



## *emily boys*

**E**mily Boys says she has always felt the need to give back to the community. So 10 years ago, the retired secretary began volunteering for Working Wardrobes, a Fountain Valley-based nonprofit that provides professional clothing for women, men and teenagers, as well as job training workshops, counseling and other programs from its Career Services Center. “It’s just wonderful helping people get back on their feet,” says Boys, who learned about the organization through a newspaper ad. Besides stuffing envelopes and doing data-entry work four days a week, Boys recently began putting her sewing skills to the test. “Most of that I do at home, which I prefer—I enjoy it, in fact,” says Boys. The seamstress puts together decorations, clothing and curtains, including the ones at The Hanger, the organization’s retail shop in Tustin. “All of my friends know I volunteer for Working Wardrobes, so they drop off clothes at my house, I clean them and then donate them,” says Boys, an Orange resident. Boys adds that most people don’t realize how uplifting volunteer work is: “It’s made my life so much richer.”