

T's Boutique & Things

By Catherine Dean

Tracy Harper started her career in retail 13 years ago in an extra tiny space downtown that provided no room for growth. Yet now, after enduring multiple moves over the years in attempts to find the perfect fit, she has landed in a prime location for her business-T's Boutique & Things-at 931 North Columbia Street.

"I knew I needed and wanted a larger space to carry more merchandise, so I prayed about it and this spot opened up," said Harper. "This is the largest space I've ever had, and it's simply wonderful."

In fact, the store is quite spacious and beautifully decorated with modern touches of grey and white. Her inventory includes professional and casual wear for men and women, evening wear, handbags, shoes, lingerie, jewelry, Bazillion hair, perfume, costumes and adult novelty items. Due to having more space, Harper is anxious to expand her stock while remaking the image of the shop.

"I want everyone to feel comfortable coming into the boutique," said Harper. "It is my responsibility to put my customers at ease and help them find unique items that will brighten their days."

The store is currently carrying perfect picks for fall and winter wearing-including sweater dresses for the professional women wanting style and comfort, smart-looking pullovers, and an assortment of special occasion dresses for the upcoming holiday season.

Due to her larger-than-life presence and many charitable events she holds during the year, Harper is well known throughout Milledgeville and the business community including the Chamber of Commerce.

"We are so excited to have a new retail boutique-T's Boutique & Things-join the Chamber," said Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber President & CEO Angie Martin. "We already know and love Tracy through her membership with her nonprofit, TH Community Services (THCS), and appreciate all the great work she does for the community. Her new store location is gorgeous, and she has a variety of unique and classy items. We wish her much success in the new and improved space-not that she will need it as she is appreciated by so many in the community."

For Harper-a woman of great spiritual faith-her business is used as a vehicle to help others within the community. Her nonprofit, THCS, has been holding inspirational yearly events since 2006 including a Family Fund Day, a back-to-school giveaway, a Fall Festival, and a pre-Christmas dinner for senior citizens.

“My nonprofit serves to strengthen and unify our community through special events. We encourage families to congregate and fellowship together,” said Harper. “I couldn’t do it all without the help of many corporate sponsors throughout our community that donate money, items, and their time.”

Harper’s tireless dedication to our community was recently acknowledged with a humanitarian award presented to her by Mayor Mary Parham-Copelan and a certificate of appreciation from the Baldwin County Commissioners.

For more information on T’s Boutique & Things visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tracyharperTEB/ or drop by the store located at 931 North Columbia Street or call 478 454-7556. For more information on Harper’s nonprofit, visit their webpage at <http://thcommunityservices.org/>.

Hours of operation: Tuesday-Friday 10:am-8pm Sat 12-6