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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant
to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) August 20, 2002

Charming Shoppes, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-07258

(Commission File Number)

23-1721355

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

450 Winks Lane
Bensalem, Pennsylvania

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19020

(Zip Code)

(215) 245-9100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 20, 2002, Charming Shoppes, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its second quarter earnings results. The following is an excerpt of financial information included in the text of the release:

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Charming Shoppes, Inc. Reports Second Quarter Earnings Results

Bensalem, PA., August 20, 2002 - Charming Shoppes, Inc. (NASDAQ:CHRS) the retail apparel chain specializing in women's plus-size apparel, today reported earnings and sales for the second quarter ended August 3, 2002. The Company has also announced the recording of the cumulative effect of an accounting change related to the adoption of FAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets."

For the three months ended August 3, 2002, net income increased 72% to \$25,549,000 or \$0.20 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$14,860,000 or \$0.14 per diluted share for the corresponding period last year.

Sales for the quarter ended August 3, 2002 increased 59% to \$638,307,000, compared to sales of \$402,700,000 during the corresponding period of the prior year. The current period's total sales include sales from Lane Bryant, which was acquired August 16, 2001. Comparable store sales for the corporation increased 1% for the quarter ended August 3, 2002.

Net income for the six months ended August 3, 2002 increased 80% to \$41,860,000 or \$0.33 per diluted share, before the cumulative effect of an accounting change, as described below. This compares to net income of \$23,228,000 or \$0.22 per diluted share for the corresponding period last year.

Related to the adoption of FAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", the Company has recorded a cumulative effect of an accounting change in the amount of \$43,975,000, or \$0.33 per diluted share, effective as of the beginning of the current fiscal year. Net loss after the cumulative effect of an accounting change was \$2,115,000 or \$0.00 per diluted share for the six months ended August 3, 2002. The non-cash charge represents the write-down of goodwill related to the acquisition of the Catherines Stores Corporation on January 7, 2000. The majority of the write-down is attributable to the value of unrecorded trademarks.

Sales for the six months ended August 3, 2002 increased 59% to \$1,268,923,000, compared to sales of \$797,461,000 during the corresponding period of the prior year. The current period's total sales include sales from Lane Bryant, which was acquired August 16, 2001. Comparable store sales for the corporation were flat for the six months ended August 3, 2002.

During the quarter, the Company repurchased 2.7 million shares of its common stock for approximately \$18.3 million, and ended the quarter with approximately 122.3 million outstanding common shares.

The Company has reaffirmed earnings per share projections for the second half of fiscal 2003, with comparable store sales for the third and fourth quarters projected in the positive low single digits. Based on these sales projections, earnings per share for the third and fourth quarters is projected to be approximately \$0.03, and \$0.08, respectively, resulting in a full year earnings per share projection of approximately \$0.44, before the cumulative effect of an accounting change.

At the end of the quarter, Charming Shoppes, Inc., operated 2,334 stores in 48 states under the names LANE BRYANT(R), FASHION BUG(R), FASHION BUG PLUS(R), CATHERINE'S PLUS SIZES(R), MONSOON(R) and ACCESSORIZE(R). Monsoon and Accessorize are registered trademarks of Monsoon Accessorize Ltd. During the six months ended August 3, 2002, the Company opened 32, converted 9, relocated 14, and closed 125 stores. The Company ended the quarter with 1,208 Fashion Bug and Fashion Bug Plus stores, 650 Lane Bryant stores, 467 Catherine's Plus Sizes stores, and 9 Monsoon/Accessorize stores. The Company ended the quarter with approximately 16,649,000 square feet of leased space.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements concerning the

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Company's operations, performance, and financial condition. These forward-looking statements include statements regarding future performance, including earnings,

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sales performance, and other matters. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated. Such risks and uncertainties may include, but are not limited to: failure to achieve successful integrations, failure to successfully implement the restructuring plan, failure to successfully implement the Company's business plan for increased profitability and growth in the plus-size women's apparel business, the availability of suitable store locations on appropriate terms, changes in or miscalculation of fashion trends, extreme or unseasonable weather conditions, economic downturns, a weakness in overall consumer demand, the ability to hire and train associates, trade restrictions and political or financial instability in countries where goods are manufactured, the interruption of merchandise flow to the Company's retail stores from its centralized distribution facilities, competitive pressures, and the adverse effects of acts or threats of war, terrorism, or other armed conflict on the United States and international economies. These, and other risks and uncertainties, are detailed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2002. Charming Shoppes assumes no duty to update or revise its forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized.

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		2nd Quarter Ended August 3, 2002 (a)	2nd Quarter Ended August 4, 2001 (b)	
(in thousands except per share amounts)	Percent Change		Percent of Sales	
Net sales	58.5%	\$638,307	100.0%	\$402,700
Cost of goods sold, buying, and occupancy	51.2	441,246	69.1	291,881
Selling, general, and administrative	79.6	151,391	23.7	84,308
Amortization of goodwill	(100.0)	0	0.0	1,221
Total operating expenses	57.0	592,637	92.8	377,410
Income from operations	80.6	45,670	7.2	25,290
Other income, principally interest	(47.8)	719	0.1	1,377
Interest expense	138.0	(5,678)	(0.9)	(2,386)
Income before income taxes	67.7	40,711	6.3	24,281
Income tax provision	65.1	15,552	2.4	9,421
Income before minority interest	69.3	25,159	3.9	14,860
Minority interest in net loss of consolidated subsidiary	NA	390	0.1	0
Net income	71.9%	\$ 25,549	3.9%	\$ 14,860
Basic net income per share		\$ 0.22		\$ 0.15
Weighted average shares outstanding		115,621		101,377
Net income per share, assuming dilution		\$ 0.20		\$ 0.14

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Weighted average shares and equivalents outstanding	137,210	115,225
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(in thousands except per share amounts)	Percent Change	Six Months Ended August 3, 2002 (a)	Percent of Sales	Six Months Ended August 4, 2001 (b)
Net sales	59.1%	\$1,268,923	100.0%	\$797,461
Cost of goods sold, buying, and occupancy	52.4	880,054	69.4	577,457
Selling, general, and administrative	74.2	310,547	24.5	178,241
Amortization of goodwill	(100.0)	0	0.0	2,443
Total operating expenses	57.0	1,190,601	93.8	758,141
Income from operations	99.2	78,322	6.2	39,320
Other income, principally interest	(65.8)	1,163	0.1	3,405
Interest expense	161.6	(12,480)	(1.0)	(4,771)
Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	76.5	67,005	5.3	37,954
Income tax provision	73.8	25,596	2.0	14,726
Income before minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting change	78.3	41,409	3.3	23,228
Minority interest in net loss of consolidated subsidiary	NA	451	0.0	0
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change ...	80.2	41,860	3.3	23,228
Cumulative effect of accounting change(c)	NA	(43,975)	(3.4)	0
Net income (loss)	(109.1)%	\$ (2,115)	(0.2)%	\$ 23,228
Basic net income (loss) per share:				
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change ...		\$ 0.37		\$ 0.23
Cumulative effect of accounting change(c)		(0.39)		0.00
Net income (loss)		\$ (0.02)		\$ 0.23
Weighted average shares outstanding		113,681		101,311
Net income (loss) per share, assuming dilution:				
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change ...		\$ 0.33		\$ 0.22
Cumulative effect of accounting change(c)		(0.33)		0.00
Net income (loss)		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.22
Weighted average shares and equivalents outstanding		132,107		115,187

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the

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undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.
(Registrant)

Dated: August 20, 2002

By: /S/ Eric. M. Specter

Name: Eric M. Specter
Title: Executive Vice President