

## About *The Princess Shop*

Do you remember your high school graduation? Was it an exciting, affirming event for you? *The Princess Shop* is a nonprofit organization established in 2007 and based in Saskatoon, serving young women of Saskatchewan. The organization's mission is to **create an enhanced graduation experience for female students in need, and provide them with mentorship, support, and the tools to pursue success after graduation.**

**Dress Program:** The Princess Shop's dress program lends donated dresses and accessories to female graduates in need. A young woman interested in the program can receive an application form and The Princess Shop's contact information from her high school student services to set up a personal fitting. She can also find an application form on to The Princess Shop website. Princess Graduates in Saskatoon also have access to makeup by **Spa Academy**, hair by **Marca College**, corsages by **Creative Compliments**, photos by **sbrunner photography**, and limousine services by **Provincial Car Service**.

**Fairy Godmother Program:** The Princess Shop is very excited about initiating a new type of mentorship program to connect successful and influential women from our community with today's female youth who participate in The Princess Shop program. The relationships will be formed based on similar interests between mentor and mentee, giving the mentor the opportunity to offer answers to the mentee's questions, the teaching of basic life skills, and friendship.

**Glass Slipper Benefit:** The Princess Shop holds an annual fundraiser, the Glass Slipper Benefit for Princesses, as a celebration of the current year's Princess Graduates. The event features Princess Graduates speaking about their experience, dinner, live and silent auction, guest speakers, and musical guests. The benefit serves as an opportunity for the Saskatchewan community to experience the impact of The Princess Shop, celebrate its successes, and ensure the sustainability of the program. *The Princess Shop's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Glass Slipper Benefit for Princesses* was held on March 13, 2009 at TCU Place in Saskatoon. Outstanding response and support from our community resulted in 240 guests and financial contributions to assist with *The Princess Shop's* operating budget for 2008-2009.

**Scholarship Program:** The inability to afford a memorable graduation experience goes hand-in-hand with the inability to afford post-secondary education. The young women who participate in The Princess Shop program will experience an exceptional graduation day to transition into the next chapter of their lives, but for some of these girls, there is no guarantee that the next chapter will be any better than the last. The Princess Shop's Scholarship Program plans to provide educational and living scholarships to assist some of these young women in this important transition, decreasing debt and increasing their quality of life.

*The Princess Shop's* most recent graduation season, 2008-2009, resulted in an impact with 55 *Princesses* across Saskatchewan. This number is expected to exponentially increase in relation to the number of additional regional chapters established, greater transparency of the organization in the community, increased and consistent presence of *The Princess Shop* in local high schools, and increased annual funding from our community partners. With plans to expand across other provinces, *The Princess Shop* will continue to experience growth to establish sustainable resources and support for female youth.

As founders, we wanted to make a positive contribution to the community in an unconventional and innovative way. As young women, we understand what an important milestone high school graduation can, and should, be. This is a very special day for young women as they move on to the next phase of their lives and we believe that every young woman should have an opportunity to feel beautiful. It is our dream to be a part of instilling self-confidence, drive and motivation in our province's future leaders. Saskatchewan has already given us so many opportunities. We now want to give back to our community.