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## Three Local Schools Help Charity Give Much-Needed Garments to Teens

Clothing drives wrapped up at Bentley School, Acalanes and Miramonte High Schools recently, with more than 400 gently-used garments donated by students to the local homegrown charity, 1 Closet. Founder Laura Graham, 15, who started the charitable organization with her mom, Sue, in 2011 said the response from all the teenagers has been positive. What she has explained to the students involved in giving is how beneficial the donations have been to teens in need. "Laura found out that having clothing that makes a teen feel good has a strong influence on them attending school," said Graham's mother, Sue. "They want to fit-in." To date, Graham has collected, boxed and distributed more than 3,000 garments for low income teens in the East Bay to organizations including Boys and Girls Clubs in Oakland and Richmond, and to Alameda Foster Care.

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