

Heartstrings & Angel Wings Wedding Gown Donation

Thank you for choosing to donate your wedding gown to our cause. We realize this is a tough decision, but please know that the families you are donating to appreciate it more than words can express.

Please note that sometimes dresses are combined with other dresses or materials to satisfy the individual outfit requirements.

Please note the following about your donation:

- 1- Your donation is tax deductible. We can give you a receipt proving donation, but we cannot estimate a value. Please request a received receipt if you would like this.
- 2- There are no timelines given. We receive many gowns with few volunteers actually sewing the baby outfits. There are many factors that influence when the dress will actually be transformed – demand, availability, health (of our volunteers, at times), type of material, etc. Please be patient with us – it could be weeks or months before it's done.
- 3- We make mistakes. We are 100% volunteer and this is not a business. We make mistakes but we try our absolute hardest to do the best we can with the time available to us. Be forgiving if we aren't perfect- we are all just trying to help a baby that passes away.
- 4- No names attached. In the past we have tried to associate gowns with your name and phone number the best we can only by request. This hasn't been the easiest task. If you request it, we will try, BUT please be forgiving if everything doesn't go as planned. Please consider donating without an end result attached so our seamstresses can work their magic without worry.
- 5- No "extras." Our volunteers are amazing and work their hardest to get the items commissioned by HSAW done for us, free of charge. They are volunteering their personal time to help babies and families they will likely never meet. This being said, if you are interested in an "extra" using your dress (which is perfectly fine), please save a piece of material from your dress on your own before giving it to us. This includes but is not limited to, dresses, handkerchiefs, pillows, etc. Please save any of your dress that you would like, then give us the rest.
- 6- Please remember the mission and who this is going to. These dresses are offered, free of charge, by the nurses and social workers at our local hospitals to grieving mothers and fathers which experience the ultimate loss. You are an important part of this story – without your heart and generosity, our mission to clothe our smallest miracles would not continue.

AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH!