

DHS and NCJW announce Project Prom partnership

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) has announced a new partnership with the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) to operate Project Prom out of NCJW's Thriftique resale shop in Lawrenceville. Project Prom accepts new and gently worn formal attire, year-round, for those who otherwise would have to miss out on the prom and other high school formal and semi-formal functions because of the cost.

"DHS originally created Project Prom to enable teens to attend their proms with self-confidence and in style," said Laurie Gottlieb, president of the board of directors of NCJW. "NCJW is honored to be part of the continued effort to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere as students search for their perfect dress."

Thriftique is located at 125 51st Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. It will host this year's Project Prom dress giveaway over a five-day period beginning March 18. Specific dates and times can be found on the [Project Prom website](#). Any young person who receives services from DHS or qualifies for a free or reduced lunch is eligible to take part.

The DHS Office of Community Relations (OCR) will continue to spearhead Project Prom for Gentlemen in which young men who are receiving services from DHS enjoy a catered meal while learning about etiquette and taking part in a discussion about dignity and respect for others. The evening includes a tie-tying demonstration and a voucher for a free tuxedo rental. Project Prom for Gentlemen will take place on Thursday, April 20. For more information, contact the [Event and Donations Team](#).

Donated formal gowns, tuxedos and accessories can be dropped off at [Thriftique](#) seven days a week. Donations may also be dropped off at NCJW's headquarters at 1620 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh 15217, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at the DHS Human Services Building, One Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh 15222, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monetary donations can be made to NCJW for Project Prom and sent to NCJW headquarters at the address above.