

## HELPING DRESS FOR SUCCESS MEMPHIS

There are many ways you can support DFS Memphis in our mission to help women become self-sufficient:

- Make a tax-deductible \*financial donation  
*\*Consider making a monthly donation of \$10; \$25 or \$50 monthly*
- Make a tax-deductible donation of new or nearly new professional attire
- Volunteer with Operations, Programs & Services, or Fundraising
- Organize a **SUIT DRIVE** at your workplace, community organization, church, etc.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DFS Memphis is a volunteer-driven organization and we have many opportunities available:

- Fundraising Support
- Personal Shoppers
- Mock Interview/Resume Writing Facilitators
- Virtual Workshop Facilitators
- Office and Administrative Support



Visit our websites

[memphis.dressforsuccess.org](http://memphis.dressforsuccess.org)

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[dfsmemphisvirtualcc.org](http://dfsmemphisvirtualcc.org)

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## DONATION HOURS TUESDAY - THURSDAY 10:00AM TO 1:00PM

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Connect with us Virtually at: [dfsmemphisvirtualcc.org](http://dfsmemphisvirtualcc.org)

## CLOTHING DONATIONS ACCEPTED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please call  
901 363-3100

- Interview appropriate suits
- Professional separates including :
  - blouses, slacks, jackets, skirts, dresses, blazers and
- Work appropriate shoes
- Jewelry and scarves
- Handbags (briefcases, portfolios or work appropriate handbag)

*Items should be less than three years old, in good condition, dry-cleaned or laundered as appropriate, and on hangers. Please contribute only those items you would feel comfortable wearing to an interview yourself. We are in need of clothing and shoes in all sizes.*

*Thanks in Advance.*



**DRESS FOR SUCCESS**  
MEMPHIS

*Going Places. Going Strong.*



*We focus on helping each woman prepare for the journey ahead*

## MISSION

The mission of Dress for Success Memphis is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and development tools to help women thrive in work and life.



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## About Us

In February 1998 Janelle Ray (an AmericCorps Vista volunteer) and Anne Jones (a member of Idlewild Presbyterian Church) established Career Closet. The organization affiliated with Dress for Success Worldwide in August 1999. Since the inception of Dress for Success Memphis, over 14,000 women have been served in the Memphis metropolitan area.

Our vision is a world where women do not live in poverty. We strive for a world where all women are financially independent, are treated with dignity and respect and are directly impacting their lives and those of their families. We aspire to a world that fully harnesses the power of women and recognizes their role in economic sustainability.



All clients served by Dress for Success Memphis must be referred by an approved referring agency. Dress for Success Memphis works with clients referred to us from over 85 agencies that provide various job training and job readiness programs throughout our community. Clients are referred after completing job training or an educational program and are ready to begin seeking and interviewing for employment. We believe that working hand in hand with our referral agency partners is essential in helping to improve the statistics on women, children and poverty in our community.

## Programs & Services

Our **SUITING PROGRAMS** are designed to give a woman the self-confidence she needs for a job interview by making sure she is properly attired.

At her **INTERVIEW SUITING APPOINTMENT**, the client is assisted in selecting an outfit and accessories that fit properly and are appropriate for the job she is applying for. Along with tips on how to dress professionally, she's given words of encouragement all in an effort to build her self-confidence and better prepare her for a successful interview.

Once she has gained employment, she is eligible for **EMPLOYMENT SUITING** where she will receive a week's worth of separates with which to begin work along with a set of pearls.

## Working Women's Career Center

The Career Center promotes confidence and professionalism by providing clients with career guidance, technical skills, services and resources that are vital in supporting their job searches. Also available are E-Learning modules, resume and cover letter writing lessons, interview preparation, mock interviews, and career coaching.

In April 2020, we pivoted and also offer our virtual career center and networking platforms. Please sign up today at [www.dfsmemphisvirtualcc.org](http://www.dfsmemphisvirtualcc.org)



## Professional Women's Group

Women making the transition from unemployment to employment, face challenges that range from understanding corporate culture to handling personal finances, often without any support systems in place to help them through it.

The DFS Professional Women's Group (PWG) supports our clients during this critical time by providing information that will help women unfamiliar with the workplace continue to develop skills and advance in their careers.

Members have a comfortable atmosphere in which they can share, grow, and network with other women who have recently made the same transition.

Each regularly scheduled meeting consists of an expert speaker and a networking period. Subjects covered include workplace communication, written and unwritten rules of the workplace, childcare issues, financial education, stress management, and work life balance, among others.

Financial literacy is an important component of PWG. Comprehensive money management programs teach low income women how to become economically independent by creating fiscal goals, developing budgets, and investing in their futures.

*"We are much More than simply a New Outfit."*

**SUITING  
LEADERSHIP  
EMPLOYMENT RETENTION  
ESSENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING**

*When you change a women, you change a child. When you change a child...you change a community and we all benefit.*