



**Joseph's  
Coat**

# Joseph's Coat

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## You Make a Difference for Selena

### Shopping Hours:

Monday and  
Wednesday 9:00 -  
12:00 and 1:00-  
4:30

### Donation Hours:

Tuesday and  
Thursday 9:00 -  
2:00

**FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT IS FULLY  
TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

**WE DO NOT  
PUBLISH, SELL,  
TRADE OR RENT  
DONOR  
INFORMATION.**

Our mission at Joseph's Coat is to connect people like you, who give, with those who are in need. Ideally, the people we help do what they can to improve their situations and view us as partners. Selena and her family are prime examples of such collaboration.

Selena came to America in 1988 when a family in California hired her mother as a housekeeper. "Americans have no idea how lucky they are to live in this country, Selena told me. It is not safe to go anywhere in Mexico City. The Mafia charges everyone, even families, to guarantee safety. You are at risk whenever you leave your

home. People will steal your purse, your clothing, your jewelry. Many are murdered by drug dealers."



While in California, Selena worked in a convenience store on a highway that separated the wealthy neighborhood of Diamond Bar from poorer Pomona. Selena observed the differences in lifestyles between the world she lived in and the world of the people from Diamond Bar. It was at that time she became determined that her

children would be educated and have careers. Selena believed that too many girls in her community chose to marry young and have children so that they could stay within their comfort zone. She wanted her children to be around people who always strove to be better.

While attending a June wedding in Minnesota, Selena fell in love with our state. She walked around Como Park taking in the beauty of the trees and green grass. The lifestyle was much calmer than in California and that appealed to her. Minnesota also offered excellent educational opportunities for her daughters. Selena admits



*The beauty of Como Park attracted Selena*

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## A Few Notes...

- ◆ PLEASE keep in mind when packing your donations that the majority of our volunteers are unable to lift heavy bags and boxes
- ◆ We cannot accept: TV sets, hangers (plastic or wire), sharp knives, medical equipment, inoperable small appliances, telephones or electronics
- ◆ Let us know if you're interested in volunteering. We could use your help on Mondays, and Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoons
- ◆ We need women's feminine products (tampons and sanitary pads), toothbrushes and any travel size personal care products
- ◆ We are now accepting Spring and Summer clothing

## Selena (cont'd)

that she had no idea about the winters when she convinced her husband to leave California and move to Minnesota in 2000.

Through faith in God, honor and respect for family, and diligent work ethics Selena and her family have a good life. "We have a warm house. I am very good at budgeting and saving. We do not have cell phones or go to McDonalds. We eat a lot of rice and beans. I tell my daughters to eat vegetables and healthy foods at school.

"I am grateful to be able to shop at Joseph's Coat. People are so generous and give such beautiful clothes. My daughters like to go to the malls to window shop and

then go to Joseph's Coat to find outfits. The hygiene items are also a big help in stretching our budget. We live modestly because that is what we can afford."

Both of Selena's children are in high school. One is an A student with a part-time job and the other is an athlete who is too young to be employed. Selena is proud to be an American citizen, and very, very proud of her daughters. "I hope that they choose careers that they like but also ones in which they



help others. My dream is for them to go to college and not wash dishes or clean offices for a living like I do."

Selena says she is blessed with a positive spirit like her mom and doesn't get down about struggles or hard work. Could Joseph's Coat ask for a better partner?

## Herb Mischke Retires from Board



For more than 20 years Herb Mischke has been a donor

and promoter of Joseph's Coat. For nine of these years, he served on our board of directors. It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of our friend and long-standing board member. Herb is a successful insurance businessman who is well known to board members for his expertise in

parliamentary procedure. He gained this knowledge at the state and national level as an officer of The Chartered Life Underwriters. Herb stands as a model of integrity, compassion, and generosity in all of his dealings. We owe him a great debt for his work and example.

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