

## Liz's Birthday Closet

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There is a moment at the end of the "Happy Birthday" song, before you blow out the candles, when someone will say "make a wish." Imagine at that moment that you are a child who has never received a birthday gift. There are no presents, just one single cupcake with a candle.

That moment is where Liz's Birthday Closet comes in.

We are a non-profit organization helping to make birthday magic for local kids in need so they can celebrate their special day. Our mission is to put God's love in practice by providing parents and caregivers who, without help, would not have the ability to celebrate their child's birthday.

Liz's Birthday Closet was created in honor of my daughter Elizabeth Cristinzio. Her strong relationship with God and her love for helping others motivated us to continue her legacy. We work with local agencies that refer parents or caregivers of kids in need. Then, parents and caregivers visit our closet to pick out wanted items such as toys, clothes, sporting goods, beauty products, and so much more to create that special birthday experience.

Liz's Birthday Closet began along with the valued association of Calvary Church located on Route 113 in Souderton. Realizing that children are so generously remembered during the holiday season but often sadly forgotten during the remainder of the year when their birthdays come, we decided that making their birthday special would be our mission.

All who come through our door also go home with a birthday kit that contains cake mix, frosting, candles, decorations, and party plates. We want that make a wish moment on each child's birthday to be a moment full of hope, happiness, and love, knowing that their birthday wish can come true.

We are blessed to have as our board members Cathy Scanlon, Emma Richmond, Ethel Westerman, Mariah Diener, Judge Andrea Duffy, and Marisa Stein.

At our inception, we had hoped to serve one to two children per month, but, after only 3 months of being open, we have already made birthday magic for over 50 children.

Liz's Birthday Closet relies on the support of generous individuals and businesses in our community. We would be most grateful if you would consider supporting us by donation and/or birthday presents for our closet. If you would like to donate, volunteer, or have questions about our non-profit, please visit our website at [lizsbirthdaycloset.org](http://lizsbirthdaycloset.org) or email [info@lizsbirthdaycloset.org](mailto:info@lizsbirthdaycloset.org).



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*Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God."*