



Vine and Branches

Vine and Branches is a two-part ministry of Hope Church. Our mission is to provide clean, high quality used clothing and housewares to those on a limited budget. We operate a thrift store within Hope Church, open three times per week:

Wednesdays: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Thursdays: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

For those to whom thrift store prices pose a hardship, Vine and Branches offers FREE clothing, BY APPOINTMENT, on a ONE-TIME basis. A REFERRAL from a case manager or social worker is required for free clothing appointments.

Guidelines for Referring Clients

1. Please contact the director of Vine and Branches, Heidi Johnson, for the Vine and Branches Referral Form.

Direct phone: 612/866-1359

vineandbranches@hope-pc.org

2. The referral form can be either faxed or emailed to you. If leaving a message to request a referral form, please leave your name, title, agency, phone number and either your fax number or email address.
3. To make a referral, please fill out the referral form. Give a copy to your client and send a copy back to us.
4. It is then the client's responsibility to call us to set up an appointment. We do not follow up on referrals received as we have a lower no-show rate when clients take the initiative to set up the appointment themselves. You may also set up the appointment. This works best if they don't have a phone or if you are providing transportation or accompanying them on their visit.
5. **We DO NOT make appointments for free clothing when the store is open to the public.** When coming to the store during these times, everyone is expected to pay.

6. We set aside an hour of time during an appointment for a person to shop and pick out the clothing they want. We offer three outfits plus a pair of shoes, a coat, undergarments and accessories if needed. We specialize in helping men in need of interview or job-related clothing. We also offer clothing in all sizes for women and children.
7. It takes approximately 5-10 days to get an appointment from the time the call is made to set one up. We try to accommodate emergency situations. Fall is our busiest season and it may take several weeks to get in to see us at that time!
8. We are on a bus line. The MTC 5E bus, which runs between downtown and Mall of America, passes our front door! Please come in door #1 (near the stop sign in the parking lot) and turn down the hallway to the right.

Thank you for partnering with Vine and Branches to serve those in our community!

Please call with any questions you may have!