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TERESA FITZPATRICK-CARTER works on Canissa McGill's hair at Styles from Above on Wednesday afternoon.

## FASHION SHOW TO HELP WITH JOB HUNTING

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The old saying goes "never judge a book by its cover." When it comes to a job interview, however, follow another idiom: "First impressions are the most lasting."

What you wear to an interview could make or break your chances of getting a job, and in these times, people need all the help they can get. To that end, TeamWork for Quality Living and students from Ball State University's apparel and fitting and intermediate construction class partnered to help some local residents put their best foot forward when job hunting — and after they landed the job.

The culmination of their work can be seen during a fashion show at 6:45 p.m. today at Grace Episcopal Church, 300 S.

### If you go

**WHAT:** Intermediate Construction and Apparel Fit and TeamWork for Quality Living Fashion Show

**WHEN:** 6:45 p.m. today

**WHERE:** Grace Episcopal Church, 300 S. Madison St.

**COST:** Free

Madison St.

Each student paired with a person from TeamWork for Quality Living. Although Teamwork is dedicated to eradicating poverty, not everyone participating in the project was from a low-income household. Participants also were middle class and wealthy, circles coach and community coordinator Dorica Young said.

The students acted as personal shoppers, helping each participant find the appropriate clothes with the right fit on a budget of \$50 while shopping at Goodwill.

"The shopper looked for the fit and looked for what could be matched together," Young said.

Participant Kellie Arrowood already knew appropriate professional attire, but partnering with a fashion student helped her understand the role of fashion in interviews.

"During job interviews, presenting the best, most current fashion to the potential employer is important because you need to sell yourself," Arrowood said.

At 72, Pat Bennett's figure has changed since her younger days. She already knew that, but what she didn't know is what clothes work best on her body shape — information she greatly appreciated.

"They knew what to kind of look for; they knew how to evaluate it," Bennett said.

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