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PROM NIGHT DREAMS 2009

LAST YEAR'S PROM NIGHT DREAMS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



*Students shop with Bessie Morris Foundation founder, Ivory Freeman.
The girls are truly "Princesses for the Day" as they select gowns and accessories for their Senior Prom.*

Dear Donors,

What a difference you make!

Because of your donations, and the generous contribution of the "100 Positive Women" of Los Angeles, our Prom Dreams 2008 was an unforgettable success. **Thank you!**

Now, we are looking forward, with great anticipation to Prom Night Dreams 2009. More than ever, there is a need to inspire

and empower young ladies to do great things. Again, we need your help.

SENIOR YEAR. We all have special memories of that all important time in our lives. Last year, your financial support made it possible for five deserving low-income young women to experience incredible memories as they attended their Senior Prom.

On the reverse side, you will find just one of the many heartfelt letters received by the Bessie Morris Foundation. This is how your money is working in the lives of others.

Although the economic climate has changed since last year, we are hoping that you can still make a contribution to this worthy cause. Many blessings to you and your family,

Ivory Freeman, Founder

...an open letter

Dear Bessie Morris Foundation,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

You are the saviors of my senior year. Without you, I would not have had my dream prom or a satisfactory senior year. See, I have been under so much stress. I have responsibilities and obligations to my family first and foremost. I put nothing before them and their well-being. Because I truly believe this, I work to help out around the house to help pay the bills. My contributions to the financial situation are tremendously helpful to my family, but it is also a bit of a hardship for me.

Your Prom Dreams prize has helped me more than I can even express. I feel so grateful for your generosity. Thank you for caring about this special moment in history. Thank you for taking the time to review my application and for reading my material. Receiving that phone call was a blessing. I can not remember the last time I have felt so relieved, so stress-free, so happy.

I want to thank everyone who had a part in this process. I want to thank Carl for informing me of the contest. I want to thank Ivory for being there every step of the way; answering almost every last one of my calls and being happy while doing so. I want to thank Thelma and everyone else who participated in this life-changing event.

Prom is very important to me, and thanks to you, I will not only be able to go, but I will be able to enjoy myself while there. I can't thank you enough.

Yours truly,

(Prom Dreams Recipient)

DEAR FRIENDS:

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE HELPING STUDENTS LIKE THE ONE ABOVE.
PLEASE, SEND A CONTRIBUTION TODAY. THE 2009 PROM IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!**

THANK YOU!

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An Act of Kindness Goes A Long Way.