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Irving thrift shop to reopen Friday after receiving grant

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Brighter Tomorrows will reopen its Irving thrift shop at 9 a.m. Friday, five months after it closed for lack of funding.

The agency, which supports victims of domestic and sexual violence, will reopen the store thanks in part to a \$50,000 Meadows Foundation grant. Brighter Tomorrows was forced to close the thrift store as a cost-saving measure when Congress reduced the amount of money from the Victims of Crime Act that the agency normally receives.

Donations to the thrift shop, at 1215 S. MacArthur Blvd. in Irving, benefit clients who often are forced to flee from a violent family crisis with few essentials. The thrift shop also provides affordable merchandise to low-income families. All proceeds help support Brighter Tomorrows' programs and services.