

*"We provide our women with professional attire... but the true gift that they receive **cannot be placed in any bag.**"*

The need for Dress for Success is real. The impact of Dress for Success has changed the world.

SUCCESS by the Numbers

- Dress for Success has suited more than **650,000** women since our inception in 1997; In 2011 alone Dress for Success served over **55,000** women.
- **75%** of Professional Women's Group members have retained their jobs after one year.
- **57%** of Professional Women's Group members have furthered their education by enrolling in or completing a GED or college program.
- **60%** of Professional Women's Group members have improved their credit.

IN HER VOICE: SUCCESS STORIES

Clara, Dress for Success Indianapolis

With one day's notice, Clara Bova was forced out of a job that she had held since graduating from high school 22 years before.

Undeterred, Clara went to Mary Riggs Neighborhood Center where she learned to type. Though her road to stable employment was rocky, Clara now works for the Mayor's Action Center as a customer service representative. **"Dress for Success makes you feel like a person and feel like you're going to be a success,"** she says.

Maria, Dress for Success San Francisco

Having struggled through domestic violence, divorce, single parenting, homelessness, and substance abuse, Maria was ready to reclaim her life and regain the ability to care for her family. Entering her seventh year of unemployment, she was referred to Dress for Success by the city and county of San Francisco's CalWorks.

Dress for Success provided Maria with her first interview suit, along with the tools and confidence she needed to gain employment with San Francisco's Human Services Agency. As a newly employed professional, Maria joined the Professional Women's group, where she is a very active member. **"I always look forward to these meetings. This is a great opportunity for me to network, meet other women like myself, and gain the self-confidence and career tools that Dress for Success/PWG provides."** Since becoming a PWG member, Maria has received multiple promotions and noteworthy advancements in her career.

Zoe, Dress for Success New York

As a prison inmate, Zoe wrote more than 150 poems focusing on her healing from the abuse she endured as a child and the drug addiction she overcame as an adult. After becoming involved with Dress for Success, Zoe began her journey to a new, fulfilling life as an assessment specialist at the NADAP. She also became the self-published author of a poetry book entitled *Poetic Recovery Life Don't Rhyme*. **"Dress for Success provided me with the resources that I needed to be able to do something great with my life. I am eternally grateful to Dress for Success for all that they have provided me over the years."**

