

Charity ensures needy students hit prom in style

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The Corsage Project is a non-profit organization that provides dresses and accessories at no cost to students who would otherwise miss out on their graduation formals. Working in partnership with the Children's Aid Foundation, the charity ensures that more than 200 financially challenged students (mostly young women) are able to attend their proms with pride and style each year. Private and corporate donations of cash and new merchandise are collected for the invitation-only Boutique Ball at which approved students select their ensembles: the gown of their choice as well as matching shoes, an evening bag and jewelry. Each Corsage Girl is assigned a volunteer personal shopper who helps her to coordinate a dreamy outfit and accessories. Tailoring is provided on site, as well as professional makeup and hairdressing — plus a gift bag of beauty products. The Corsage Project is still hoping to receive donations for this year's event, which will be held on April 17. Toronto businesses and individuals who are interested in making product, service or cash donations are encouraged to contact The Corsage Project swiftly. Tax receipts will be provided. Graduating high school students who would like to be added to the guest list should now visit the website to print off a referral form, which must be signed by a teacher, guidance counselor or community sponsor. For more details, visit www.corsageproject.ca or call the Children's Aid Foundation at 416-923-0924.