

## **STYLISH SPRING SHOPPING GIVES VERMONT FRUGALISTAS A CHANCE TO HELP FELLOW GREEN MOUNTAIN WOMEN**

**WHAT:** The eighth annual Burlington Clothes Exchange, a chance for savvy Vermont shoppers to save money, make a difference, and make over their wardrobes as they shop for a cause.

In a time at which many Americans may be feeling the pinch from a slowing economy, the Clothes Exchange provides an innovative way for women to give back. Their unique fundraising formula has helped raise thousands for charitable organizations since 2001.

The Clothes Exchange was founded by Vermonter Leslie Halperin, who in 2001 realized she had too many nice clothes she never wore, and imagined she wasn't alone. She invited a group of fashionable friends to donate and try on each other's clothes. At that first exchange, Leslie saw an opportunity to turn the gathering into a philanthropic business for social change.

Now in its eighth year, The Clothes Exchange now features a sale with clothes donated from more than women, as well as 9 local boutique retailers. More than 450 women were in attendance at last year's event, which raised \$32,000 for last year's chosen charity: the Hicks Foundation.

This year's fundraising efforts will benefit Vermont Works for Women, a Burlington-based non-profit with a mission to help women and girls explore, pursue and excel in nontraditional careers that pay a livable wage.

**WHO:** Hosted by The Clothes Exchange, LLC.

In attendance will be Vermont women interested in doing their part to recycle and shop for a great cause!

**WHERE:** Burlington's Union Station  
One Main Street  
Burlington, VT 05401

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 7  
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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