abby's closet

FREE PROM DRESSES
2nd ANNUAL PROM BOUTIQUE
April 8-9 at the OCC

Are you a high school girl who needs a gown to wear to your prom? If so, please plan on attending our 2nd annual Prom Boutique on Saturday & Sunday, April 8-9, from 10 am–4 pm at the Oregon Convention Center. The gowns are FREE. All you need to do is show us a valid high school ID card. For more information, please visit our website: www.abbyscloset.org

We want to ensure we are reaching all high school girls who can benefit from our program. If you have suggestions or can help by dropping off flyers at local high schools, please email us: abbyscloset@comcast.net

BUSINESS PARTNERS

This organization would not be able to function without the help of our many business partners. We are so appreciative. Please be sure to thank them and support their businesses. (For a full list, visit our website.) We would like to welcome and thank our newest business partner, BRADSHAW ADVERTISING. They have written our press releases and are working with the media to advertise our program.

The Abby's Closet Board of Directors recognized our business partners at an appreciation dinner on Feb. 24. Thank you to the STOCKPOT RESTAURANT for hosting this event. Thanks, also, to WORLDRELO REALTORS, KUNI BMW and VAN KIRK'S FLORIST for their contributions to the evening.

Debbie Spitzer, Diane Iverson (Iverson & Spitzer, CPA's) and Lori Tydeman (Worldrelo Realtors)

***Board Members* (L to R): Jennifer Emery, Debby Adams, Dayna Keough, Nina Parikh, Sally Egland, Lori Tydeman, Cara Gambell.** *(Not pictured*: Sarah Roecker, Lisa Hanson, Peggy Keonjian, Abby Egland)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Abby's Closet's mission is to collect prom gowns and distribute them (free of charge) to high school girls who might otherwise be unable to attend their prom due to the cost.

This nonprofit organization is run with the help of numerous volunteers. Thanks to each and every one of you, especially CAMILLE KEONJIAN (newsletter editor), ELAINE DAVIS (drop-offs/pick-ups), KYLEE BARTON (high school dress drive coordinator), HOLLY COLLINS (donation sorting lead), my NIKE co-workers (who are helping in a million different ways), and a special thank you to the hard-working Board of Directors.

Do the high schools in Australia have proms? We'll learn the answer to this question and others when Abby Egland (my daughter, co-founder of Abby's Closet and a junior at Univ. of Oregon) returns next week from her term abroad, studying at the University of Sydney.

It is only a few short weeks until our 2nd Annual Prom Boutique (dress give-away). We need gown donations and volunteers to help make girls' prom dreams come true. Please help ensure that every girl in the Portland area is able to attend her prom in a beautiful gown. Thanks to everyone for supporting this program.

Sally Egland (President and Co-Founder)

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

Thanks for helping make Prom dreams come true!

High School Dress Donation Drives

Thank you to the 21+ local high schools and student volunteers who are conducting dress donation drives for us. (See website for the names.) If you attend one of these schools, please watch for more information on how you can help (or email us with questions). We have asked that all high school donation drives be completed by March 24 (last day of school before Spring Break). If you would like to organize a drive for your school, please email us. It's easy! We'll give you lots of materials and suggestions.

***Abby's Closet Interview* ~ Sybil Johnson (KFIS Radio 104.1) and Century High School Volunteer, Erin Fennell , and her mother, Elaine Fennell**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the donations for the Prom Boutique, as well as volunteers to help at the give-away event. Please go to our website to sign up to help: www.abbyscloset.org

PROM GOWNS NEEDED

Recycle your formal gown (prom, bridesmaid, special occasion) so that a high school girl can attend her prom. Please help by donating formal gowns (clean, in good repair and appropriate for a high school girl), organizing a dress drive at your school, church, club, business (we will supply you with materials and suggestions), or donating cash and we will do the shopping for you. We would like to have all donations by Mar. 30, so we have time to prepare them for the Prom Boutique. Donation drop-off sites can be found on our website.

Helping prom dreams come true …

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.
Our Mission: To collect prom dresses, and distribute them (free of charge) to girls in the Portland-metro area who might be unable to attend their prom due to the cost.

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