

News Release

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DC's Suited for Change Serves 25,000 Local Women In Need

Non-profit providing professional attire celebrates 25 years and 25,000 women served

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 8, 2017) — Today, Suited for Change ("SFC"), the DC area's oldest and leading nonprofit has provided professional attire and job-readiness training to 25,000 local women in need! Since 1992, SFC has witnessed clients build new lives, interview for and start jobs, and overcome great obstacles to become financially independent.

"We knew our 25th anniversary year would be full of exciting accomplishments, but this achievement really touches my heart. We are so honored to have the opportunity to continue our mission, changing lives and empowering more than 25,000 women," said Jamshed Mulla, President of the Board of Directors of Suited for Change.

This year, there has been a dramatic increase in the need for SFC services. Suited for Change regularly serves more than 110 women each month, providing local low-income women interview-ready outfits, including handbags, shoes, and accessories. SFC empowers women, helping them see themselves as professionals, many for the first time. Clients leave with clothing, and they also leave with confidence.

"When I came to Suited for Change, I was given the extra boost of self-esteem I needed to stand on my own two feet," said Kimberly Harris, a former client of SFC. "Suited for Change gave me clothing, but they gave me more than that. They gave me love, support, and a place to feel safe."

SFC clients are referred by hundreds of strong community partners like DC Department of Employment Services, DC Central Kitchen, and America Works. The organization's dedicated corps of more than 100 volunteers style clients six days a week in SFC's downtown boutique.

"We are very privileged to be able to work one-on-one with women determined to change their lives," said Simonetta Thorne, a volunteer with SFC since 2005. "It seems so simple, but clients are transformed during their visits to Suited for Change, and I love being a part of it."

Celebrate this milestone with Suited for Change! Get involved by donating generously at <u>suitedforchange.org/donate</u> or sign up to volunteer. For more information, visit <u>suitedforchange.org</u>, and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

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Founded in 1992, Suited for Change is the DC area's leading 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization providing interview-ready professional attire, mentoring, and job-readiness education to local women in need. In its 25th year, Suited for Change has served 25,000 clients, empowering women by helping them overcome barriers to employment and become financially independent. To learn more and get involved, visit <u>suitedforchange.org</u>.