through your company giving program.

You can also donate your time by registering to volunteer at one of our many events by visiting our events calendar at www.mobilemenders.org/events.

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Did you know Mobile Menders has over 275 registered volunteers? While we have a large base of volunteers, we would love to see that number grow as we move into our third year as an organization.

While we provide mending services around the Twin Cities Metro area, not all of our volunteers need to know how to sew! Greeters are an important part of our mending events as they welcome community members to the events and get everyone checked in. The Greeter can work closely with the Event Lead if there are any questions on what we can or can't accept or make repairs on.

As we continue to grow as an organization and move forward with our official non-profit status, we could also use volunteers with special skills like marketing, fundraising, grant writing, and event planning.

We would love to diversify our ranks and have volunteers from all backgrounds and skill sets as we grow. This not only helps us become a more well rounded organization, but provides us with connections to new communities and organizations to partner with as we continue to grow. If you know someone who is interested in volunteering in any capacity, please let them know about our amazing group and encourage them to visit our website www.mobilemenders.org/volunteer-opportunities to register with our organization. Likewise, if you are a member of a community group or organization that you think may be interested in hosting a Mobile Menders event, please send us an email at mobilemenders2017@gmail.com.

There will also be a volunteer survey coming out in late July to early August- this helps with event planning as we moving into 2020 so please keep an eye on your emails!

Celebrations

- In June we celebrated 2 years as an organization!
- The Salvation Army Northern Division awarded Mobile Menders with Volunteer of the Year 2019
- We've hosted 74 events through the end of June
- Mending events have served over 430 people through June 2019
- We have diverted over 822 lbs of clothing from landfills through June 2019
- Check out our YouTube channel and website for a tutorial on a quick way to replace a coat zipper: https://youtu.be/NbrI57M9_Sw



So far in 2019, we've hosted 74 events, with another 76 planned!