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WHO WE ARE



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Dress for Success Toronto® is part of a global movement for change. We are a local affiliate of an international not-for-profit organization operating in over 154 cities in 30 countries. Since 2009, we have helped over 10,000 women in the GTA transition from unemployment to economic independence.

Dress Your Best is a Toronto based organization operating within the same boutique space as Dress For Success Toronto. The mission is to promote the economic independence of men across the GTA since 2000.



WHAT WE DO

Suiting Program

We provide individuals who are actively seeking employment the clothing to succeed through our [Suiting Program](#). Clients work with a volunteer stylist to select attire that makes them feel confident and empowered to succeed in the workplace.

Career Services

[The Career Services Program](#) provides learning opportunities and resources to build professional skills and accelerate the job search process.

(DFST only)

Professional Women's Group

[The Professional Women's Group](#) is a monthly forum of support to encourage, educate and inspire newly employed Clients. *(DFST only)*



WHO WE SERVE

We help all individuals, any age and ethnicity, any background who needs our help. We create an empowering experience in an inclusive, non-judgmental and supportive environment so our Clients can feel comfortable and safe. This includes;

- Women and men living on low income
- Single mothers, raising an average of 2 to 3 children
- Our Clients have all levels of education; more than 80% of our Clients have post-secondary education
- Over 65% of our Clients are newcomers to Canada, half have lived in Canada for less than 5 years



WHAT WOULD YOU WEAR TO A JOB INTERVIEW?

Your fabulous suits and accessories will be the confidence boost Clients need to make a great first impression and land a job that could change their life.

When choosing and packing your Clothing Donations we kindly ask;

- All clothing be clean and ready to wear to the big interview. No rips, stains, pet hairs, or broken button/zippers please.
- We are looking for classic items that never go out of style.
- We kindly ask that all donations be delivered neatly folded in bankers boxes or hung up in garment bags.

CLOTHING DONATION GUIDELINES

We accept men's and women's **office appropriate**, professional attire that is clean, ready-to-wear, new or gently used in all sizes, such as:

CLOTHING

- Modern Two-piece Suits
- Blazers
- Dress Pants
- Skirts
- Dresses
- Dress Shirts and Blouses
- Cardigans and Sweaters
- Professional Coats and Jackets

ACCESSORIES

- Shoes and Dress Boots
- Jewelry
- Belts
- Winter Scarves & Gloves
- Ties
- Briefcases
- Professional Handbags
- New/unopened Hosiery



We kindly ask that all donations be dry-cleaned or laundered, neatly folded and placed into bankers boxes or garment bags.



DONATION NEEDS

Currently, our greatest needs are for:

CLOTHING

- Women's sizes 0-2
- Women's sizes 14+
- Men's suit sizes 34 - 40, regular and short
- Men's shirt sizes 14 to 15.5
- Men's & Women's Seasonal Coats

ACCESSORIES

- Women's Shoes (especially flats and larger sizes 10-13)
- Men's Shoes
- Briefcases
- Professional handbags
- Jewellery and scarves
- Winter hats and gloves
- Unopened hosiery

We kindly ask that all donations be dry-cleaned or laundered, neatly folded and placed into bankers boxes.



We kindly request the following items **NOT to be included in our Clothing Drive** and donated to another organization that could benefit:

- Any items that are in need of cleaning or repair
- Sweatshirts, sweatpants, bathrobes or sleepwear
- Opened/used toiletries, cosmetics, grooming or hygiene products
- Formal wear/ party wear
- Sandals or sneakers
- Children's clothing
- Small appliances such as hairdryers, curling irons, rollers

Donation terms: Donated garments that are workplace appropriate will be used in our boutique and provided to our clients. Items that are deemed unsuitable for the boutique may be sold at very low price points to help individuals in need access quality clothing while raising funds for our charitable initiatives. If unsold, they will be redistributed through other local community programs.

A photograph of two women standing together in an office environment. The woman on the left has short brown hair and is wearing a grey blazer and light-colored trousers. The woman on the right has long blonde hair and is wearing a dark blue blazer over a light pink top and a grey patterned skirt. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a window with a view of greenery outside.

REGISTER YOUR CLOTHING DRIVE

We appreciate all the hard work that goes in to organizing a Clothing Drive. To make the process smooth for everyone, please ensure you register ahead of delivery.

