

News to Suit You

Winter

A NEWSLETTER FROM DRESS FOR SUCCESS HOUSTON

2017



Dear Friends,

As we embark on our 20th anniversary year, I reflect on our journey of service. In 1998 we opened our first “store.” We served 117 women, referred by 3 agencies, and 21% of them landed a job. In 2017 we served over 3,300 women, referred by 195 agencies, and 60% of them landed jobs. Two decades later we are solidly in the business of changing lives – helping women discover and uncover their full

potential. We encourage our clients to see themselves as who they are meant to be - images of success in their own lives and the lives of their children.

So after 20 years what began as an all - volunteer organization now consists of 12 full-time committed staff, a stellar group of over 400 volunteers, and more than 40,000 women impacted and empowered by our services.

Things have changed, our programs

have grown exponentially, and we built the only permanent DFS facility in the world. What has never changed is my belief that it is a blessing to work helping women help themselves. I hope you will join me by becoming a part of our continuing success and assisting us as we make real, authentic change in the lives of Houston women.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season!

Nancy S. Levicki



Addressing Women's Needs

PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE SUITING PROGRAM

Since inception in 1998, more than 40,000 women have been impacted by our suiting program. DFSH empowers low-income women by giving them tools to make a positive first impression on potential employers and maintain a lasting impression once they land the job. 60% of the more

than 3,300 women served in 2017 are currently employed!

3,300

WOMEN SERVED

Securing Employment

PRE-EMPLOYMENT CLASSES

60%

EMPLOYED

For women who have experienced our suiting program but are struggling to gain employment, we host weekly seminars teaching clients to successfully

navigate topics such as planning and productivity, setting career objectives, and overcoming obstacles. "Mock Interviews," "Resume Writing" and the "Power of LinkedIn" classes have helped 60% of women overcome their barriers to employment.



1,000+ Vets Served

VETERAN SERVICES

In collaboration with 23 local veteran service agencies, we offer monthly veteran service events to assist women transitioning from the military into the civilian workforce. Since the program's inception in 2014, more than 1,000 veterans, from all five branches of service, have received professional attire, networking opportunities, interview readiness training, on-site interviews, local

veteran resources and guidance from dedicated corporate partners.



Turning a Job into a Career

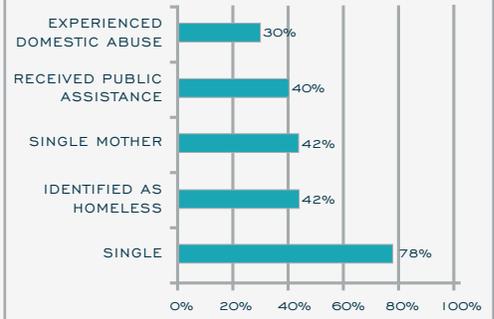
CAREER EDUCATION

The Professional Women's Group (PWG) focuses on job retention, career advancement and personal development. PWG offers women the resources and information to become truly self-sufficient so they may support themselves and their families. After three years of involvement in PWG, the need for public assistance drops from 40% to an impressive 3%. Our objective is to create systemic change by equipping women with the knowledge needed to attain long-term employment and success - ultimately building skilled leaders in our community.

27,000

UNITS OF SERVICE IN 2017
SUCH AS PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE, CAREER EDUCATION,
PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND VETERANS PROGRAMS

CLIENT STATISTICS PRE-DFSH IMPACT



★★★★
CHARITY NAVIGATOR
Four Star Charity

30

ALTMAN-GOLDSTEIN
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED 

Katherine



*Payload Integration Engineer,
Boeing/NASA; U.S. Air Force Veteran*

Gracie



*Dental Assistant
Katy Modern Dentistry*

Inga



*Accounts Payable Coordinator,
Waste Management*

Angela



*Risk Adjustment Coder,
Universal American/WellCare*

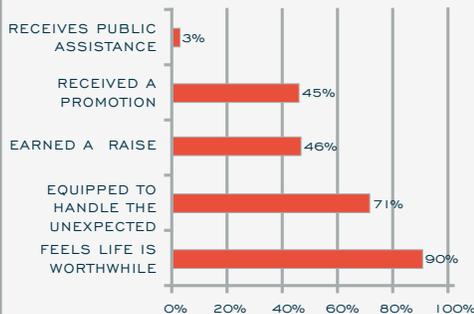
PWVG

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP

EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS
BEYOND THE
SUIT



CLIENT STATISTICS DFSH IMPACT



NUMBER OF HOUSTON
WOMEN SERVED SINCE 1998

40,000

Here for Her after Hurricane Harvey



As an agency built on resiliency, we know the critical need to provide immediate support and resources to women and families who are rebuilding and recovering. On September 9, 2017, DFSH hosted a resource fair as an initial effort to offer relief to our clients impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Bethenny Frankel attended and supported our efforts. This fair addressed immediate needs including transportation money for

Metro or gas, \$200 gift cards to Walmart for each woman and child, professional and casual attire, backpacks filled with school supplies, therapy resources from Fuller Life Institute, pantry items including protein snacks and bottled water, and toiletries. 304 women and their children were impacted, and 198 volunteers donated 716 volunteer hours. We continued our sustainability efforts following the resource fair by providing

assistance to employed women devastated by Hurricane Harvey in an effort to ensure employed clients did not lose their jobs as a result of loss of vehicle, personal belongings or their home.

370 WOMEN & CHILDREN IMPACTED

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