

Caitlin.

After nearly a year of traveling the country, meeting other aspiring & inspiring young women, Caitlin Brunell knows how important it is to be your own best friend.

Three summers ago, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, Caitlin Brunell was heartbroken to discover that girls her own age were going to miss out on one of the most important landmarks of a young girl's life: Prom.

So she did something about it.

She created Caitlin's Closets, a non-profit organization that collects used prom and party dresses and distributes them to girls who wouldn't otherwise be able to take part in this very special experience.

To date, Caitlin's Closet has given away more than 5,000 gowns in 10 states, and shows no signs of slowing down!

"My plan definitely includes taking Caitlin's Closet nationally," says the determined brunette.



"Besides just giving a girl a dress, it makes them feel confident and beautiful."

In addition to helping girls strengthen their sense of self through her non-profit work, Caitlin has been traveling the nation as the reigning Miss America's Outstanding Teen on a platform that encourages people to keep looking beyond stereotypes and "being proud of your differences."



Caitlin has been helping other girls' dreams come true since 2006 by providing prom dresses through Caitlin's Closet.

It is this spirit and message of self confidence that has inspired Stacey Schieffelin (founder of Models Prefer) to add a special branch of cosmetics in honor of Caitlin to her new beauty line, *ybf* (your best friend), which premieres on The Home Shopping Network in August.

"As soon as I met Caitlin, I knew she was a very special young lady, and, like so many others, I have been cheering her success all year," says Stacey. "It's been my honor

to develop a product line inspired by Caitlin's very important message to young women to be their own best friends."

Every 2008 MAOT contestant will receive a complimentary train case filled with beautiful be...*ybf*, *Inspired by Caitlin Brunell* cosmetics.

"I cannot think of a group of young ladies who can better understand the importance of being your own best friend," adds Stacey. "If you don't believe in yourself, no one else can."

For more information about these organizations and products, please visit the following websites:

www.caitlinscloset.org

www.ybfstacey.com