Registration and Fee

All Clothing Drives include a **\$500 donation upon registration**. Without your monetary contribution we would be unable to provide professional development programs and career training workshops. Your donation further extends your support to give Clients the tools and resources to attain permanent employment.

To register your Clothing Drive and make your donation, please [click here](#).

DELIVER YOUR DONATION

Preparing and Scheduling Delivery

- All donations should be placed in **bankers boxes**, or in **garment bags on hangers**.
- We require **48 hours notice prior to delivery**. This ensures we have the resources available to assist, process, and sort all clothing donations. Scheduling your delivery time also ensures donation in-take does not disrupt our Clients' Suiting experience.
- **To schedule your delivery** please email our Inventory & Merchandise Associate, Kim Ernst at kernst@dressforsuccesstoronto.org
- Due to limited resources we are unable to offer pick-up services.



Delivery Location:

Dress for Success Toronto
and Dress Your Best
North York City Centre
5150 Yonge Street
Concourse Level Unit C29
Toronto, ON M2N 6L8

Paid street parking is available on Park Home Avenue at \$2.25 each hour.

For assistance relating to large deliveries (5-10+ boxes) please ensure you have given notice 48 hours prior to delivery.

PLANNING YOUR CLOTHING DRIVE



1. Set Your Goals and Timeline

Establish how many individuals your clothing drive will support and set your fundraising goal. \$300 supports one woman through a full year of DFS Toronto programming. All Clothing Drives must set a minimum fundraising goal of \$500. Usually one to three weeks works great for Clothing Drives.

2. Identify a Drop-Off Location

Pick a central location where everyone can bring their donations.

3. Communicating with the Team

Chose one member of your team to update the others on progress.



4. Sort Incoming Donations

As soon as donations start coming in, begin sorting so you won't be faced with a mountain of work once you finish your drive. Donations must be interview appropriate, clean and in good repair. Please place all items neatly folded in boxes or garment bags for easy delivery and processing.

5. Schedule Your Delivery

Now that everything is packed and sorted, it's time to [confirm registration](#) and [email our team to schedule delivery](#). Congrats! It's time to celebrate your meaningful contribution to the community.

LET EVERYONE KNOW!

Use our email template to help spread the word.

Hello everyone,

On **INSERT DRIVE DAY(S), INSERT COMPANY/ORG NAME** will host **THEME NAME** drive to benefit Dress for Success Toronto, a locally based non-profit that supports women throughout the GTA by providing a network of support, professional attire, and development tools to women in need.

To show our support, we will be collecting **INSERT DRIVE THEME (ex CLOTHING / PURSES / SHOES)**. All items should be clean and ready to wear. Please no rips, stains, pet hairs, or broken button/zippers. We are looking for classic pieces that never go out of style. A great reference is to think of what you wore to your last interview, those pieces are exactly what we're looking for!

Clothing is just the beginning. Not only does Dress for Success Toronto provide interview and employment outfits, they also offer a variety of career learning workshops and programs designed to help individuals find and retain meaningful employment. These programs and workshops would not be possible without the generous support of the community. On **DRIVE DATE** we will be collecting monetary donations so that Dress for Success Toronto can continue to provide these invaluable services. A donation of \$300 provides 1 woman with access to the full range of Dress for Success Toronto programming for a full year. Our goal is to support **X NUMBER OF WOMEN**, which means we are working towards **X AMOUNT OF DOLLARS**.

Please bring your donations to **YOUR DROP-OFF LOCATION** on **DRIVE DAY(S) AND HOURS**. Please connect with **NAME** if you would like to join the Donation Sorting or Delivery Teams. Help us review and box items, as well as transport all our fashionable donations to Dress for Success Toronto's boutique in North York.

To learn more about this organization and the work they do, please visit their website : <https://toronto.dressforsuccess.org/>

Sincerely,



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LinkedIn: [@dress-for-success-toronto](https://www.linkedin.com/company/dress-for-success-toronto)

Dress Your Best

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WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

Together, we can elevate people to their highest potential and transform our local communities. Are you in?





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Thank you for your interest in Dress for Success Toronto & Dress Your Best!

For further inquiries, please contact:

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