

Imagine being a young girl that dreads going to school because she has to wear the same worn clothes over and over. Kids tease you and tell you you're worthless and dirty. You don't have the necessary school supplies because you can't afford them. You are tired of digging through boxes of clothes that other peoples throw away. . . it would just be less painful to drop out of school then to go through this.

We can't let this happen.

Startin' School in Style (SSIS) is in it's 5th year of trying to change this horrible experience for young girls in the Norristown area.

SSIS is a non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for our Norristown Girls to SHOP in a Mall-Like environment. At the SSIS Mall our shoppers will be able to get to know an associate, a girl from the SSIS team. Together they will select clothes for the shopper to try on for size and style and then choose accessories to match. After their shopping spree, our shoppers arrive at the check-out counter, where their "purchases" are wrapped in tissue paper and placed in colorful shopping bags. Finally, they collect some new school supplies and gift bags before heading home. **All for FREE!**

Plymouth Meeting Mall is partnering with SSIS this year to help support this effort. They have generously donated a store-front for SSIS and we will be collecting clothes there.



How can you help?

You or your school or organization can support these young girls by collecting items that can make a real difference in their lives.

- Socks
- Backpacks
- Crayons
- Pens
- Pencils
- Note books
- Deodorant
- Tooth Brushes
- Tooth Paste
- Loose Leaf Paper

If your group is interested in collecting one of these items please contact Terri Gillespi at 215-740-1757

