



## *Mission Haven Update – August 2022*

### *CLOTHES CLOSET: Welcome to a New Face*

The impact of Covid-19 on our Clothes Closet has been significant for over 2 years. With minimal residential turnover and remote learning for seminary students, the need for clothes has been dormant. We have, regretfully, had to turn away many donations because of space limitations.

A few of our residents have received calls or assignments abroad, and new incoming residents may become some of our first shoppers. Our biggest shoppers, however, are the seminary students, who will (we hope) be returning to campus this fall. In eager anticipation of offering clothes to those students, we have identified a fresh face to join our volunteer team:



Ashley M. Lewis graduated from CTS with her MDiv in May 2022. Previously, she had a decade-long career in F&B/Hospitality Management and Event Sales, primarily in New Orleans, LA. Her passion for food and ecological justice brought about the transition from corporate work to Christian ministry. She serves as the Coordinator of Congregational Vitality at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (in Tucker) and as a Project Contributor and Editor at the non-profit *CreatureKind*. Ashley has a love for salvaging and thrifting, and the mission of the Clothes Closet is close to her heart.

She is eager to help others find the beauty in belongings that are given a second chance at life. At home, she is an avid plant-based cook, a cat-mom to Tesla and Westinghouse, and the beloved wife of her childhood sweetheart, Ryan. They have lived in Decatur since 2016 and spend time with family in their hometown, Wilmington, NC, whenever possible.

Ashley is excited to join long-time Clothes Closet Director Susan Adle and Mary Ann Howard.



*Remember that we can only receive in-style clothing in excellent condition. Please share your outdated clothes and anything questionable with other agencies.*

**Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer**