

Fashioning Futures

Wings For Success Adopt-A-Client Giving Program



Frequently Asked Questions

Does it matter where I buy the clothing?

Please feel free to purchase from stores where you normally shop. We have found, however, that good value can be found at the following:

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| -- Boscov's | -- Marshall's | -- Kmart |
| -- Kohl's | -- Catherine's | -- TJ Maxx |
| -- Lane Bryant | -- Ross | -- Walmart |

At these stores, most individual pieces can be purchased for under \$30-\$40.

Do all parts of the outfit need to be new?


We greatly appreciate and still accept gently-used, up-to-date clothing donations. This additional program requesting new clothing is merely to augment the sizes and styles for which we have the greatest demand. New clothing pieces paired with donated clothing can update an entire outfit. Of course, undergarments and pantyhose need to be new and unopened for hygienic reasons.


What is the best style clothing to purchase?


Since most of our clients are under age 35, "up-to-date" and "youthful" clothing is the best, but we strive to outfit our clients without being too "trendy." Styling that flatters the broadest range of figures provides the most flexibility for our clients. Our basic building blocks are versatile black, brown, or gray separates. We then add current color tops that update these basic colors. Also, a crisp, white blouse projects a professional image in any setting. And jackets complete the outfit nicely.


Why do we need to buy bras?

A significant portion of our clientele come to us with old or ill-fitting undergarments. We provide them with complete outfits which look best when starting with the appropriate foundation wear. The boost in confidence from looking their best is unparalleled.

 ". . . This has been an unbelievable experience. Receiving this help has not only helped me open new doors in my current field, but also with going back to school with my interviews with the professors. This has been a wonderful time for me to reflect back to what was and will be again – that I don't need to give up and it will get better – 'there is a light at the end of the tunnel.' Thank you!"
July 2010

 "Absolutely more confident. Very versatile outfits. I feel fabulous! Gave me some wonderful ideas on what I can wear and how good I can look and feel!" August 2010

 "Having someone know and understand current trends REALLY helps – and, it was tailored to my potential employer. Knowing what might be right for this particular employer changed my entire appointment – and outlook. The mix and match ability and flexibility amazingly turned a dozen pieces into 2 dozen outfits! The vision of the ladies was amazing. A wide selection encouraged me to change my thinking. Having the two ladies gave me two sets of eyes. It made me feel so very special. Thank you, this is definitely a life changing moment!"
July 2010

 "I was treated with respect and dignity. Keep being sweet. God bless you. I thank you."
September 2010

Do you only want whole outfits?

While whole outfits are greatly appreciated, individual pieces can be paired with donated clothing we already have in our closets. We suggest a group of friends join together and each select one part of the outfit to purchase. In this way, the outfit can be "adopted" by your entire group; with each person's contribution to the outfit in a reasonable price range. Perhaps your coworkers, book group, church organization, neighbors, etc, would be interested in joining you in this endeavor!



"I think everything was well put together and very organized. Everyone was helpful and really knew how to put the outfits together to make me more confident."
July 2010

Why is it necessary to contact Wings For Success to register?

We will gladly accept your clothing donations when it's convenient for you. However, we are an organization staffed by volunteers, so by registering and scheduling a drop-off appointment, we can better anticipate the sizes of clothing we'll be receiving as well as schedule volunteers to be at Wings when needed. Registering also provides us the opportunity to answer any additional questions you might have so that your shopping expedition is the most rewarding for you.



"The staff could not have treated me kinder. They restored my confidence in myself and restored my self-esteem. Thank you for making me feel special today."
September 2010

Can I just donate money and you do the shopping?

Yes! We gladly accept monetary donations at any time, as well as gift cards to the stores mentioned above. We always have unique size/style combinations that we need to purchase items for, as well as foundation garments, shoes, and other necessities. Our volunteer buyers are out shopping for bargains regularly. If you wish to provide funds for an entire outfit, we suggest \$100-\$150 and we would be happy to do the shopping for you.



"I just wanted to thank you very much for providing me with some much-needed clothing for my job searching. Everyone was so nice and so helpful! I needed your help, and you were wonderful to me."
September 2010