

A new Marshalls store will open today in Santa Cruz in the former Circuit City building at 1664 Commercial Way.

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**Marshalls store opens today at Santa Cruz location**  
Discount designer clothing store creates 60 jobs at former Circuit City building

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SANTA CRUZ — Marshalls, a nationwide discount clothing store, will open its doors today in Santa Cruz.

The newly renovated store, which has taken over the building at 1664 Commercial Way formerly occupied by Circuit City, will boast 22,252 square feet of retail space.

Marshalls spokeswoman Laura McDowell said about 60 part-time and full-time positions will be created.

"With the addition of the Santa Cruz store, Marshalls is meeting consumer demand for quality, designer merchandise," Marshalls president Michael MacMillan said. "Our newest store will offer shoppers the same designer names they know and trust at prices

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well below department stores."

Marshalls sells designer fashions and accessories and home furnishings at up to 60 percent less than department and specialty stores, according to a press release from the company. The company has been in business since the 1950s and has grown to more

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than 800 stores in 42 states and Puerto Rico.

"Our buyers are the ultimate treasure hunters," Marshalls spokesperson Thea Houghton said. "They have relationships with more than 12,000 ever-changing vendors in 60 countries. They buy much closer to

the fashion season, which enables them to be smarter about trends and negotiate much better prices."

A presentation of a \$5,000 check to the Dominican Foundation will be held at 7:30 a.m., followed by a ribbon-cutting at 8 a.m. The store will be open today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Regular store hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.