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# Glass Slipper Project

**I**f it wasn't for you I would not have gone to my prom because I didn't have a dress," wrote a grateful Marianyelli Lopez of Roosevelt High School in Chicago, Illinois. "I come from a family of six and it was hard for my parents to provide me with all the expenses for my graduation. Thanks to you, I attended my prom and got lots of nice compliments about my dress. You made my dream come true." Making Marianyelli's dream come true was the work of two lawyers turned part-time fairy godmothers.

In the fall of 1998, after reading a magazine article about a similar program, Kathy Goldberg and Rachel Hart fashioned the Glass Slipper Project to provide "gently worn formal dresses to girls who lack the financial resources to buy a dress for the prom,"

says Hart. By the end of March 1999, Glass Slipper had collected over 1,000 dresses plus jewelry, shoes, purses and cosmetics. For three weekends in April, at various sites, the godmothers and their volunteers set up boutiques. About 700 local teens, high school ID's in hand, lined up to "shop" at the boutiques. "We were able to fully outfit 600 girls," says Hart, who, like her partner, was overwhelmed by the response. This year through March, Glass Slipper is gearing up for another prom season, collecting gowns, jewelry and unopened cosmetics. For more information or to donate a stylish prom dress for this April's shopping spree, log onto [www.glassslipperproject.org](http://www.glassslipperproject.org).

● March 18 to 25 is Clean Your Closet Week 2000, an initiative of Dress for Success, a nonprofit organization that provides interview suits to low-income

Senior prom smiles from Marianyelli Lopez (left) and Naketa Reggs, all decked out.



Rachel Hart and Kathy Goldberg (front row, second and third from left) with Glass Slipper volunteers.

women trying to get back into the workforce. Dress for Success will hold Clean Your Closet suit drives throughout the United States and Canada. For info: [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://www.dressforsuccess.org).

