

NCJW/Cleveland Sets October Dates for Designer Dress Days 2015

How many women does it take to create the fall fashion event of the season? According to the National Council of Jewish Women/Cleveland, it takes about 250 volunteers, intaking gently-used donations; sorting through Prada, Ferragamo and Coach handbags; pricing Armani, Carlisle and St. John outfits; setting up the sale at the Mandel JCC; and helping shoppers select from among nearly 10,000 designer items that go for a fraction of their retail price.

"Close to 500 NCJW/Cleveland members live in Beachwood," said Wendy Elconin, who, with Michele Kaminsky, are co-chairs of the 47th annual Designer Dress Days. "More than 10 percent of these women volunteer at DDD, and loads more shop the sale."

Designer Dress Days, NCJW's main source of support, is a four-day event featuring gently-used and new designer clothing, jewelry, accessories, furs and handbags. It's held at the Mandel Jewish Community Center on South Woodland, between Brainard and Richmond Roads. Hours are:

- Special Preview Day: Friday October 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$20 admission).

- Sunday, Oct. 25, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Monday, Oct. 26, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Tuesday, Oct. 27, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

"We've been collecting donations throughout the year and have shoppers lined up at the door beginning at 5:00 am on the preview day, which is when women can get the pick of the racks," said Kaminsky.

"The event, our main fundraiser, supports NCJW's initiatives, projects and programs to improve the lives of women, children and families locally, regionally and nationally," said Linda Barnett, president, NCJW/Cleveland.

To donate, bring your contributions to the NCJW warehouse, 26055 Emery, Warrensville Hts., 9:00-4:00 pm weekdays.

For more information and sneak peeks, go to ncjwcleveland.org or check out DDD Cleve on Facebook.



Stacey Neshkin wearing a Michael Kors outfit (\$60) and carrying a Prada clutch (\$300). Debbie Hoffmann, president, NCJW, Inc., wearing a Soft Surroundings sweater coat (\$45) over a Chicco long-sleeved shell (\$10). Laura Halpert wearing a Missoni dress (\$100).