

My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store offers rock-bottom prices

BY ALISON STANTON

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of three entrepreneurial sisters, shoppers can find low prices on clothing and household items, while local charities can benefit from the profits.

Ann Siner, CEO and founder of My Sister's Closet, Well Suited and My Sister's Attic, started My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store in Chandler along with her sisters Jennifer Siner and Tess Loo.

Siner says the store, which opened in July, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation that gives 100 percent of its net profits to help other nonprofits.

The sisters started My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store after they realized they were regularly donating truckloads of unsold products from their other retail locations to four different thrift stores. Although they were happy to donate, they learned that some of the thrift stores were not making money.

"We just thought what a waste it was that the products were not making some



My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store offers low prices on men's and women's clothing and household items, including all jeans priced at \$6 and sweaters for \$5. *Submitted photo*



Ann Siner co-owns My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store along with her two sisters, Jennifer Siner and Tess Loo. *Submitted photo*

of the stores any money," Siner says. "If there's anything my sisters and I know, it's retail, so we decided to open My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store.

"This way, we can give even more money to our favorite organizations like Arizona Humane Society, Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center and Fresh Start Women's Foundation. The idea behind it is that we want to give to groups that motivate us and help women, wildlife

and homeless pets."

My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store is open seven days a week and sells clothing for \$1 to \$10, while jeans and sweaters are \$6 and \$5, respectively.

"Every other week have 50 percent off sale where everything is half off. We are literally putting out new products all of the time."

Siner says that in the relatively short time that My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store has been open, she and her sisters have been able to donate tens of thousands of dollars to their favorite charities.

They have also enjoyed watching the store get steadily busier, as customers arrive from all demographics from Chandler and the surrounding areas.

Siner, who is also excited about the recent expansion of My Sister's Attic in Chandler, says is it extremely gratifying to donate money to charities, some of which are very small.

"They are always so thankful for the donations, and giving even \$500 or \$1,000 to some of the smaller nonprofits can really make a difference," Siner says.

My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store is located at 4985 S. Alma School Rd., Suite B-103, in Fulton Promenade in Chandler. For more information, call (480) 758-5282 or visit www.mysisterscharities.org.

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