

Trends letter



Mission

Suited for Change empowers women seeking financial independence and self-sufficiency by providing professional attire, style mentoring, and job enriching workshops.

Vision

Changing Lives.
Empowering Women.

Our Clients Say...

"The ladies were helpful and encouraging.... I want to work to make a difference in someone's life in a big way, the way they did for me today!"

"Suited for Change is a true blessing."

"The staff is more than helpful—they are invested in me."

"Suited for Change is a lifesaver!"

"They treated me with respect and that motivates me to keep going."

Message from the President

Dear Friends,

I am so honored to begin my term as president of the Board of Directors of Suited for Change. It is such a privilege to serve the needs of this great organization, especially in this exciting year of celebration.

Following our anniversary celebration, the summer continued with our first ever all-day fundraiser sale hosted at Pepco. It was a wonderful way to spread the word about our work while engaging our D.C. community.

As we continue to celebrate this milestone, we look forward to what the next 25 years will bring. The need for our services has never been greater and each year we strive to expand our services to more and more women.

Since 1992, Suited for Change has helped to change the lives and empower 25,000 women. With your support, we look forward to serving thousands more.

Warmly,

Jamshed Mulla



Recent Events

#Suited4PopUp

On July 19, Suited for Change partnered with Pepco to host our first ever pop up sale, raising funds toward our mission! The all-day sale was a huge success and brought hundreds of community members together to support the local women in need we serve at Suited for Change. We sold hundreds of items, including never before seen Suited merchandise (available online soon!), shoppers had the opportunity to write notes to future clients, wishing them luck and success as



Mission

Suited for Change empowers women seeking financial independence and self-sufficiency by providing professional attire, style mentoring, an job enrichment workshops.

Vision

Changing Lives.
Empowering Women.

Upcoming Events

August 30

Bubbles & Bloggers
Meet-up with Suited for Change

September 13

Monthly Boutique Sale

September 14

Shop J.Crew with
Suited for Change

September 16

Curbside Clothing
Donation Drop-off

September 27

Drift on 7th Happy
Hour Benefitting Sited
for Change

September 28

Stella & Dot Trunk
Show and Sale

October 7

Shop Talbots with
Suited for Change

October 11

Monthly Boutique Sale

November 2, 3

#Suited4PopUp at
Pepco Edison Place
Gallery

November 28

Giving Tuesday

they begin their journeys to financial independence. You can check out all the fun from #Suited4PopUp [here!](#)



Wake Up Washington traffic anchor, Ellen Bryan, wearing her purchase from #Suited4PopUp



#Suited4PopUp shoppers writing notes to future clients



Former client, Kimberly, on camera!
Watch the full interview [here](#)



Executive Director Kate Dean with
Congressman Eliot Engel and wife, Pat

Meet the Women We Serve

Kimberly's Story

Kimberly first came to Suited for Change on her way to a job conference. The invitation felt like a once in a lifetime chance, yet she couldn't afford the professional clothing she would need to make a good impression. Kimberly came to Suited and instantly felt at home. "I met some of the most amazing women that I could ever dream to connect with," Kimberly says. "I have found a family...a support group." Now, Kimberly calls herself "an advocate for Suited for Change." She is currently working to get her MBA from Georgetown University on a partial scholarship, hoping to pursue her entrepreneurial dreams and open a high-end shoe boutique. Like many of our clients, Kimberly never misses a Suited for Change event. She has remained involved long after her initial appointment years ago, returning to volunteer. Kimberly loves popping in to Suited to catch up with staff and volunteers, lending a hand wherever



Staff

Kate Dean,
Executive Director

Ilana Falick,
Communications &
Development
Associate

Board of Directors

Jamshed Mulla,
PhD
President

Terese Whitehead
Vice President

Suellen Lazarus
Treasurer

Lisanne Crowley,
Esq.
Secretary

Members at Large

Patrick Flaherty,
Esq.

Sandra Levy

Channing Martin
Teresa Payne-Nunn

Tiffany Stamps

Suzette Stevenson

Ivana Willis

Meghan Wool

she is needed. Look out for Kimberly's open letter to her "Suited Sisters," coming soon to the new Suited for Change blog!

Adrienne's Story

Adrienne came to Suited for Change after leaving prison with only the clothes on her back—literally. She had a young baby and they found themselves homeless. With her child in tow, Adrienne was directed to Suited for Change by our referral partners at Project Empowerment. She describes our Boutique as glamorous, a place where she was greeted with a smile, where she felt the volunteers' investment in her. Since her initial suiting appointment, Adrienne has returned to Suited for Change to receive three additional outfits. Like many of our clients, Adrienne has taken advantage of our Boutique sales to fill in gaps in her professional wardrobe, and will not wear anything to work she has not received at Suited for Change. Most impressively—but not surprisingly—Adrienne has returned as a volunteer, giving back to her community and the organization that helped her to secure a full-time job with benefits. Adrienne always possessed the motivation and self-determination to be successful, but as a formerly incarcerated, low-income, single mother, she was statistically unlikely to merit a second chance to succeed. Thanks to help from Suited for Change, she received that second chance.



Note from the Executive Director

I was thrilled to join Suited for Change in March as we celebrate 25 successful years serving women of the DC area. It is an exciting time for the organization. Suited for Change is expanding—we are bringing on new staff, and would like to welcome Ilana Falick as our new Communications and Development Associate. We are planning and hosting a number of community and fundraising events, like the hugely successful July pop up in partnership with Pepco. We are focusing on what Suited for Change has always done well—changing lives and empowering women.



The need of metropolitan area women is increasing. Suited has added more than 40 appointment hours each month to accommodate the demand for our services. We have served more than 850 women already this year compared to 600 this time last year, and are prepared to assist hundreds more in the months to come.

We need your support to expand, and to reach the women in our community fighting for financial independence. Consider making a donation, volunteering, or joining us at an upcoming event! To learn more about our services and the incredible clients we have the privilege of serving every day, please visit our website or feel free to call the office for any further information.

All the best,

Kate Dean