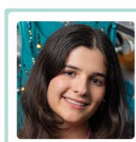


STITCHING TOGETHER HOPE:

Talia Tsipras and Good Threads Are Changing Lives



As America celebrates 250 years of resilience and community, we're reminded that some of our nation's greatest

strengths are found in neighbors who see a need and choose to act. Memorial resident Talia Tsipras is doing just that.

A rising senior at St. Agnes Academy, Talia is the founder of GoodThreads.org, a Texas-based nonprofit that provides brand-new clothing to at-risk children and women in crisis. Although Good Threads received its official 501(c)(3) designation in 2025, its mission began in the spring of 2023 with an unexpected opportunity close to home.

Talia's grandmother, Rita Mehta, was an evening dress designer. After retiring, she had a warehouse filled with thousands of beautiful new gowns. Rather than letting them sit unused, Talia worked alongside her grandmother to place those dresses into the hands of girls who otherwise might

not have been able to attend their senior prom.

Over the past three years, Good Threads has donated more than 1,000 dresses through partnerships with organizations including Catholic Guardian Services, Family Connection, and Alief ISD.

As she made those donations, Talia noticed something powerful: receiving something new carried a different kind of impact.

"I realized there was an uplifting effect of giving a gift rather than a hand-me-down," she says. "Everyone gets excited when they receive a gift. It provides dignity. It's a reminder that their life matters and that they are cared for. A gift gives hope, and hope is incredibly powerful."

That realization inspired Good Threads to expand its reach. Using apparel industry purchasing strategies, the nonprofit acquires closeout and end-of-season inventory at steep discounts, maximizing every donation dollar. To

date, Good Threads has distributed more than \$300,000 worth of brand-new merchandise and now partners with nonprofits in seven states.

As founder of a growing nonprofit, Talia wears many hats. "We're a startup," she says. "I do everything from setting up meetings with nonprofits to packing boxes of clothing for shipment and pestering my dad for rides to UPS."

This summer, Good Threads is focused on supporting 2,000 unhoused students in Alief ISD by providing new school clothing, shoes, undergarments, and supplies before the school year begins. Donations collected through August 20 will help make that goal a reality.

To learn more or support the Back-to-School Initiative, visit GoodThreads.org and help bring hope, dignity, and opportunity to local students who need it most.

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