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LAKE CITY CLOTHING STORE DONATES NEW OUTFITS FOR 'FAST TRACK TO SUCCESS' PROGRAM SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Corner Closet finds ProAct to be well suited recipient due to its focus on job training and employment

Lisa Ryan knows that dress casual clothing is invaluable to people looking for jobs. That's why the owner of Corner Closet in Lake City recently donated about 60 new clothing items to people with disabilities at ProAct.

For the past two years, Ryan has had a connection with ProAct Coordinator Charlotte Eastin, who teaches classes on job searches, interviews and other topics at the group's headquarters in Eagan. The nonprofit's "Fast Track to Success" program helps people learn about what employers want, how to dress for success, secure a job and then stay employed.

"I get a better feeling out of giving to someone who really needs it," said Ryan. The new clothing often includes items she can't sell and frees up room for other merchandise coming in. "Some of it is really expensive stuff, \$50 jackets and other items," said Eastin, who is a Corner Closet customer.

ProAct has additional operations in Red Wing, Zumbrota and in Hudson, Wis. It serves individuals experiencing barriers to employment and self-sufficiency due to intellectual and developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health, traumatic brain injuries, and other challenges.