

Gowns for Good

Say yes to donating the dress! Instead of keeping your previously worn Gowns or Cocktail dresses in storage, donate to support a great local charitable cause - Volunteers in Medicine, Chattanooga!



Gown Donation Criteria

We do our best to auction gowns that are up to date with current trends. So, please view the criteria we use when accepting gown donations:

- Ideally we accept gowns or cocktail attire that are less than 4-5 years old and are in good condition that have been professionally dry cleaned.
- No rips, tears or stains.
- No buttons, clasps or sequins missing.
- Ideally request only gowns that would attract a minimum charity bid of \$100-\$200 or more. Why? This equates to the real cost for the VIM clinic to provide 1-2 patient visits and deliver medical care at value of \$415-\$830 at clinic rates or an estimated \$1,784-\$3,567 at ER rates.

What else do we accept for donation?

Gift cards, hotel / travel destinations / entertainment certificates, jewelry, art handbags, hats and other fashion accessories - for the charity auction.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Do you do pickups?** Unfortunately, we do not have the means to pick up donations. All donations must be dropped off at the Volunteers in Medicine, clinic located at 5705 Marlin Road, Suite 1400 Chattanooga - no later than 2 weeks prior to event.
- **What are the VIM clinic hours for drop off?** Monday thru Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm.
- **Why do you need to have clothing items dry cleaned?** VIM does not have the budget allocated for dry cleaning. We do not accept any dirty and out-of-date gowns or dresses. If you are unable to dry clean, we ask that you consider donating \$25 per item to help us offset any essential dry cleaning costs.
- **Can I get a tax receipt form?** Tax receipt forms are given to every donor.
- **What does the proceeds from my charitable dress donation go to support?** 100% proceeds directly supports the Volunteers in Medicine, Chattanooga health clinic which provides access to primary care for those in our community in the greatest of need; at no cost to the patient!

Thank you for supporting your friends and neighbors in need of healthcare.

The value of a patient being returned to their home, work, and family is priceless!



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