

My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store benefits local charities

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My Sister's Closet, My Sister's Attic and Well Suited are known across the Valley for their reduced prices on gently used designer men's and women's apparel and furnishing.

The three sisters behind the consignment businesses have opened a charitable store that will serve their favorite charities and offer shoppers bargain basement prices. The soft opening was July 1, and the grand opening is Aug. 1.

Last year founder Ann Siner and her sisters—co-founder, Jenny Siner, along with head stylist and sister, Tess Loo—donated 32 percent of the net profits from the My Sister's Closet stores to charity. Now, My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store is specifically designated to serve the charitable trio's favorite charities.

"For the grand opening on Aug. 1, we're going to have a special offer for the first 50 people in line," Ann Siner explains.

"They're going to get a 50 percent off coupon that they can come back and use on a given day, and they will get 50 percent off everything they want to buy that day."

Siner explains her organization has always donated its unsold goods to various thrift stores.

"Especially soft in our hearts are the animal organizations—the Arizona Humane Society, Friends of Animal Care and Control, HALO Animal Rescue and additionally, Fresh Start Women's Foundation. Those are our four chosen charities," Siner states.

"What we saw was that some thrift stores netted literally hundreds of thousands



FINDING A BARGAIN: My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store will offer bargain basement pricing on a variety of merchandise, with funds going to select local charities. *Submitted photo*

of dollars from our donations, and some were not run very well...What triggered our thoughts was after doing retail for the past 23 years, we feel like—if we know anything—we know retail. We should be able to take the thrift store concept and make a lot of money for our chosen charities."

Funds will also help a few other charities that assist animals, women, the environment and wildlife.

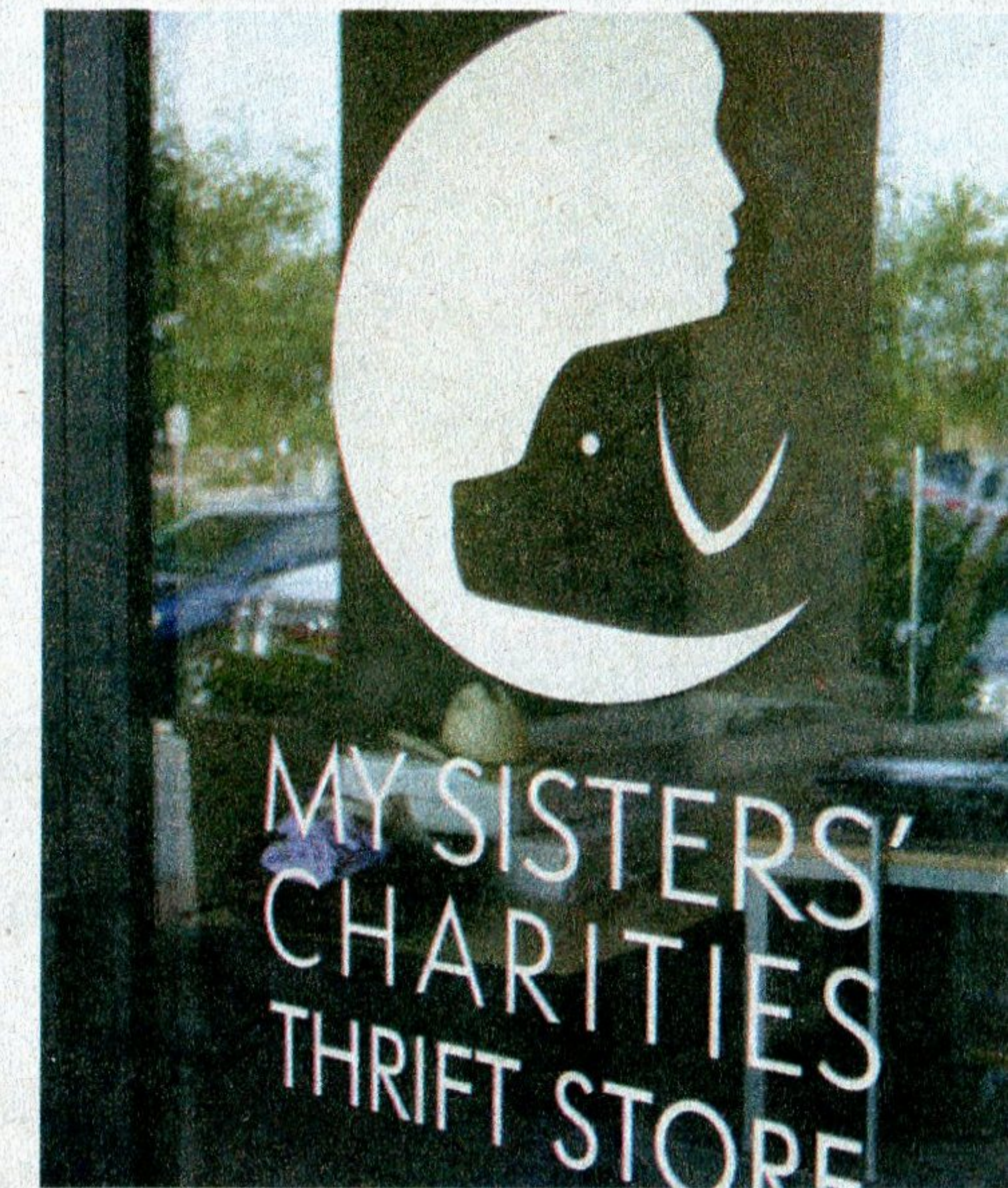
Unsold merchandise at My Sister's Closet, My Sister's Attic and Well Suited will go to My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store to give shoppers a last chance at getting merchandise at bargain prices.

"My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store will

offer the best selection and prices of any thrift store in the Valley, and the best part is shoppers won't have to pay sales tax when making a purchase at the thrift store," Siner notes.

The store will accept donations as well. Fresh Start Women's Foundation is happy to be a recipient of funds from the thrift store. Those funds will help its efforts Valleywide, including its programs and workshops that take place in Chandler at the Goodwill Career Center that assists women with economic self-sufficiency, personal development and education.

"We are grateful for the support from our long-standing partnership with My



FAVORITE CHARITIES: A variety of charities that assist women, pets, the environment and wildlife will benefit from items sold at My Sisters' Charities Thrift Store. *Submitted photo*

Sister's Closet and wish them every success in their new endeavor," says Susan Berman, president and CEO of Fresh Start Women's Foundation.

My Sister's Charities Thrift Store is located at 4985 S. Alma School Rd. at Chandler Heights Road. Call (480) 775-5282 or visit www.mysisterscharities.com for additional information.

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