

Providing dresses, dreams: Becca's Closet offers prom attire for those in need

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Prom costs can hit well into the hundreds of dollars. Add up tickets, attire, hair, makeup and limo, and it can leave you broke.

Becca's Closet, a nonprofit organization, is here to help.

"We have donated dresses in all sizes. Anyone from any school district can get a dress for free," said Nicole Grimaldi, East Stroudsburg chapter organizer. "And some of the dresses still have tags on them."

The organization was started by Rebecca Kirtman of Davie, Fla. She died at the age of 16 in a car accident in 2003. Her family is keeping her spirit alive with the organization.

Alyssa Warrington and Nicole Grimaldi volunteer their time and split the more than 400 dresses to store at their homes during the year.

Sahara Skagen, a senior at Pocono Mountain East High School, donated a prom dress to the organization Thursday. She hopes to find a dress for her prom, which is May 1.

"I think this is really neat for people that don't have \$400 to spend on a prom dress that will only be worn one night," she said.

Warrington and Grimaldi are in search of someone to take over the job of organizer for next year since they are about to graduate.

The organization is hosting a second dress fitting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hampton Inn in Stroudsburg. Any high school girl in need of a prom dress is invited. For more information, www.beccascloset.org.