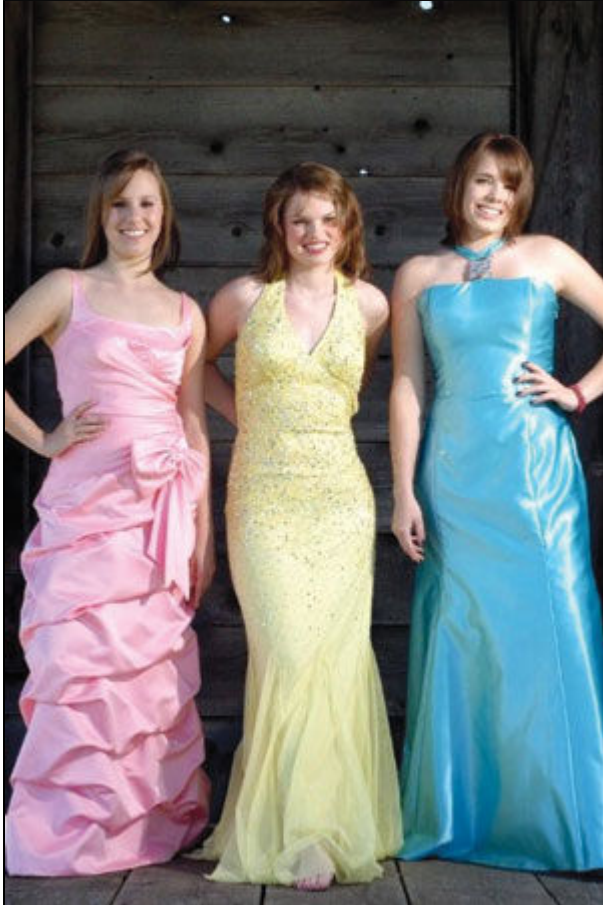


Student Life

Hillary's Dream dressing students in formal attire

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THE THREE AMIGOS: Elizabeth Smith, left, Hillary Holt and Shannon Harmon are wearing gently used gowns from Hillary's Dream, a Tulsa Chapter of Becca's Closet. [By the Union Boundary](#)

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Through the national organization, Becca's Closet, Hillary's Dream was started for Union High School students this fall. Sophomore, Hillary Holt, and her mother Jane Holt are collecting evening gowns to give away to students who want to attend the spring formal or prom, but don't have the money to spend on a formal gown.

"Our dream is that any girl at Union who wants to go to the 10th grade formal or 12th grade prom would get a gown," says Jane.

When Union administration approved the use of Union's name for the Tulsa Chapter of Becca's Closet, Hillary's Dream, Hillary appeared on TV to talk about her project. A woman saw the segment and donated some of her evening gowns that were each worth hundreds of dollars, says Jane.

Many gowns are worn once and then stored in the closet, she says.

“It doesn’t cost anything to donate a gown that’s been hanging in the closet,” she says. “There are people who are in need at Union. These are hard times. I think there are so many families who need this.”

Students can fill out an application with their high school counselor for Hillary’s Dream.

The Holt’s are dedicating Hillary’s Dream to Jane’s mother, Virginia Kent, who passed away three years ago. “She was the biggest giver,” says Jane.

“When I was younger my grandma made me dresses for every occasion. We wanted to start this for her,” says Hillary.

The Holt’s are looking for storage space and clothing wracks to store the gowns. They are also collecting accessories and tuxedos. Jane says they have a crew of sewers that can repair gowns. Formal attire for young men and women, including accessories are accepted at any Union Public School site.

Hillary appreciates the local businesses that have donated items: Sam Stokely of Stokely Event Center, Debbie Love of Bridal Classiques, and Judi Meier of Life of the Party party planners.

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