

# The Q Clothing Closet:

## Transgender Centered Clothing Closet on Campus

### Problem:

There were no resources in the immediate Fresno area that provided easy and safe access to free clothing to transgender and gender nonconforming individuals.

### Structure:

#### 1. Pop Ups

The QCC is presented in the form of a two hour monthly boutique like “pop-up” shops in a large room at the CCGC.

#### 2. Partnerships

Our main partnership is with the Fresno State Career Development Center and the EOC LGBTQ+ Resource Center. We also partner with companies such as gc2b, Shapeshifters, & FtM essentials who donate binders/packers and provide discount codes.

#### 3. We are Fueled by Donation.

Most of the clothing is donated by students or campus and community members. Donation drives are held regularly.

### Mission & Purpose:

Our mission is to promote awareness of clothing insecurity at Fresno State, with a specific focus on our transgender and gender non-conforming individuals on campus.

Founded in 2018 by LGBTQ+ Programs and Services of the Cross Cultural and Gender Center and in partnership with the Career Development Center, the Q Clothing Closet (QCC) exists primarily to provide free clothing, shoes, and accessories to transgender and gender nonconforming students. The QCC also serves any student who might need safe and easy access to free clothing.

We acknowledge the hardship that transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals experience when shopping for clothing, so we strive to create a safe and welcoming environment for all people browsing the Q Clothing Closet.



### Goals:

1. Provide free clothing that is gender affirming for transgender and gender non-conforming students on campus.
2. Provide a safe space that gives individuals immediate access to clothing.
3. Provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students in need of clothing.

### What We Know:

In over 500 visits and over 1444 items provided, we have learned:

- 42% of individuals served identify as LGBTQ+
- 42% of individuals that received items identified as LGBTQ+.
- 23% of individuals served identify as transgender/gender non-conforming.
- 77.6% of individuals served that said they found themselves unable to buy clothes within the past year.
- 99% of individuals felt safe and welcomed while shopping