



Enchanted Closet, Inc.
Volunteer Opportunities

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Background

The Enchanted Closet is a 100% volunteer run nonprofit service organization that benefits the girls of metropolitan Atlanta and other cities as far as Macon and Savannah, Georgia. The mission of the Enchanted Closet is to physically, mentally, and emotionally *outfit* metro Atlanta high school girls from low-income families through programs that prepare them for social and professional milestones. Founded in January 2003, the Enchanted Closet began as a small community service project that collaborated with Macy's department store to provide donated prom dresses to high school girls who could not afford to pay retail prices. The Enchanted Closet's philosophy is that no girl should miss out on one of the most "*enchanting*" moments in her life because of her family's economic hardship. This simple idea has made a significant impression on the lives of nearly 6,000 metro Atlanta and Georgia girls who have received prom dresses from the Enchanted Closet, and it has blossomed into the organization providing dresses year-round for homecoming dances, JROTC balls, Atlanta Job Corp Balls, cotillions, and even milestone celebrations for mothers in residential treatment for substance abuse.

GIRL\$ Program Overview

The Enchanted Closet developed the GIRL\$ Service-Learning Program to provide support to girls 12-19 years old and to date we have served over 500 girls and 700 youth (girls and boys) through our life skills, life readiness, and teen stress management forums and workshops. The goal is to "outfit" girls of metro Atlanta with the tools for enhanced self awareness, self esteem, and self sufficiency. Girls attend monthly workshops that focus on self esteem, body image, decision-making, goal-setting, values, beliefs, building your brand, and topics such as personal budgeting, using credit cards responsibly, job etiquette, choosing a career, mentorship, entrepreneurship training, and community service. GIRL\$ participants are exposed to licensed professionals, youth advocates, corporate and civic leaders, and volunteers with an interest in educating and empowering teenage girls. Girls participate in and develop community service projects associated with the Allstate Give Back Day, MLK Day of Service, ServiceNation, and Global Youth Service Day. (See our website: www.enchantedcloset.org for 2015 Programs)

GIRL\$ Program Volunteer Opportunities

Need: Facilitators/Presenters/Mentors/Volunteers with Specialties in:

- Public Speaking
- Creating social and professional networks/Mentoring
- Financial Literacy/Budgeting
- Fundamentals of Business, Customer Service
- Developing a Business Plan
- Marketing/Public Relations
- Psychologists/Social Workers
- Attorneys/Law Enforcement
- Artists-Visual, Musicians, Actors, Stylists, Designers, Models
- Cosmetology Industry-Makeup Artists, Hairstylists
- Educators, Counselors
- Nutritionists/ Dance/Fitness Trainers
- Program Helpers-set up, monitor activities and girls
- Mentors- follow up with girls and provide support at programs

Needs: Business suits, monetary donations for mini-grants, prizes, and sponsors for recognition banquets-i.e. restaurant, performers, caterers, venue, passes for fitness centers

13th Annual Prom Dress Giveaway Overview

With the working philosophy that no girl should miss one of the most memorable times in a girl's life, the **Prom Dress Giveaway Program** was developed to ensure that disadvantaged girls in metro Atlanta would not miss this rite of passage due to the economic situation of their families. The Enchanted Closet, Inc. provides dresses to over 500 girls annually and has served nearly 6000 girls since 2003. In addition, the Enchanted Closet, Inc. annually provides **P.R.O.M. Prep 101 (*Poised, Responsible, Observant, and Mannerly*) Training** which includes social graces and etiquette training, sexual health and safety awareness, acting and walking gracefully wearing heels, makeup application, hair and skin care for girls, and more.

Description of Need/Expected Benefits

The Enchanted Closet, Inc. is always in need of funds to meet the increasing need to purchase plus size prom dresses for which the Enchanted Closet, Inc. does not receive an adequate donation of, to repair and clean donated dresses, and provide climate-controlled storage for the dresses. Each year the needs of underserved girls increase and the Enchanted Closet, Inc. is challenged to provide more dresses and accessories to meet the increased demands.

Donation Needs/Criteria

The Enchanted Closet accepts *new* and *gently worn* prom-appropriate formal dresses (*dry-cleaned preferred and on hangers*), **especially in sizes 16+**.

In addition to prom dresses, we accept business suits, wedding dresses, cocktail dresses, jewelry, handbags, hair clips, and shoes.

Services Needed:

- Dry cleaning services
- Catering services
- Alteration services
- Moving trucks to transport dresses to distribution sites
- Printing/Banner and Window Signs

Gift Certificates:

We are also in need of gift certificates that we can pass on to our girls. Donated gift certificates will be given away at our prom prep workshops and prom dress giveaway boutiques.

- Dinner for two
- Florist (corsages and boutonnieres)
- Limousine service
- Hairstyling
- Nail salon services
- Makeovers

Volunteer Opportunities

- Boutique Worker/Accessories and Dress Sorters
- Dress Collection Hostesses (salon/store/school serve as a donation location, host a donation event) **In order to legally collect donations for the Enchanted Closet, you must enter into an agreement and use our dress collection kit.**
- Personal Shoppers
- Photographers
- Videographers
- Graphic Design
- Marketing/Public Relations, Social Media Ambassadors