



Melissa Kendrick and her store, [Sojourns](#), [need Birmingham's help](#). Long before cups of coffee were being poured at Urban Standard or folks were sitting down to a cold one at all of the trendy bars gracing downtown Birmingham, she took a chance in 2005 and opened what is arguably [one of the first businesses to be truly part of the city center's revival](#).

According to [the GoFundMe campaign](#) set up by Max Blalock on Tuesday afternoon, a sewer line at her house collapse that is not covered by her homeowners insurance policy is placing Kendrick in a financial bind. While a status update on Facebook let us know she's secured a part-time job, perhaps sharing [the link to the page](#) and seeing just how close she might be able to get to the goal would help too.

Incidentally, [she's also going to need some volunteers](#) for an upcoming fashion show benefiting the Rape Response program at the Crisis Center...