

abby's closet

Helping Prom Dreams Come True

The volunteer form for the Prom Boutique (dress give-away event) and T-shirt order form are now on our website: www.abbyscloset.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over 1,200 young women are expected to attend our 3rd Annual Prom Boutique (dress give-away event) on April 14-15 at the Oregon Convention Center. Your help is needed! Please volunteer to help with set-up/take-down (all ages and genders welcome), as well as the dress distribution (women only and out of high school). You can also order an Abby's Closet t-shirt. We are still in need of formal gowns (prom, bridesmaid, special occasion) that are new or gently used, clean, in good repair and appropriate for prom. Please consider donating a gown or make a cash donation to Abby's Closet (tax deductible) and help send a young woman to her prom.

Regards,
Sally Eglund



Gladstone High Volunteers

FROM ABBY ~ Eugene Donations Needed

Some exciting news... we are now collecting dress donations in Eugene (where I am a Senior at U of O)!! This past week we set up drop-off's at 3 different locations: [Chi Omega Sorority](#), [Umpqua Bank](#) and [Buffalo Exchange](#). With the event coming up, we're hoping to get lots of donations from college girls (and their Moms) in the area. We're also trying to get the media involved and will be featured in the Oregon Daily Emerald (Univ. of Oregon's paper) and hopefully some of the Eugene radio and TV stations. I really think that Eugene will bring in lots of

dresses to the event. So, spread the word and check out the website for drop-off locations!



Umpqua Bank – Eugene

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.

HIGH SCHOOL THANKS

Thank you to the **26 high schools** in the area, and especially the volunteer coordinators, who have been conducting dress donation drives for Abby's Closet. We very much appreciate your efforts and help. (Please see a list of the participating high schools on our website.)

MORE THANK YOU'S

Thank you to each of our donation drop-off sites for collecting for us (see list on website). Thanks, also, to [Maunu Printing](#) for providing our clever marketing materials, as well as [Blynda Barnett](#) for the artwork. Thanks to [Mr. Formal](#) for providing tax discount coupons that will be handed out at the Prom Boutique. We also want to thank [CDW](#), [Kuni BMW](#), [VanKirk's Florist](#) and [Rosewood Bridal](#) for their recent donations.

Stream Audio & Video

Thank you to [Stream Audio & Video](#) in Portland for inviting us to participate in their

Grand Opening event on March 3rd. Their very generous guests bid on auction items to benefit Abby's Closet and also paid to "sponsor" prom gowns for some very lucky young women. We very much appreciate their partnership and wish them much luck with their new business!

NEED A (free) PROM GOWN?

You are invited to select a prom gown from the largest prom dress closet in Oregon. The 3rd Annual Prom Dress Event is Sat., 4/14, from 10-5 and Sun., 4/15, from 10-2. All you need to attend is your high school ID. Please see our website for more information.

"SPONSOR A GOWN"

Abby's Closet has purchased brand-new gowns at discounted prices, which will be added to our give-away racks. Please consider "sponsoring" one of these gowns for only \$50 (checks can be made out to Abby's Closet and mailed to us). Or, we would love to bring a rack of new gowns (and signage explaining the program) to your business or next social event. Please let us know if you are interested.



WISH LIST

Here are some of the things that are on our "wish list:"

- ✳ **Small beauty items** that can be given to the young women at the Prom Boutique, ex. makeup, perfume, hand cream and shampoo samples
- ✳ **Storage room (10x10)** in the Beaverton area to store wardrobe boxes, etc. [Note: This would save us over \$2,000 on storage fees.]

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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