

# *Leanna's Closet*

## **OUTFITTING FOR SUCCESS**

**The Mission of Leanna's Closet is to provide clothing for low income and disadvantaged women who are presently working, or those planning to enter the workforce. It is our desire to help each woman become the best she can be, and to show her ways of self-improvement which can make a difference in her life.**

**LEANNA ANDERSON** was a Greeley businesswoman and volunteer who always had the needs and success of women foremost in her heart. She always dressed in beautiful clothing and jewelry. After Leanna died, her family and friends discovered that there was not a community clothes closet for women who were trying to better themselves, specifically for entry or reentry into the work force. Leanna's Closet was born from the desire to meet that need and to honor Leanna's memory. With a grant from The Women's Fund of Weld County, the doors opened on May 20, 2002.

**ABOUT LEANNA'S CLOSET** Leanna's Closet works directly with community agencies to give women a start with a professional wardrobe, and the resources to build self-esteem. We offer quality clothing to women who have received vouchers from specific agencies. With a voucher, a woman may obtain professional clothing for job readiness classes and interviews, and she may choose job-appropriate outfits for her current employment or for the start of a new job. She may also choose shoes, purses, coats and accessories, and she is connected with resources to assist with makeup and hair if needed. There is no charge for the clothing and services given.

**SENDING CLIENTS** To shop at Leanna's Closet, a client must have a clothing voucher given to her by Social Services or another participating agency, such as A Woman's Place, Room At The Inn, Transitional House, United Way, Catholic Charities or an area church. This is a partial list of agencies working with Leanna's Closet. Clients who are referred must be low income and either working or entering the workforce. It is up to the referring agency to determine if a woman qualifies for our services.

**DONATING ITEMS** Leanna's Closet accepts women's clothing in good, clean condition which is appropriate for a working environment in Weld County. Donations may be taken to Leanna's Closet during working hours. We accept suits, dresses, blazers, blouses, skirts, pants, sweaters, coats, jackets, maternity clothes, trouser socks, new panty hose, accessories (including purses, jewelry, belts and scarves) and personal hygiene products. There is a particular need for clothing in larger sizes, and for shoes in good condition.

**VOLUNTEERING** The services provided by Leanna's Closet are made possible entirely through the efforts of volunteers. These dedicated women assist clients in assembling outfits and in showing each woman ways of self-improvement to help her become the best she can be. Volunteers also sort, steam and display donated clothing, answer phone calls, and perform various other tasks. There is not a required amount of time that a volunteer must commit to giving; any hours contributed are appreciated. Leanna's Closet offers a very rewarding opportunity for volunteering.

**HOURS:**

Monday	9:30 am – noon
Tuesday	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	4:00 – 7:00 pm
Closed Thursday and Friday	

**LOCATION:** 1748 Greeley Mall Annex (next to Cactus Canyon)  
Phone: 970-545-0640 Website: [www.weldwomensfund.org/leanna/](http://www.weldwomensfund.org/leanna/)

**For more information about Leanna's Closet, or to find out more about vouchers, donating or volunteering, please contact: Michele Vetting, 339-5309, or Chris Richardson, 356-2487**

