

## **What is involved in volunteering for the Nearly New Sale?**

The Sale is entirely run by volunteers, 270 of them. Most of the work is done during the five days of the Sale, this spring Wednesday April 27th to Sunday May 1st, but volunteers also help with other tasks beforehand and afterwards.

### **How do I volunteer?**

If you are not already on our email list or not sure whether you are or email us at [NearlyNewSale@NorwichWomensClub.org](mailto:NearlyNewSale@NorwichWomensClub.org), giving us your name, postal address, and phone number. About five weeks before the sale, we will email you a summary of the schedule of the Sale shifts. Most shifts last 3 ¼ hours, some a little shorter.

From the schedule, select the shift, or shifts, that suits your timetable and let us know in your reply. A week before the Sale you will receive a pink postcard or an email if you prefer - confirming your shift time.

Even if you are not available for the Sale dates, please reply so that we don't bother you with phone calls.

### **Can my friend volunteer with me?**

We are always delighted to welcome new volunteers, so please let us have her (his) name, postal address, email address if possible, and phone number.

### **I've never done this before: how will I know what to do?**

Each Sale shift has its own supervisor who will allocate the volunteers to the different jobs that need doing, and give them the necessary guidelines and instruction.

During the Consignment shifts on Wednesday p.m., all day Thursday, and Friday a.m., every item of clothing that is brought in has to be:

1. Inspected or *good inspectors are methodical, meticulous, sharp-eyed;*
2. Tagged, Priced and Listed or *in a team of two with the consignor, so suits volunteers with good people skills as well as – absolutely essential! – clear handwriting;*
3. Folded or Hung or *which suits volunteers who are neat, tidy, methodical.*

During the Sale shifts on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, when the public come in to buy the clothing, we need volunteers:

1. to fold or hang the clothing
2. to help at the cash registers, de-tagging and bagging bought clothing

There are also Set Up on Wednesday morning and Take Down on Sunday afternoon: as their names suggest, these shifts are when the racks, mirrors,

tables, etc, are set up, and then dismantled and taken back to storage. While we always need strong-armed volunteers for these shifts, we also welcome children to Take Down who can help fold unsold clothes, collect clothes hangers, etc.

### **Can my children work with me?**

- Children in 8th grade and up can work with you or another supervising adult, as long as they are prepared to work a full shift, folding and hanging clothing.
- If they are high school juniors or seniors, or older, they may work unaccompanied.
- All Hanover High School students who work shifts at Nearly New are eligible for community service credit.
- Children in 5th grade and up can accompany a parent to work the Sunday Take Down shift.

The Sale is not a safe or suitable working environment for younger children.

### **What benefit do I get from volunteering at the Sale?**

- Helping us raise \$32,000 a year which is distributed as college scholarships to Norwich residents
- Meeting other people óshifts are 12 to 20 strong
- Community service credit for Hanover High School student volunteers
- Eligibility to attend the WorkersøSale which runs on Friday, April 29th, 4 to 6 p.m., before the Grand Opening