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**CAREER WARDROBE SELECTS 10 INSPIRATIONAL LOCAL WOMEN FOR
“STORY OF A SUIT” PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT**

*Celebrating Ten Years of Empowering Women To Succeed, The Career Wardrobe announces
“The Story of A Suit” Exhibit and Fifth Annual “A Perfect Fit” Fundraiser*

PHILADELPHIA – (March 2, 2006) – Every suit tells a story and to celebrate its 10th Anniversary, The Career Wardrobe is telling the stories of ten inspirational women — and their suits!

The Career Wardrobe have chosen community leaders, volunteers, and former Career Wardrobe participants to be featured in the **10th Anniversary Story of a Suit Photography Exhibit**, debuting Monday, May 1, 2006 at a private reception at Rosenfeld Gallery, 113 Arch Street in Philadelphia. The exhibit will also be displayed at the Fifth Annual “A Perfect Fit” Fundraiser, Thursday, June 8, 2006 and a part of 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

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 *6ABC*, **Karin Phillips** from *KYW Newsradio*, **Carol Saline** from *Philadelphia Magazine*, and **Jill Porter** from *Philadelphia Daily News*.

The Career Wardrobe’s fifth annual premier fundraising event, **“A Perfect Fit: Celebrating 10 Years 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 on 1717 Arch Street in Center City.**

For the past five years, local anchorwomen and media personalities have generously donated their time and their clothes to take part in the event that culminates with a fashion presentation where former Career Wardrobe participants join these successful women on the runway. These prominent media personalities literally donate the suits off their backs to The Career Wardrobe after modeling them during the evening’s fashion show.

The event includes an hors d’oeuvres reception with open bar provided by Michelob Ultra and Chambord, and a spectacular silent and live auction including celebrity-signed handbags custom made by Viv Pickle. Individual tickets must be purchased in advance for \$60.

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. “Every woman who has entered The Wardrobe over the past ten years — from our clients to volunteers to generous donors — has an inspiring story to share,” says Executive Director Sheri K. Cole. “We are proud to be able to honor women who have contributed so much to improving the lives of others in our community.”

“A Perfect Fit” and Story of a Suit are supported by the following corporate sponsors: National City Bank, Pepper Hamilton LLP, Blue Plate Minds, Harmelin Media, The Deb Shops, Eileen Fisher, Michelob Ultra, Jacquins Chambord, BUCKS Magazine, and B-101. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available by calling 215-568-6693.

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 30,000 women in transition.

To learn more about The Career Wardrobe visit www.careerwardrobe.org.

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