

# abby's closet

Helping Prom Dreams Come True ....

## 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Prom Boutique (dress give-away event) was a huge success!! Our goals this year were to smooth out the process flow and better utilize the space at the Oregon Convention Center. Thanks to **Chris Simone** (Nike) for his valuable help. These improvements made a huge difference! Another new addition was makeup tips and samples for the young women. They loved it. Thanks to **Misty Maller** from **Mary Kay Cosmetics** for organizing this. To date, Abby's Closet has given away over 2,000 prom gowns to young women who might otherwise have been unable to attend their proms. This would not have happened without the help of hundreds of volunteers and business partners who very generously gave of their time, talent and treasury. We can't thank you enough. Please see a list of sponsors and donors on our website. I especially want to thank the very dedicated Board of Directors who lead and direct this organization: **DEBBY ADAMS, JENNIFER NELSON, LISA HANSON, JENNIFER EMERY, CARA GAMBELL, DAYNA KEOUGH, JAN BERGSTROM, ELAINE DAVIS, LEEANNE WORTHINGTON, NINA PARIKH, PEGGY KEONJIAN** and **ABBY EGLAND**. We are already making plans for next year's event. One of our primary goals is to ensure we are reaching every young woman within 100 miles of Portland who needs a free prom gown. Please email or call us with any ideas or suggestions. Thanks, again, to everyone for helping so many young women's prom dreams come true.

Regards,  
Sally Eglund

## NEXT YEAR'S PROM BOUTIQUE

**DATES: April 12-13, 2008.**

The 4th Annual Abby's Closet Prom Boutique has been booked at the Oregon Convention Center (see above).



Abby (center) at the Prom Boutique with Some Very Happy Young Women!

## NOTES FROM ABBY ~ STUDENT COUNCIL

Hey Everyone! Thanks for another great year... the event was a huge success. We're entering our fourth year and are making some improvements, one of them being the addition of our first-ever Abby's Closet Student Council. Headed by myself and **Katy Howell**, the purpose of the Student Council will be to assist the Board of Directors in connecting with high school and college students and schools. Abby's Closet is looking for 10-15 student volunteers who are eager to help us. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please visit our website for more information and/or to fill out an application. Applications will be reviewed and a decision will be made by the end of June.

*Note: Congrats to Abby on her graduation from University of Oregon on June 15, 2007!!*

**HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS: APPLY TO BE ON THE ABBY'S CLOSET STUDENT COUNCIL - INFO. ON OUR WEBSITE**



## Thank You, Master Movers!

A special thanks to **Master Movers** for transporting all of the prom gowns and supplies to and from the Oregon Convention Center. Thanks, too, for providing the labor to load and unload everything. We very much appreciated this donation.

## FORMAL GOWN DONATIONS NEEDED

Clean out your closet and recycle those formal gowns. If you don't have a gown to donate, please consider purchasing one from mark-down racks at local stores, or searching garage sales or thrift stores. We are especially in need of gowns in plus sizes (16+) or extra small (0-4). Abby's Closet is accepting donations year-round, so we have plenty available at the spring-time give-away event. Donation drop-off locations are listed on our website.

## TOP OF OUR "WISH LIST" ~ A (free) STORAGE ROOM

At the top of our "wish list" is a place to store boxed prom gowns and supplies (at least 10'x10'). The money we would save (over \$2,000) could then be used to purchase more gowns. Our ideal location would be in Beaverton or Portland, be dry (so the gowns don't get damaged), be large enough to also sort gowns and easily accessible (in case we need to bring a student to the location to choose a gown). Please let us know if you can help us.

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

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