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Dear Mrs. Val Goodman,

Over a year ago a group of local women got together to decide how they could contribute to their communities on the Mornington Peninsula. More specifically they wanted to help severely under-privileged women and girls.

There are many agencies that help women in need, but we decided to create a unique service that would help women gain in self-esteem and confidence.

We provide good quality clothing and accessories to clients, taking into account their body shape, likes and dislikes and the reasons for needing clothing.

**Our services are totally free and clients get to keep all clothing and accessories.**

The Mornington Peninsula is characterized by a number of factors;

- Housing is largely unaffordable creating a number of homeless people.
- The work force is less educated and less skilled compared to the rest of Victoria.
- Unemployment is 7.6% whereas the national rate is 5.9% and over the years this has created inter-generational welfare dependency.

Our clients may be abused women, single mothers, refugees, parolees, mentally ill, homeless, VCAL or VET students and more.

Clients come to us for clothing for various situations/ reasons.

They may be:

- Attending Court
- Interviewing for Jobs or Work Experience
- Rental interviews
- DHS meetings
- Funeral Services
- Centre Link meetings
- School meetings / or
- Individuals who need clothing but lack the funds to purchase them.

We have a number of other programs where we dress VCAL and VET students for work experience. These are girls in danger of leaving school; they lack not only appropriate clothing but the knowledge of how to dress for interviews.

We also run a program where we prepare candidates for job interviews; we help them with all aspects of the interview process.

We make up 'essential packages' which contain shampoo/ conditioner/ toothpaste and brush/ deodorant /soap/ hair brush etc. Often our clients lack some of the basics required for good hygiene.

Recently, we joined forces with the Rosebud Community Information Centre where each Monday they distribute food with Second Bite. Every Monday we give away warm winter clothes to any one in need FREE of charge. These people are severely disadvantaged and marginalized.

All clothes given to our clients are donated by our volunteers and their friends.

Occasionally, we receive clothing from various retailers; however we never have enough of what we need and are forced to purchase more.

Our clients come in all shapes and sizes and their need for clothes also varies from more formal for job interviews to casual everyday clothing. They also vary in age groups from sixteen to over sixty.

We would be grateful for any donation you provide.

We do not have a steady income which means we are constantly trying to raise money at a grass roots level.

We recently moved into shop front premises at 1 Boneo Rd, Rosebud, we did this to give our clients a better experience, however our rent is \$10,000 per year.

Recently, we received '**Deductible Gift Recipient Status**' so any donation you make is tax deductible. We would be grateful if you could assist us by making a donation of funding to help us continue to support the women and girls of our community.

**The service we offer is unique on the Peninsula and 100% of all monies donated or raised by us go back into Clothes4U Inc. to provide a better service.**

Any assistance you can provide to us would be much appreciated. You may call me on - **0432 453 158** or email me at [\*\*veronika.whittaker@yahoo.com.au\*\*](mailto:veronika.whittaker@yahoo.com.au)

Yours sincerely,

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