



# abby's closet

## From the Closet to the Dance...

This is our second year collecting dresses, and we are hoping to collect even more dresses than last year! Please pass this on to family and friends. Contact us at the email below if you have questions. Thanks for helping make Prom dreams come true!!

## Race for the Cure

A special thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Race for the Cure Health Expo on September 16th and 17th:

Cara Gambell  
Debby Adams  
Abby Egland  
Sally Egland  
Camille Keonjian  
Peggy Keonjian  
Jennifer Emery  
Michelle Payment  
Marie Payment  
Kathleen Williams  
Natalie Johnson  
Kylee Barton  
Lisa Hanson  
Barb Eby  
Shannon Schaller  
Amy Tsugawa  
Judy Wright



Camille Keonjian and Abby Egland working the booth

The Abby's Closet booth attracted the attention of hundreds as they walked past, the majority of who had already heard of us! We spoke to a variety of people, from girls who would be in need of dresses for their prom, to mothers thrilled about the chance to give away their daughters' old gowns and gain some closet space. We also made some great connections with potential volunteers.

Congrats to our Race for the Cure participants! The chilly Sunday morning couldn't stop us from completing the 5K trek around downtown Portland on September 18. It was the 8th Race event for Abby and Sally, and

they encouraged several newcomers to come out and join the masses for this great cause.

## President's Corner

Fall is in the air, and the kids are back in school (including Abby, who is starting her Junior year at Univ. of Oregon). We have already received our first call from a senior girl at Milwaukie High School asking about the Prom Boutique (dress give-away event). She shared with me that she is from a single-parent family, but mostly lives with her sister. She said that there is no money for "extras" in the family budget, and without our help, she will not be able to attend the prom. (She was also concerned that we might not have dresses in size 0-2.) It's time to start organizing this year's events!! Our primary focus for the next few months will be organizing dress collection drives. Please consider organizing a drive for us, clean out your own closets, send this newsletter and message on to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. asking for their help. Our goal is to help ensure that every girl who wants to attend her high school prom is able. We are also open to any feedback and suggestions you might have. Email us at: [abbyscloset@comcast.net](mailto:abbyscloset@comcast.net). Enjoy the fall!

-Sally (Abby's Mom)

## Want to Help??

- Help run a dress drive at your local school, place of business or church. We will provide all needed materials to get you started. Contact us at [abbysclosetdonations@comcast.net](mailto:abbysclosetdonations@comcast.net) for more information.
- If you have formal dresses, we would love to take them off your hands! You could also buy a new dress for an upcoming formal function and donate it. See drop-off locations below.
- Abby's Closet is a non-profit organization, so you can donate cash as well. We will gladly provide a tax receipt. These donations are used to cover such expenses as publicity, dry-cleaning and the purchase of dresses in sizes 0-2 and 16+.

## Drop-Off Locations:

Location	Name	Address	Phone #
Beaverton	Nike - Millikan D	3203 SW 153 <sup>rd</sup>	503.532.3825
Lake Oswego	WorldRelo Realtors	14523 Westlake Drive	503.684.8004
Portland - SE	True Value Hardware	6505 SE Milwaukie Ave.	503.231.5355
Portland - SE	VanKirk's Florist	12550 SE Division	503.761.2662
Portland - SW	ADP	2525 SW 1st Ave. - Suite 450	503.294.5885
West Linn	J. Meyer Salon	19359 Willamette Drive	503.635.4162

## Wish List

**Drop-off sites for dress donations:** Please let us know if your business or company would be willing to be a drop-off site for dress donations.

**Grant writer:** We are looking for someone to write grants to obtain funding for this program.

**Web Designer:** We would like to improve our current site and have a layout all mapped out, we just need a pro to put it together for us!



Judy Wright and Amy Tsugawa

## Abby's Words

Hey everyone!

I'm back down at school, starting my junior year at University of Oregon. I just wanted to thank all of you that helped out at the "Race for the Cure" health fair and everyone else that has been a part of Abby's Closet. It was amazing how many connections we made and how much support we gained from that event. It was also great to see women of all ages, and even some men, getting excited about Abby's Closet and having volunteers sign-up on the spot to help out. I don't think my mom or I ever thought this would turn into what it has, and we have all of you to thank for that! Hope all is well... it's going to be a busy year! Thanks again :)

-Abby

## Thanks!

Carol Stout at VanKirk's Florist for the beautiful flowers in our Race for the Cure Booth

Blynda Barnett, our graphic designer

Dick Maunu at Maunu Printing

The women of Kuni BMW who donated their dresses from the Beaverton Grand Opening event

## 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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