

abby's closet

One magical night. The music. The dancing. The memories. The dress....

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!! The 2007 Prom Boutique (dress give-away) is coming up fast (April 14-15, 2007 at the Oregon Convention Center). We need to focus on 1) collecting formal gown donations, and 2) ensuring we are connecting with all young women who need a free gown in order to attend their high school proms. We estimate that approximately 1,200-1,500 will be attending the give-away event. If you can help, have ideas or suggestions, please let us know. We are a 100% volunteer organization and rely on your kindness and generosity to help girls' prom dreams come true. Please volunteer your time, talent and treasury to this very worthwhile program. The girls are counting on us! For more information or to volunteer, be sure to visit our website.

*Regards,
Sally Eglund*

P.S. Abby says "Hi." She is a Senior at the Univ. of Oregon, and is busy studying for mid-term exams.



NCL Volunteers

GOWN DONATIONS

Do you have a formal gown to donate? We need prom, special occasion or bridesmaid gowns that are new or gently used, clean, fashionable and in good repair. We are also accepting wraps and purse donations that are appropriate for the prom. If your business or office would be willing to collect donations for Abby's Closet, please let us know. Thank you to the following businesses who have recently volunteered to help (others are listed on our website): **KASSEL IMPORTS** (Sherwood), **BELLA PEARL** (NW Portland) and **TUALATIN DRYCLEANERS** (Tualatin).



**National Charity League (NCL)
Work Party Volunteers**

THANK YOU, NCL!!

Thank you to the moms and daughters who helped at our first donation work party on Jan. 20. They are all members of the National Charity League. With their help, we sorted and prepared approximately 400 donated gowns for the give-away event.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT



To collect prom gowns and provide them, free, to high school women. Receiving a gown presents an opportunity for students to join their peers at a memorable high school event, and to do so with the confidence essential to setting and attaining goals in the future.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Please visit our website to sign up. Here are some volunteer opportunities:

-  **Donation Work Parties:** Sort and tag gown donations in Beaverton on the following Saturday mornings (9:00-12:00): 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/7.
-  **Donation Drop-Off Sites:** collect donations at your office or business from 3/1 to 4/1. This information would be posted on our website.
-  **Organize a Dress Donation Drive** at your business, club, school, etc.
-  **Seamstresses** to do minor dress repairs

SEAMSTRESSES NEEDED TO MAKE FORMAL WRAPS

-  If you sew, you could help by making some wraps that the girls can wear with their prom gowns. Most wraps measure approx. 6.5' x 1.5'. Finished wraps can be taken to one of our drop-off sites.
-  If you have fabric to donate that would be appropriate for evening wraps, please call or take it to one of our donation drop-off sites. We will find volunteers to make the wraps.

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS DONATION DRIVES

Thank you to the following high schools who are helping to collect prom gowns for Abby's Closet: Astoria, Westview, Gladstone, Century, Hillsboro, Lake Oswego, Lakeridge, Clackamas, Cleveland, Franklin, Lincoln, Wilson, Central Catholic, Jesuit, LaSalle, Valley Catholic, Sherwood, Tualatin, West Linn and Woodburn. If your school is not listed, we would love your help. Please go to our website and volunteer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The 3rd Annual Prom Dress Give-Away Event April 14-15, 2007

This year's Prom Boutique (give-away event) will be Sat.-Sun., April 14-15, at the Oregon Convention Center. We will need approximately 100+ volunteers to assist with this event, and to help with set-up (Fri. 4/13) and take-down (Sun. 4/15). Please mark your calendar and plan to volunteer. We will begin volunteer sign-ups on our website in early March.

Do you know a high school girl who needs a free gown? Please let her know the dates for the event. There will be more information on our website as we get closer to the event. We will also be sending flyers to area high schools.

Abby's Closet, Inc. is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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