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Fairy godmother

Lauren Attinasi, 17, a senior at Lakeridge High School, hangs up one of four dresses she donated to "Abby's Closet," a project to get gently used gowns into the hands of students across the Portland area who can use them.

Former West Linn High student Abby Egland, 19, and her mother, Sally Egland, started Abby's Closet last year. "She had four or five dresses," Sally Egland says. "The girls have these dresses that they don't want to wear again." As of last week, Egland had 250 gowns hanging in storage at her workplace, Nike. West Linn, Wilsonville and Lakeridge high schools took part in the drive, which officially ended Tuesday, although Lakeridge High will accept dresses and accessories such as shoes, formal

purses and jewelry through Friday.

Drop-off sites at businesses will accept dresses until a few days before the dress giveaway, Egland says. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 3, teen girls from the Portland area who are in financial need may pick out a dress and accessories for free at the Red Lion Hotel at the Oregon Convention Center, 1021 N.E. Grand Ave. Drop-off sites in Lake Oswego, West Linn and Tualatin include Lake Oswego Worldrelo Realtors, 14523 Westlake Drive; Rolling Hills Community Church, 3550 S.W. Borland Road; J. Meyer Salon, 19359 Willamette Drive; and SouthLake Four Square Church, 1555 S.W. Borland Road. For more information, check www.abbyscloset.org.