

Dutchess County Dept of Community & Family Services Partners with Operation Prom to Help Teens

Poughkeepsie... The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) is partnering with the non-profit organization Operation Prom to help ensure young people can enjoy the tradition of prom events. Operation Prom assists teens from low income households or group homes attend their prom at little or no cost by providing free prom dresses and tuxedo rentals.

DCFS case workers are referring young women and women who receive, or whose families receive, temporary assistance to Operation Prom for help making their prom dreams come true. DCFS staff are also volunteering to assist with the upcoming Operation Prom giveaway events.

DCFS Commissioner Robert Allers notes, "Operation Prom is a great program and our staff is happy to volunteer to help with this worthwhile program. A prom is a special experience for young people and no one should have to miss the experience because they can't afford it."

In Dutchess County, Operation Prom will have its Giveaway Event on Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th from 11am to 4pm at Petit Penelope Boutique located at Route 376 in Wappinger. Teens who have signed up for the program will be able to select their dress or tuxedo at the event. To request a free Prom dress or tuxedo, students must be recommended by their guidance counselor and meet the requirements such as a severe financial need, and the student should be passing all of their classes. Interested teens should sign up now at www.OperationProm.org, email info@helpprom.org or [\(914\) 672-3070](tel:9146723070).

Operation Prom was founded nine years ago by Noel D'Allacco. Since inception, Operation Prom has given out more than 4,000 dresses and hundreds of tuxedos.

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