



Ross Dress for Less to Enter Greater Chicago Area

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Off-Price Retailer to Grand Open 12 Locations on October 8th

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Ross Dress for Less®, the nation's largest off-price apparel and home fashion retailer with over 1,000 stores in 27 states, will enter the greater Chicago area with the grand opening of twelve locations on Saturday, October 8th. The new stores will open simultaneously in Algonquin, Arlington Heights, Bloomingdale, Crystal Lake, Matteson, Naperville, Niles, Orland Park, Rockford, Schaumburg, Skokie and South Elgin.

"We are excited to be entering the Chicago area, which will significantly expand our national footprint," said Michael Balmuth, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "With nearly 30 years of delivering unbeatable savings, along with twelve new stores conveniently located in established shopping centers, we are confident that Ross will be a terrific destination for Chicago area customers to find great deals on name brands for the family and the home."

Ross Brings Jobs to the Chicago Area

Ross Dress for Less will be creating approximately 600 jobs with these store openings. Online applications will be accepted after August 15, 2011. Individuals interested in applying for positions should visit the "Careers" section at <http://www.rossstores.com/>.

Commitment to Value

Ross Dress for Less makes finding savings on the latest styles easy, with frequent shipments of current fashions and brand-name merchandise offered at everyday savings of 20 to 60 percent off department and specialty store prices. Shoppers will find outstanding values on a wide assortment of first-quality, in-season apparel, shoes and accessories for the entire family as well as deep discounts on an expansive selection of home goods.

About Ross Stores

Ross Stores, Inc. is an S&P 500, Fortune 500 and Nasdaq 100 (Nasdaq: ROST) company headquartered in Pleasanton, California, with fiscal 2010 revenues of \$7.9 billion. The Company operates Ross Dress for Less® ("Ross"), the largest off-price apparel and home fashion retailer in the United States with 1,013 locations in 27 states. Ross offers first-quality, in-season, name brand and designer apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20% to 60% off department and specialty store regular prices. The Company also operates 78 dd's DISCOUNTS® in six states that feature a more moderately-priced assortment of first-quality, in-season, name brand apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20% to 70% off moderate department and discount store regular prices. Additional information, including the [Chicago area locations](#), is available at <http://www.rossstores.com/> and www.facebook.com/rossdressforless.

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