

MOBILE MENDERS

Sewing mends the soul



START OF A NEW YEAR

Mobile Menders had an amazing opportunity to help some wonderful women out on January 27, 2019. We were contacted by Red Lake Nation Legislative Affairs and asked if we could help make ribbon skirts for the upcoming march on February 14 to remember missing and murdered indigenous women. This effort was in collaboration with the Bois Forte Urban Office, Ogitchidakwe Council and Red Lake Nation.

- 35 ribbon skirts were made
- 23 Mobile Menders volunteers participated
- State Representative Mary Kunesh-Pdein attended. She authored a bill to establish a task force to address the untold numbers of missing and murdered indigenous women.

NEW THINGS ON THE HORIZON

We have added some daytime mending events on the calendar for 2019. We are excited to have the opportunity to provide free mending services to these new groups and organizations.

- Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge
- Dow Towers
- Heritage Center
- St. Anthony Library

March mending events are still short on volunteers. Please take a look at calendar on our website under "Events" to see if you can volunteer.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As our mending events continue to grow, so does the need for Mending Lead Volunteers. This volunteer position takes the lead for a mending event as well as being available to answer questions from other volunteers on the day of the event.

Mending Lead Volunteers are trained in and given a binder with all the supplies needed for an event. It's a fun way to see how things come together. We have several lead volunteers in place, but would like to add a few more as we continue to grow. If you are interested please email: mobilemenders2017@gmail.com

MOBILE MENDERS BOARD

I'm excited to announce that six people have been appointed to Mobile Menders newly formed board. The board will be meeting for the first time in March and I'm inspired by their passion and enthusiasm. Please welcome:

Carol Kramer
Lynn Collins
Iris Burse
Melanie Day
Jessica Kopp
Carrie Miller

HOUSEKEEPING

The website we use, Volunteer Signup, is experiencing a bug in their system and not everyone is receiving their reminder emails. When signing up for an event please make sure you add it to your personal calendar. If you forgot you can always email: mobilemenders2017@gmail.com .

If you haven't read our volunteer manual, please take the time to do so. It has some important information as well as our weather-related cancellation policy. <https://goo.gl/forms/kjL3phS4OiftXKEt1>

Just a reminder that we are asking people to volunteer at least three times in six months. We have a volunteer base of over 265 and at least 50% have yet to volunteer at an event.

GOING OUT WITH A BANG

Last year we helped Operation Glass Slipper with their Princess Event and alterations. We helped alter over 135 dresses and get them to the girls in time for their prom.

Sadly, this is the last Princess Event for Operation Glass Slipper. They want to go out with a bang and are opening their Princess Event to Freshman and Sophomore girls for the first time ever on March 9 & 10 at Southdale Mall.

If you know of a young lady that is need of a prom dress you can refer them to Operation Glass Slippers website: www.operationglasssliper.org . They can find the form under "Get a dress"

Mobile Menders is also going to be helping out this year as well. We will be on-site on March 9 & 10th at Southdale Mall doing pinning and sewing. Then on March 16 & 17 we will be off-site doing cutting, pinning and sewing. We still have spaces open to volunteer. Please check the website, under **EVENTS**.

We have truly loved this amazing partnership with Operation Glass Slipper and we wish everyone on their board as well as their volunteers the best.

