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**THE CAREER WARDROBE'S SEVENTH ANNUAL
A PERFECT FIT: FASHIONING FUTURES FOR WOMEN
EMCEED BY MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER
LIVE AUCTION OF CLINTON FAMILY SIGNED HANDBAG**

PHILADELPHIA – The city of sisterly love's trailblazing nonprofit organization The Career Wardrobe announces its seventh annual premier fundraising event, ***A Perfect Fit: Fashioning Futures For Women***. The event will be held **Wednesday, June 11, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at World Café Live, 3025 Walnut Street.**

A Perfect Fit will feature a fashion presentation by local anchorwomen and media personalities emceed by **Mayor Michael Nutter**. Models will include **Monique Braxton, Dawn Timmeney, Lori Wilson, and Denise Nakano** from NBC10, **Nefertiti Jaquez, Sue Serio, and Dawn Stensland** from FOX29, **Tamala Edwards** from 6ABC, **Mary Stoker Smith** from CBS3, **Lynn Doyle, Mary Caraccioli** and **Janet Zappala** from CN8, and **Tiffany Hill** from B101. These prominent media personalities literally donate the suits off their backs to The Career Wardrobe after modeling them. Our participating media personalities will walk down the runway with and introduce a former Career Wardrobe clients who has successfully transitioned into the workforce.

The evening will also include a spectacular silent and live auction including celebrity-signed handbags custom made by Viv Pickle Handbag Boutique in Philadelphia. This year's diverse group of celebrity-inspired and signed handbags include **Democratic Presidential Candidate Senator Hillary Clinton, President Bill Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton; Matt Lauer, Meredith Viera** and **Al Roker** of *The Today Show*; **John Travolta; Jenna Elfman; Simon LeBon** of *Duran Duran*; **Jay Leno; Sarah Jessica Parker; Andy Reid** and **Jon Runyan** of the *Philadelphia Eagles*; **Gloria Steinem; and Andrew Zimmern**, host of the Travel Channel's *Bizarre Foods*.

This event also includes an hors d'oeuvres reception with cocktails and beverages provided by Barefoot Wine and Pravda Vodka, and live music by Philadelphia singer-songwriter **Christine Havrilla**. This year's event incorporates the theme **"Living an Empowered Life,"** and includes a keepsake resource program book with articles detailing how women can take control of their personal and professional lives.



The Career Wardrobe is the nation's largest community-based nonprofit organization that provides women in transition with free professional clothing and educational opportunities to help them successfully find and retain employment. The Wardrobe's services empower women by inspiring the confidence necessary to achieve self-sufficiency for themselves and their families. Since 1995, The Career Wardrobe has assisted more than 50,000 women transition into the workforce, and 60% have successfully found employment.

The Career Wardrobe also offers a *Gateway to Success Seminar Series*, where volunteers with expertise in fashion, financial management, employment law and human resources present monthly seminars on personal and professional development. Since 2003, 6,500 women have participated in The Wardrobe's educational seminars.

This fundraising event raised nearly \$70,000 for The Career Wardrobe last year. Since the inception of *A Perfect Fit*, more than 1,500 supporters have attended.

A Perfect Fit is supported by the following corporate sponsors: Citizens Bank, ING DIRECT, National City Bank, St. Edmond's Federal Savings Bank, PECO, Pepper Hamilton LLP, ING Financial Services, blue plate minds, Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation, Women in Insurance and Financial Services, *Phlare Magazine*, Philadelphia Business Journal, Barefoot Wines and Pravda Vodka.

Individual tickets must be purchased in advance for \$60, and corporate and individual sponsorship packages are available. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call (215) 568-6693 or visit www.careerwardrobe.org.

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