



St. Francis  
Medical Center Foundation  
our mission is life



*The  
Prom Dress  
Project*

The Prom Dress Project is St. Francis Medical Center Foundation's most recent expression of love, hope and beauty brought to life! This new initiative will encourage and empower teenage girls in Southeast Los Angeles by providing them with free dresses, shoes and accessories for their upcoming proms and graduations.

To feel beautiful is every young girl's wish. The Prom Dress Project will show underprivileged girls that beauty can flourish even in the toughest of times. Our message of hope, despite the hardships, will resonate with each girl that comes in for a custom dress and shoe fitting for her special, milestone evening!

***We are accepting dress and monetary donations from November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.***

***About St. Francis Medical Center Foundation:*** SFMC Foundation is 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization that supports the community outreach programs and services offered by St. Francis Medical Center (SFMC) through grants, special events, and major gifts from corporations and individuals.

The needs of children and families in the SFMC service area are great, and, in fact, often greater than most segments of Los Angeles County and the state of California. The communities served by SFMC are characterized by significant poverty, high teen pregnancy rates, high unemployment, prevalent crime and violence, educational deficiencies and a lack of health insurance coverage.

***About the Prom Dress Distribution Event:*** An amazing group of women volunteers will shower young girls from Lynwood, South Gate and Compton with wisdom, encouragement and dresses in a respectful, fun environment! We will spend time with each girl individually to help them find an appropriate dress, shoes and accessories. Our goal is to dress up to 200 girls this first year.



***Date:***

***Friday, April 6th and Saturday, April 7th***

***Location:***

***St. Francis Medical Center – Auditorium  
3630 East Imperial Highway, Lynwood, CA 90262***

***To Make an Appointment:***

***Call Grace Mendez at 310-900-7331 or email [GraceMendez@dochs.org](mailto:GraceMendez@dochs.org)***

***Requirements:***

***Due to the high number of participants expected, we kindly ask that all girls make an appointment. A current HIGH SCHOOL ID CARD is also required. This event is open exclusively to high school girls needing proper attire for prom or graduation.***

### ***How You Can Help:***

***Donate a dress, shoes, accessories or make a monetary donation!***

#### ***To Donate a Dress:***

Please deliver or mail new or gently used dresses, shoes and/or accessories, directly to St. Francis Medical Center Foundation at the address below. For questions, please contact Grace Mendez at 310-900-7331 or [GraceMendez@dochs.org](mailto:GraceMendez@dochs.org)



**SFMC Foundation  
c/o Grace Mendez  
3630 East Imperial Highway  
Lynwood, CA 90262**



#### ***To Make a Monetary Donation:***

Monetary donations in any amount are ALWAYS welcome, and are needed to cover expenses such as transporting dresses, purchasing dress racks and hangers, renting items for the giveaway boutiques, and purchasing dresses in sizes 16 and larger. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Personal checks should be made payable to "St. Francis Medical Center Foundation" and mailed to SFMC Foundation, c/o Grace Mendez, 3630 East Imperial Highway, Lynwood, CA 90262.

#### ***To Volunteer:***

We are seeking energetic women volunteers who can serve as positive female role models to our girls during the Prom Dress distribution event in April 2012. If you are genuinely interested in building young girls' self-esteem through a message of empowerment, hope and beauty, please call Grace Mendez at 310-900-7331 or email [GraceMendez@dochs.org](mailto:GraceMendez@dochs.org)

#### ***Dress Donation Guidelines***

**The following donation guidelines have been established to maximize our efforts and solicit goods that best serve our community and reflect our core values of Respect, Compassionate Service, Simplicity, Advocacy for the Poor and Inventiveness to Infinity.**

- ❖ Dresses MUST be from 2009 to present
- ❖ Dresses MUST be new or very gently used and in excellent condition. Must be dry-cleaned
- ❖ Dresses MUST be prom dresses, formal gowns, or fancy party dresses (sizes 0 to 30)
- ❖ Accessories MUST be stylish, clean, and in excellent condition
- ❖ Accessories include new or very gently used shoes, jewelry and small, dressy handbags
- ❖ We will accept make-up only if new, in original packaging and not expired.
- ❖ Please enclose a complete inventory with your donation and your contact information so we can thank you properly.

#### ***We cannot accept:***

Dresses that are not dry-cleaned, have holes, rips, tears or pulls. Tuxedos or men's clothes, pant suits for men or women, outdated dresses purchased before 2008 or undergarments of any kind.