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**CAREER WARDROBE ANNOUNCES “A PERFECT FIT:
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EMPOWERING WOMEN TO SUCCEED”**

*The Career Wardrobe’s Fifth Annual “A Perfect Fit” Fundraiser features
“Story of A Suit” Exhibit, Celebrity-Signed Handbags, Media Personality Models, and more!*

PHILADELPHIA – (April 15, 2006) – The Career Wardrobe’s fifth annual premier fundraising event, “**A Perfect Fit: Celebrating 10 Years of Empowering Women To Succeed**” will be held **Thursday, June 8, 2006** from **5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at **Top of the Tower, 1717 Arch Street in Center City.**

This event will feature a fashion presentation by local anchorwomen and media personalities including **Monica Malpass** from *WPVI 6ABC*, **Mary Stoker Smith** from *CBS3*, **Monique Braxton**, **Denise Nakano**, **Amy Freeze**, **Kristen Welker**, and **Lori Wilson** from *NBC10*, **Sheinelle Jones**, **Jennaphr Frederick** and **Sharon Crowley** from *FOX29*, **Christa Quinn** from *UPN57*, **Mary Caraccioli** from *CN8*, **Tiffany Hill** from *B101*, **Kim Douglas** from *WYSP* and **Debbi Calton** from *WMGK*, **Jill Porter** from *Philadelphia Daily News*, and **Brenda Jorett** from *WHYY 91FM*. These prominent media personalities literally donate the suits off their backs to The Career Wardrobe after modeling them, sharing the runway with former Career Wardrobe participants.

The event also includes an hors d’oeuvres reception with cocktails and beverages provided by Michelob Ultra, Chambord, and Whole Foods, and a spectacular silent and live auction including celebrity-signed handbags custom made by Viv Pickle. This year’s celebrity-inspired and signed handbags include **Oprah Winfrey**, **Donald Trump**, **Cyndi Lauper**, **Sharon Osbourne**, and more!

Additionally, this evening will feature the **10th Anniversary “Story of a Suit” Photography Exhibit**, which tells the stories of ten inspirational women — and their suits!

The Career Wardrobe has chosen community leaders, volunteers, and former Career Wardrobe participants to be featured in the exhibit featuring the photography of **Jeffrey Holder**. “Story of a Suit” will also remain as a permanent online exhibition at InLiquid.com, an online-centered membership organization dedicated to providing opportunities and exposure for visual

artists and designers in Philadelphia and making the visual arts more accessible to a broader audience.

The 2006 “Story of A Suit” honorees are **Qiana Baker**, Quality Control Intern, West Philadelphia EARN Center; **Shawn Ben**, Music teacher and former Career Wardrobe participant; **Sheri Cole**, Executive Director, The Career Wardrobe; **Pamela Crawley**, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Citizens Bank; **Jacqueline Gibson**, Instructor, Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation; **Patricia Harless**, Founding Board Member, The Career Wardrobe; **Sherilynn Johnson Kimble**, Executive Director, The Caring Center; **Abby Siegel-Greenberg**, Senior Account Executive, Philadelphia Business Journal; **Mary Ann Smalls**, Administrative Assistant, The Career Wardrobe; and **Leslie Mallow Wendell**, President, Rosewood Consulting Group.

The “Story of a Suit” exhibit will also include the honorees personal “suit stories,” as penned by some of Philadelphia’s best writing talent including **Brenda Jorett** from *WHYY 91FM*, **Tamala Edwards** from *WPVI 6ABC*, **Karin Phillips** from *KYW Newsradio*, **Carol Saline** from *Philadelphia Magazine*, and **Jill Porter** from *Philadelphia Daily News*.

This fundraising event raised more than \$60,000 for The Career Wardrobe last year. Since the inception of “A Perfect Fit,” more than 1000 supporters have attended.

“A Perfect Fit” is supported by the following corporate sponsors: National City Bank, Al Heaton, Jr. of Ryan Beck & Co., Alpha Kappa Alpha and Ivy Cultural and Educational Foundation, Andreflewellen.com, Ark Creatives, Inc., B-101, blue plate minds, BUCKS Magazine, Bullock Capital, Comcast Cable, Coordinating Council of Frontiers International, The Deb Shops, Eileen Fisher, Fels Printing, Harmelin Media, Hartford Customer Services Group, ING Direct, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., National Penn Bank, Payroll Factory, Pepper Hamilton LLP, Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation, Smells Like Green, Siegel Business Services, and Quad 656.

Working in partnership with thousands of volunteers and hundreds of agencies throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania, The Career Wardrobe provides free, high-quality clothing and professional and personal development services to low-income women in transition, boosting their self-confidence and preparing them for entry into the workforce. Since opening its doors in 1995, The Career Wardrobe has assisted more than 35,000 women in transition.

Individual tickets must be purchased in advance for \$60. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call 215-568-6693 or visit **www.careerwardrobe.org**.

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