



Abby's Closet Needs Volunteers, Donations for 6th Annual Prom Gown Giveaway

Gown and financial donations ensure high school women from Oregon and Southwest Washington receive free prom dresses

PORTLAND, Ore. — February 8, 2010 — Abby's Closet is looking for gown and financial donations as well as volunteers to help make their 6th Annual Prom Gown Giveaway a success. The organization is hosting several dress drives throughout the Portland area to gather donations. Abby's Closet has collected approximately 11,000 dresses and distributed over 4,800 prom gowns to appreciative and excited young women since its inception six years ago. Contributions ensure the organization meets its goal of providing each young woman attending the April event a prom gown plus an accessory, at absolutely no cost.

Volunteers are needed to help to collect and sort dresses, raise funds, and help during the prom gown giveaway. The organization accepts financial donations on its website (www.abbyscloset.org). Financial contributions are needed to help cover the cost of the giveaway event, storage and sorting space, advertising, and purchasing additional dresses in selected sizes.

"Given the current economic climate, we expect a very large turnout at our event this year. Gown and cash donations help us make sure each girl walks away with the dress of their dreams," said Sally Egland, co-founder and President of Abby's Closet.

Gown donations can be made at any of the several dress drives being held throughout the Portland area:

- Blush Beauty Bar is offering gift certificate for a Shirley Temple Makeup Application for anyone dropping off a gown donation in the month of February;
- La Salle Prep : February 1st-12th;
- Lake Oswego High School: February 8th-12th;
- Jesuit High School: February 24th-26th

For a complete list of places that accept gown donations throughout the year, please visit www.abbyscloset.org and look under the donation tab.

Abby's Closet accepts donations year-round and is always looking for new or gently used prom or formal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, wraps, and purses that are in good condition and appropriate for high school women.

This year, Abby's Closet Prom Gown Giveaway will be held at the Doubletree Hotel - Lloyd Center (new location) on Saturday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 11, from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Young women from Oregon and Southwest Washington will be able to choose from over 4,000 dresses ranging in sizes from 0 to 26. All that is required to enter the boutique is a student ID or proof of high school registration.

About Abby's Closet

Abby's Closet, an Oregon-based nonprofit organization, is an all-volunteer group with a vision to help prom dreams come true. Successfully into its sixth year, the group has but one mission: to collect prom gowns and distribute them without cost to high school women who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend prom due to the expense. Receiving a gown presents an opportunity for young ladies to experience an once-in-a-lifetime event, and promotes the confidence essential to setting and attaining goals in their future. In its quest to make all high school girls feel beautiful and confident at their prom, Abby's Closet encourages girls to call or visit its website with any questions they might have. Abby's Closet is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. The Abby's Closet message line is 503.722.1524 or you can visit the web site at www.abbyscloset.org.

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