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Rachel Roland is a mom on a mission - exploring beautiful Arizona (and beyond!) with her two little companions, Jeremiah and Sarah, in search of the best restaurants, attractions, and products for you and your children. See what she has in store for your family today!



Meet Katherine Lowther, proud owner of <u>Perennials Boutique</u> in Scottsdale, on 56th Street and Thomas Rd. She's former teacher who wanted to share her love of recycling, repurposing, and reusing in a different way - so she opened a resale boutique for children's clothing for all ages. With a keen eye for cute styles and clothes that will hold up through the years, Perennials has - forgive the pun - bloomed. Business was booming when I visited on a recent Tuesday afternoon, but Katherine was able to spend a few minutes chatting with me about her store and more!



First, let me share some of my favorite facts about Perennials - for one, it's incredibly kid-friendly. There's a train table along with other toys to play with and keep children occupied so you can shop. Second, Katherine washes and presses all the clothing that she buys so you can feel comfortable letting your children try on and even wear their new clothes home. "I really think children need to learn to recycle and repurpose," she told me, "but recycled does not have to mean worn out or used-looking." That's why Katherine is very particular in the clothing she purchases - which I appreciate as a buyer, of course!



"I wanted to be make it so all children could wear all brands - so they weren't held back by pricing," she shared with me as we talked about the brands she likes to buy - everything is in such great condition, and most of the shirts are between \$4-\$7 (for my children's sizes - 5T) and pants range from \$7 (Gap Kids Corduroys) to \$15 (7 for all mankind jeans). As you can see, Sarah chose this amazing children's place skirt and paired it with some striped leggings - her shirt is what she wore in. Future fashionista? I think so!

Beyond helping support the local economy by buying clothes (for store credit or cash) from sellers, Perennials Boutique also supports local artisans - they sell tutus, hair bows, jewelry, quilts and more all from local Phoenix residents. One of her vendors is even a 10 year old! It's easily one of my favorite places to shop for my children - it's easy (remember, train table!), the prices are amazing, and Katherine is so helpful, kind, and will always help you find what you're looking for!

Visit Perennials Boutique at their new location - 5618 E Thomas Rd. They're open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm. You can also find them on Facebook!



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