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Prom Gowns All Around

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Abby Egland, and a small group of friends.

The idea originated when before Abby left for college, as mother and daughter cleaned out her bedroom closet and found a number of formal dresses she had worn to various West Linn High School events.

Wonderful memories attached to one beautiful, sequenced pink gown inspired Abby and her mother to start their own one-of-a-kind organization in Portland, where they could collect and distribute formal prom gowns, free of charge, to high school women who might otherwise be unable to attend prom due to the expensive costs.

Within six years of its inception, Abby's Closet has provided free gowns to over 7,000 high school women, with 2,100 given away in 2010. Collecting donations year around, Abby's Closet receives dresses from over 40 local businesses with dress drop-off sites, along with volunteer-organized dress drives at schools and from individuals.

With no paid staff, Abby's Closet runs with a board of directors who set the vision and direction of the organization and provide leadership for over 500 volunteers that help throughout the year. A 13-member



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Abby Egland, daughter of Sally Egland and co-founder of Abby's Closet, began her non-profit organization just one year after she graduated from West Linn high school in 2003.

student advisory board, made up of local high school women, works alongside the Abby's Closet Board.

"The success each year would not be possible without the support from businesses, volunteers and the leadership of our board of directors and student advisory board," Sally Egland said. "We are excited as we begin planning for next year's event."

Many young women who have been helped by Abby's Closet are

giving back to their communities by joining the student advisory board, organizing dress donation drives at their schools, or using Abby's Closet as a volunteering opportunity for school credit.

If you would like more information or an opportunity to volunteer, donate, or make financial contributions to Abby's Closet, visit the group's website abbyscloset.org or call 503-722-1524.

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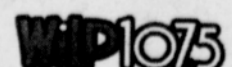
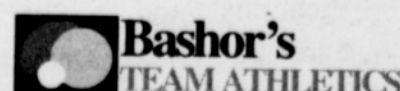
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