

How can I volunteer?

We can only be successful through the combined talents and efforts of our volunteers. Making these girls prom dreams come true would be impossible without your help. We need all kinds of help behind the scenes and you can volunteer to staff one of our events. There are many opportunities for volunteers throughout the year. Here are just some of the areas in which you could help:

- ❖ Staff the Boutiques - registration table, personal shopping (help girls find and coordinate their outfits), jewelry, accessory and make-up selection, sort and display new donations, set up and break down of racks and displays.
- ❖ Staff the Dress Drives - accept donated gowns and accessories, complete tax deduction forms, inspecting and sorting and tagging gowns, set up and breakdown of racks and displays, transport gowns after the event, take inventory of donated items.
- ❖ Year Round assistance is needed for - coordinating fundraising events, inventory maintenance, coordinating volunteers, cleaning and repairing incoming donated gowns, help in a committee to solicit and procure donations of gift certificates from florists, hair stylists, restaurants, shoe stores, and gift bag items. Another vital committee is responsible for the solicitation of business and corporate financial contributions that fund our program's expenses. You could also help with sales and marketing, designing and distributing brochures and flyers, or decorating the events. If you have a talent to share, you name it, we need you! Let us know.

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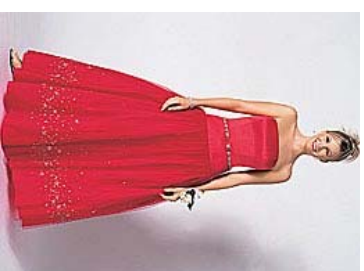


*Once Upon A
Time
is Now...*

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Turning a dream into a reality is the goal of every Fairy Godmother. The excitement and joy on a young woman's face as she finds herself magically transformed and ready for the ball is the only reward any Fairy Godmother needs.



Who we are and what we do?

The Cinderella Project of the Capital Region provides special occasion dresses and accessories free of charge to high school junior and senior girls from Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties who are in financial distress and would otherwise be prevented from attending their school special events.

Boutiques will be set up on specific days during the weeks prior to the special event so that eligible girls can select the gown of their dreams.

Who is eligible to receive a dress from The Cinderella Project of the Capital Region?

Financially distressed young women from the Capital Region's 4 counties are eligible for services from The Cinderella Project of the Capital Region. These young ladies must be enrolled in school and be a junior or senior.

Gowns and accessories are donated free of charge so that they may attend their school's formal events with confidence and style.

Referrals are made by guidance counselors, teachers, principals, social service officials and church officials. These special young ladies are send personal invitations to come shop at one of our Boutiques so that they may try on and select the gown of their dreams.



What can I donate?

Our mission is to provide formal attire to young women. Donations of formal dresses, jewelry and purses that are in either new or "like new" condition are taken at our Dress Drives and throughout the year.

All items should be dry cleaned and bagged, if possible. In addition, unopened hosiery, perfumes (open spray bottles are ok) and unopened cosmetics are greatly appreciated. Gowns should be teen appropriate styles and no more than 5 years old.

Can I make a financial donation?

Monetary donations are always welcome and are needed to cover expenses such as transporting and storing the dresses, purchasing racks and hangers, and purchasing supplemental inventory in larger sizes. Checks should be made payable to "The Cinderella Project of the Capital Region" and mailed to: 27 Birch Glen Drive, Waterford, NY 12188. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and your donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. If you request a receipt for your donation, please include a self addressed stamped envelope and a receipt will be returned to you.



Where can I bring or send donations?

Prom or bridesmaid gowns, jewelry and cosmetics donations can be made at any one of our Dress Drives that are held each July through November around the Capital Region. Check our website, www.cinderellaproject.net, for dates and locations. You can also ship donations to our Waterford address.

How can I be a Sponsor?

There are three types of sponsorships available to allow both individuals and larger groups and businesses to help young Cinderellas:

- ❖ Professional Service Sponsors donate their products and services for flowers, restaurants, dry cleaners, seamstresses, hair stylists and retail stores.
- ❖ Monetary Sponsors make financial contributions to assist with the costs of storing the dresses throughout the year and for supplies such as mirrors, hangers, dress racks and supplemental inventory. Monetary Sponsorships can be made in any amount.
- ❖ Fairy Godmother Sponsors make financial contributions to anonymously sponsor a young woman for an upcoming event. When available, Fairy Godmother Sponsorships are randomly drawn at each Boutique Day. The winner of the drawing is presented with gift certificates to a hair salon, for flowers and for the event tickets. Fairy Godmother Sponsorships require a minimum donation of \$150.

