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Shiloh High Opens a CARE Closet

On **Thursday, March 15, at 3 p.m.**, **Shiloh High School** will open a **Community Assistance and Resource Effort (CARE) Closet**. A CARE Closet is a “confidential food pantry” stocked with non-perishable food for high school students who are in need. Students can privately solicit the resources available. Shiloh High will use the Care Closet as a tool to build a culture of love and compassion among the student body, while seeking support from local businesses, grocery stores, churches, etc... to keep the CARE Closet full.

The CARE Closet was founded as a non-profit organization by siblings Lauren and Steven Seroyer, who attend Peachtree Ridge High School. The confidential food pantries are currently in half of Gwinnett County Public Schools’ 22 high schools. The Care Closet’s slogan is “By students, For students.” Students in various clubs and organizations will come together to fill the shelves of the Care Closet with donated food and toiletries.

In addition, Shiloh’s Care Closet also will have free **“Dress for Success”** attire for students and adults who need professional attire for a job interview or an internship. The “Dress for Success” clothing drive is a Shiloh **Business and Marketing (BAM) Academy** initiative, led by veteran teacher **Jamilya Mayo**. The BAM Academy aims to provide students with an academic and a practical foundation in the Business and Marketing Career Pathway that prepares them for the workplace.

Shiloh High is a Title 1 school with a population of over 2,300 students: 93% of whom are minority, 55% of whom benefit from free and reduced lunch, and 66% of whom are economically disadvantaged. **Dr. Danyel Dollard**, Shiloh’s principal, has led the school since 2015. She shares her philosophy, saying, “I see and believe in the potential of every student who walks through the doors. They are all stars in my eyes. I love them and I love Shiloh. Generals Salute!” The school’s mascot is a Shiloh General! Shiloh’s mission is “to relentlessly pursue high levels of teaching and learning for all students and staff.”

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