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Spring & Summer Clothing Donations for Suited to Succeed

Accepting "Ready to Wear" clothing for Women in need

Baltimore, February 22, 2011: Suited to Succeed depends on the Baltimore community for its stock. The program relies on donations of gently used, "**Ready to Wear**" clothing that is appropriate to the workplace. The Board and staff of Suited to Succeed — many of whom are volunteers — know that there are an enormous number of women in Maryland whose closets are bulging with excess business attire. As a result, the organization often has business attire, jewelry, purses and accessory inventory that are constantly turning over. This is primarily due to the staff and board continually networking toward the goal of procuring business clothing. "We have really great clothes here," says Del Henry, sales and clothing manager. "**There are a lot of designer labels that our clients can feel proud of wearing.** It is amazing how well Suited's clothing coordinator, 70 year + Ms. Carolyn Hough, organizes and redistributes the clothing throughout the 3000 sq. ft facility, however she gets it done on a daily basis. "We call her the Magic Clothes Fairy" says, Keontay Beaman, Suited's Office Manager.

Suited to Succeed will begin accepting donations of women's spring and summer business clothing (including spring coats appropriate for wear during the walk or bus ride to the office in the rain) as of March 1st. Suited also accepts cash and in-kind donations. Donations of clothing may be dropped at the "Shop", which is open between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday. "Our donors love our "**Drive Thru Donation Plan**" says Ms. Beaman, "All they have to do is call from around the corner and volunteers come out, unload the car or truck, hand over a receipt and the donor drives away. "Our easy donating plan is one of the reasons Suited gets so many Downtown donations", say Beaman.

Although clothing in all sizes is accepted, the program always has a particular need for larger sizes (16-28), maternity business wear and shoes size 8 and over. "When it comes to donating clothes we tell people to look at a piece of clothing they are considering for donation and ask themselves, 'Would I wear this to work?' That's really the important question. Though business attire is our ultimate request, we do take other clothing items that are sold during our overflow "**Suited Tuesday Sale**" or we donate to partner agencies like the House of Ruth, Martha's Place, Marion House and the Action Community Center that also provide their clients clothing free of charge. All sale proceeds benefit Suited's programs and services for Baltimore area women.

More information on the program, including how to donate is available by going to www.suitedtosucceed.org or by calling 410-528-1799.