

**A Holistic Approach to Service Learning: The Apparel Department's Collaboration with the Upscale Resale Outlet *New to You* [Abstract Only]**

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The Apparel department has formed a focused partnership with *New to You Upscale Resale*, a second-hand retail outlet that donates proceeds to private school tuition for economically disadvantaged Chicago schoolchildren. A primary learning objective is to encourage students to engage in socially responsible activities and business practices by interacting with a Dominican University community partner. Rather than a single service learning project that ends with the semester, Apparel students experience service learning at *New to You* in apparel core, design, and merchandising courses. All assignments contribute to student awareness of the full trajectory of the apparel field. Sustained affiliation encourages relationships to develop over time, deepens understanding of the store's benevolent mission, and fosters respect for the *New to You* customer. Apparel faculty members will relate *New to You* experiences from three dissimilar courses and present student reflections on the collaborative approach to service learning.