

Fact Sheet on Forever 21

Do Won Chang – President

Jin Sook Chang – Secretary, Head Buyer,
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Company Profile

- Exceeded \$300 million in sales last year*
- First store called Fashion 21, opened in Highland Park, 1984—earned \$700,000 in its first year⁺
- 150 Stores throughout the U.S., Canada, and Japan with over 40 in California*
- Stores are called Forever 21, Fashion 21, and Forever XXI

⁺ “Guatemalan Show Draws Local Retailers, Manufacturers.” Deborah Belgium. *California Apparel News*. April 25-May 1, 2003

* “Korean Makers in L.A.: Climbing the Ladder and Going Mainstream,” Katherine Bowers. *Women's Wear Daily*. April 8, 2002

19 Workers who sewed Forever 21 clothing in 6 different downtown Los Angeles sweatshops allege in their lawsuit against Forever 21:

Owed Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars

Here is a list of problems found in these factories:

- Subminimum wages
- No overtime
- Worked 10-12 hours per day
- Worked Saturdays and Sundays
- Had to take work home
- Dirty, unsafe factories with rats and cockroaches
- No potable water
- No health insurance
- Fired for asking for small wage increases or for asking for the minimum wage

And more workers have joined the campaign since the 19 filed the lawsuit in September 2001