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JOY is grateful for your donations, which meet the matching funds goal set by the Ten Talents Foundation. Your generosity allows the continuation of programs featured on our website at joysarasota.com.

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There are openings to serve on the Board of Directors. If you have experience with computers, enjoy shopping for bargains, have experience with keeping accurate records, enjoy being a part of a smooth-running organization, please contact us via our website at joysarasota.com.

A Story

A young rape victim, recently released from two weeks in hospital care, came to Trendy Threads for clothing. Her hesitation was obvious; but with encouragement, she agreed to select items appropriate for her return to school.

Another Story

A father came to Trendy Threads with his two teenage daughters. They were free to shop, but with his rules. He recognized the need for appropriate clothing for school, but insisted their choices could not be as revealing as others might allow.

Recent Activities

On June 17, 2016, eight youth were recognized for attaining a GED certificate, high school diploma, associate degree, or Bachelor of Arts degree. A gift bag with candies, seventy-five dollars, a JOY logo pen, and special greeting card was given to each graduate. Each of those attending selected clothing.

Our Projects

Tutoring continues to provide much needed help for struggling youth. Encouragement is an important part of this program. JOY assisted a young woman who needed identification in order to apply for a driving permit and driving instruction. We continue to provide housekeeping starter kits for youth establishing their own apartments.

Save the Date

On November 17, 2016, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, we are offering an opportunity for you to hear the experience of one of JOY's youth who has worked hard to successfully attain her goals for education and employment. Additionally, we will offer information regarding the challenges the at-risk youth are facing. You will receive more details and an invitation at a later date.

Please Note

Recent photos will soon be available on our website at joysarasota.org.