

abby's closet

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! Fall is in the air ... My daughter, Abby, has left for school. The Board of Directors, including our newest members: **LeeAnne Worthington, Jan Bergstrom, Elaine Davis and Jennifer Ingber** are hard at work making plans for the upcoming year. We have chosen a date and location for the 3rd Annual Prom Dress Give-Away. Now, we need to focus on getting dress donations through high schools, colleges, businesses, organizations and individuals. If you can help in any way, please go to our website to volunteer. The Board has also revised our mission statement to more accurately reflect our goal. We would welcome your feedback. Please continue to help spread the word about this organization. There are many very deserving young women who are counting on us. Please help their prom dreams come true

Regards,
Sally Egland



LaSalle High School Volunteers

(Photo by Emily Andrews)



2nd Annual Dress Give-Away Volunteers

(Photo by Emily Andrews)

ABBY'S WORDS ...

Hey, Everyone! Hard to believe I am leaving to start my senior year at U of O. Takes me back to how this all started, when I was cleaning out my closet to move down to Eugene freshman year. So, when you are cleaning out your closets this year, please be thinking about donating those dresses hiding in the back! And continue to spread the word... We really appreciate all of your support.

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 DRESS DONATION DRIVES

It is time to set up dress donation drives in area high schools once again. E-mails have been sent to 55 high schools requesting a parent and student or group volunteer to head a drive in each school. This year, we are including schools in areas outside of Portland...from Salem to the coast. A kickoff meeting for these volunteers is planned for the second week of October to provide information and supplies. Please contact us if you know of a parent and/or group in an area high school who would like to be part of this important dress drive. All that is needed is to get the word out to parents and students, and collect the dresses when brought in.

COLLEGE DRESS DONATION DRIVES

This year we would like to organize dress donation drives in area colleges and universities. At this time we are planning to contact the Philanthropic chairperson at sororities, as well as other campus groups or volunteers, to head up dress drives there. Any suggestions for publicity or contacts at these institutions would be greatly appreciated, including drop-off sites for dresses near campus. We would like to let students know about our program before the winter holidays, so they can bring back dresses from their closets at home when they return in January. Your help and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

DONATION DROP-OFF SITES

We are always looking for businesses willing to take in donations for us. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you to the following businesses who are our current drop-off sites: **Nike** (Beaverton), **Kuni BMW** (Beaverton), **Worldrelo Realtors** (Lake Oswego), **True Value Hardware** (West Moreland), **Van Kirk's Florist** (SE Portland), **ADP** (Portland) and **J. Meyer Salon** (West Linn).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please visit our website and sign up to help (www.abbyscloset.org). We are looking for volunteers to help with dress drives, to act as drop-off sites, etc. We very much appreciate the hard work of all of our volunteers. This program would not be possible you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The 3rd Annual Prom Dress Give-Away Event
Oregon Convention Center
April 14-15, 2007

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