

City of Lakewood

# SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2018

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

## ReClothe Program

The Action Center



Every year, the Action Center's ReClothe Program connects 230,000 pieces of clothing to more than 20,000 neighbors in need, keeping approximately 1.5 million pounds of clothing out of the landfills. As with many projects at the Action Center, the program is driven by volunteers, who use their creativity and dedication to continually improve the program. The volunteers developed a colored coded hanger system to rotate old clothing each week and donate longstanding items to arc Thrift Stores. The volunteers also addressed how participants take their clothing home without using plastic bags or bulky boxes. A volunteer took extra donated T-shirts and began sewing T-shirt bags, which are stronger than other bags and prevent the otherwise unusable T-shirts from ending up in the landfill.

The ReClothe Program has helped establish a complete reduce, reuse and recycle platform and provided a way for Action Center participants to select clothing with dignity. The program inspires us to use our resources creatively within our homes and across our entire community.

### Achievement Area

Zero Waste



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