

New consignment store has benefits for buyers and sellers

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Residents have a new way to make money with the opening of a new business in Libertyville.

ReNew Family Consignment, 1750 N. Milwaukee Ave., opened Aug. 21 and had already signed up 105 consignors by early last week. The store offers families the ability to make money on the nearly new items they no longer need and save money on the items they want and need, but don't want to pay full price for.

"We wanted to build a business that would contribute to the community in as many ways as possible," said Owner Erin Heard.

Items in the store are priced around 50 percent of the item's retail value if the item is in like-new condition. If the item is brand new with tags, it could be priced around 65 percent of its retail value. When the item sells, ReNew receives 60 percent of the sale and the consignor receives 40

percent of the sale amount. Commission checks are provided to consignors every other month, or the consignor can cash in their sales for store credit at any time.

'Stand out'

"We only accept nearly new items and that's what makes the difference and makes the store stand out," said Owner Tricia Regan.

Items available at the store include children's clothes, sporting equipment, women's accessories, small furnishings, home decor and big buys like swing sets, among its offerings. ReNew has also partnered with six local organizations by arranging consignment drives. ReNew works with local groups to prepare a list of items to be collected and consigned in the name of the gathering organization which earns the entire consignor commission when an item sells. Some of the current drives include spirit wear and winter gear on behalf of the Libertyville High School Cheer-

Going green

"It just fits who we are," Heard said of the store. "We like to get good deals. We like to help the community.

leaders and Wildcat Parent Organization, Halloween Costumes and Halloween Home Decor for Oak Grove School and its PTO and dance shoes, dance wear and costumes for the Libertyville Parks and Recreation dance department. Shoppers are encouraged to support the organizations by donating the items they are collecting or by purchasing the items donated on their behalf. Consignors can also donate their commissions to any of the organizations ReNew supports.

"It's the alternative to writing a check to support those organizations," Heard said. Items brought in must be clean and in good condition and though items have been sold relatively fast, North Face jackets, home goods, purses and cleats have been selling the fastest over the few weeks ReNew has been open.

Reusing items is a small way we can contribute to helping the environment." The store will also host swap events, including a toddler book swap and possibly a holiday jewelry swap. ReNew also offers student workshops on learning the

value of a dollar, stretching money and recycling. Organizations and student groups can contact the store to schedule a workshop.

ReNew is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Cash, check and credit accepted. For more information, contact the store at (847) 573-1513, or log on to www.ReNewFamilyConsignment.com.
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