

# Nifty Thrifty

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**What is Nifty Thrifty (Nif-tee)?** Nifty Thrifty is a nonprofit high-end thrift shop that takes only clothing and accessory donations. These funds collected from selling the donated items go toward furthering the education of youth between the ages of 16-20 before they enter a four-year school or the workforce. The youth are trained in computer skills, while also learning customer interaction skills as they work.

**Why are we doing this?** The need for computer training has risen with the evolution of technology. Gaining prior knowledge before entering school or work will aid in building a basis for their education. The training in our classes improves language, technical, and conversational skills. And in a recent study, it was found that computer and customer/consumer skills are among the top five traits looked for by U.S. employers. Nifty Thrifty's training is designed to give youth a step up before taking their next step forward.

**Our past:** Nifty Thrifty has successfully transformed 50 youth in the last 10 years, from students to working adults. The program accepts five students for each half of the year, and in that time, they are trained in a job position within the store and are given in-house computer classes. Interactive computer training has been successful for 92 percent of people using the programs. And, 75 percent of our graduated youth found jobs within one month of leaving Nifty Thrifty's program.

**How do you get involved?** There are three ways to get involved: If you're a youth looking to be a part of our program, you can stop by Nifty Thrifty (located at: **123 Beverly Hills Drive, Los Angeles Calif. 90210**) and fill out an application, or go online at [www.niftythrifty09.com](http://www.niftythrifty09.com). If you're looking to donate clothing or accessories to the cause, stop by our store Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. And if you are looking to help teach our computer classes please stop by the store and fill out an application.

## **What are people saying about Nifty Thrifty?**

### Former student:

"I have never had someone help me in a way that made real-world sense. Teachers always stuck to the curriculum, and I always wondered how it would help me in the future. Nifty helped me see the possibilities for my future by building my fundamental skills. I went into my first job prepared and ready for anything!"

-Stacey Jean, 2012

Volunteer:

“I always volunteer for Nifty’s fundraisers! It’s such a good cause—the money goes toward their youth programs. Not only do I have a ton of fun working the event, but they always let us pick something from the store for volunteering! Definitely worth the experience, and so fun!”

*-Heather Smith, 2010*

Customer:

“My friends always harp on me when I tell them I’m going thrifting. But Nifty Thrifty has the best name brand clothing on a budget. I can get all the Marc Jacobs and Calvin Klein I want—for about one-third the price. My boys can hate, I always look better than them!”

*-James Stephens, 2013*

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