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Giving back to local community

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The call to donate is here once again.

Nov. 5 through 10 marks the week when a group of USU business students will be holding a donation drive for Somebody's Attic and the Community Abuse Prevention Services Agency. Somebody's Attic is a nonprofit thrift store that is in partnership with CAPSA. All donations go back to the community through the services offered by both of these organizations.

Joy Shaw, manager of Somebody's Attic, said the store has a good connection with CAPSA.

"Somebody's Attic is a nonprofit store that provides quality and affordable merchandise to low-income families," he said. "The proceeds from the sale of donated merchandise goes to CAPSA and the Child and Family Support Center, which comes to \$70,000 a year.

"We would not exist without the generosity of Cache Valley citizens. Volunteers are the heart of our agency, and donations are the life blood. Our survival is dependent upon the support of our community."

As the Web site capsa.org states, "CAPSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and educating the public in order to prevent violence in our community. The organization began in the 1970's (sic) as a group of concerned citizens, and continues today as a result of the help and support we receive from the community."

Glade Roos, team leader for clothes for CAPSA and graduate student at USU, said this activity brings awareness.

"We believe that Somebody's Attic is doing a wonderful job of supporting both CAPSA and the Child and Family Support Center," Roos said. "By conducting a donation drive, we hope to assist the Attic in supporting these organizations and also increase community awareness of the important work these organizations are doing to make Cache Valley a better place to live."

Roos said the CAPSA Center is in need of all sizes and colors of new or like-new sweat suits, foods that can be frozen, teenager gift items and laundry detergents. These items can be directly donated to CAPSA by visiting one of the booths that will be set up around town Saturday, Nov. 10, he said.

"I am happy to be doing something for the local community," said Matthew Mulholland, junior in finance and the public relations representative for Clothes for CAPSA.

The group of business students involved in the drive will be giving back by scattering donation bins around campus and having booths set up in town, Mulholland said. Also, Clothes for CAPSA participants plan on picking up donations around the Hillcrest neighborhood, east of campus, on Saturday.

Roos said USU students can donate anytime during the week by visiting bins located on campus at

Greaves, Snow and San Juan halls as well as the TSC and Institute building. Off-campus locations will be set up at Crumb Brothers and the Cache Valley Mall on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, Roos said. This day marks the end of the drive, and Roos said the Clothes for CAPSA volunteers will be busy answering questions and taking donations at the booths.

Somebody's Attic has two locations in the valley, at 39 W. 200 North in Logan and 3 S. Main in Smithfield.

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