

MEMO

From: Corbin J. Smyth
Re: STARS Reporting, Champ's Cupboard and Champ's Closet
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Champ's Cupboard is a program in which students can get free groceries and toiletries. Its partner, Champ's Closet makes gently used professional clothes available to students for free. Both programs use items that come solely from donations. This is a great way to reuse clothing that is not being used and non-perishable food items that might otherwise sit unused in a pantry. One of the three major aspects of sustainability is community. The Champ's Cupboard and Champ's Closet programs are not only focusing on the reuse aspect of sustainability, but also are beneficial to community members in need as well.

The Champ's Cupboard and Closet programs are an innovative way for the local community to interact with students and promote the student's success, in addition to making use of food and clothing items. The Cupboard and Closet go above and beyond the STARS requirements for both Waste Minimization and Diversification, as well as Affordability and Access. These programs are new to UMD. Champ's Cupboard had its beginnings in September 2013 and Champ's Closet received its first suit for donation in February of 2016. Champ's Cupboard and Closet promote Campus and Public Engagement, Diversity and Affordability, and Health, Wellbeing and Work, and Waste.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.d.umn.edu/external-affairs/homepage/15/champs.html>