



# #BOUNDLESSOPPORTUNITY CREATIVITY & CONNECTION

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Built over the years by dedicated Parents' Club volunteers who identified community needs and adapted to fill them with creativity and care, TVS Uniform Resale has emerged as an extraordinary example of the resilience of the Trojan spirit. Earlier this year, when Trinity Valley's uniform supplier ceased operations, Uniform Resale became the sole source of uniforms for families. Volunteers (**Maria Capua, Katherine Wolman, Jamie St. Peter, Tara Bibb**) stepped up to meet the needs of our community until a new supplier was established, turning a potential crisis into a demonstration of the strength and generosity of the Trojan community. Uniform Resale is not just about providing uniforms; it is about fostering community and a true reflection of what makes TVS extraordinary.

At the heart of Uniform Resale's mission is a commitment to affordability and accessibility. Families can purchase gently used uniforms and spirit wear for just \$10 per item, ensuring that high-quality, affordable attire is conveniently available on campus. The store is entirely dependent on the generosity of the TVS community, with inventory made up of gently used donations that give used items a second (or third!) life.

Not only does Uniform Resale serve the clothing needs of our community, but it also serves as the only source of Parents' Club income beyond the annual Auction or Gallery Night fundraiser. All proceeds directly impact students and support faculty and staff through Parents' Club events, programs, and Grants for Greatness projects. The store's contributions extend even further, stocking the nurse's office with clothing for student emergencies and helping reunite lost and found items with their rightful owners.



Uniform Resale's impact reaches beyond the TVS campus. Any items not suitable for resale are thoughtfully donated or recycled. Over the past 10 months alone, hundreds of non-TVS branded clothing items have been donated to LVTRise, a local non-profit organization supporting underserved families. Additionally, more than 1,200 pounds of unusable uniforms and spirit wear have been diverted from landfills through textile recycling, reinforcing the store's dedication to sustainability.

The store has come a long way from the School's attic, where uniforms were piled in bins and parents sifted through stacks of clothes to find what they needed. Thanks to the dedication and creativity of many parent volunteers over the years, it has transformed into a well-organized and efficient operation. In 2021, **Heather Breiter, Maria Capua, and Susie Ursprung** modernized the process with email ordering, on-campus delivery, and a waitlist system. The following year, **Kristin Tucker and Tonya Cammack** improved the in-store experience with clear labeling, sizing guides, and dress uniform photos sorted by division. **Tracy McLawhorn** and **Lauren Cunningham** took the reins in 2023 and introduced a streamlined invoicing and billing system for in-person and virtual sales. This year, **Tara Bibb, Jamie St. Peter, and Katherine Wolman** have reimaged the store's layout and organization, laying the groundwork for exciting future growth.

The TVS Uniform Resale Store is more than just a place to purchase uniforms—it is a point of connection for new families and a hub of community spirit, environmental responsibility, and ingenuity. By meeting families' needs with care and creativity, the store exemplifies the best of the TVS community.



Opposite page: Maria Capua, Katherine Wolman, Jamie St. Peter, and Tara Bibb

This page: Sorting and selling uniforms at the the Uniform Resale Shop