



ABLE Award Trendz Consignment Studios

Trendz Consignment Studios has been chosen as a recipient of the A.B.L.E. (Ability, Belief, Leadership and Effort to Achieve Access For All) Award for 2015, presented by the Brookings Committee for People who have Disabilities.

The A.B.L.E. Award (Ability, Belief, Leadership and Effort to Achieve Access For All) is presented annually to recognize the outstanding commitment of a business or public entity in fulfilling the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 2014 Trendz Consignment Studios moved to their current location. The store is located at 225 Main Avenue, in the building also known as the Masonic Temple. The Masonic



Temple is the oldest commercial building in downtown Brookings and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Prior to moving to its location, Trendz's owners, Sara and Les Rowland, worked with the building's owners to renovate and restore the building. A primary goal was to preserve the historic building, while providing accessibility. The store has 2 main entrances, one of them located under a canopy with an electric push button door opener. Signage on Main Avenue directs patrons to this accessible entrance.

Once inside the store, shoppers will notice the wide aisles and plenty of spaces in-between displays. The store also features an accessible dressing room and appropriate height counters. In addition to the physical accessible features, the store also suggests a welcoming, inclusive culture. Store owners and employees strive to ensure the needs of all shoppers are met. The store and its owners, Les and Sara, are commended for their efforts and ongoing practice as they model inclusion for all individuals.

It is the Committee's intention to highlight the efforts of an outstanding business or entity, which in turn may motivate others to provide improved accessibility to goods, services and recreational opportunities. Since 1996, there have been 72 nominees for the A.B.L.E. Award.

