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City of Portland Recognizes Dress for Success Oregon's Commitment to Helping Low-Income Women Find and Maintain Employment

Dress for Success Oregon to receive the award for Independent Spirit at the 26th Annual Spirit of Portland Awards ceremony.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26th 2011 - Dress for Success Oregon, a local nonprofit that has been promoting the economic independence of disadvantaged women since 1999, will receive the 2011 Independent Spirit Award at the Spirit of Portland Awards. Celebrated since 1985, the Spirit of Portland Award Ceremony is an important way for the City to recognize those people and groups who consistently make a positive difference in the community.

"We are so pleased to know that the City of Portland supports the work we do, and recognizes the impact Dress for Success Oregon has on the lives of the women and families in our community," said Barb Attridge, Dress for Success Oregon Executive Director.

Since 2008, the recession and cuts in job related programs have significantly increased the demand for Dress for Success Oregon's services – so far in 2011 they have served over 1,800 clients. Responding to this demand they have expanded their Career Center and added an intensive 12-week workshop called the Going Places Network that follows specific curriculum to guide clients through their job search with the end goal of landing and maintaining employment.

A ceremony to honor all the recipients of the Spirit of Portland Awards will be held at the East Portland Community Center (740 SE 106th Ave.), on Thursday, October 27th, 7-9 PM.

For more information about the [Spirit of Portland Awards](#) or about [Dress for Success Oregon](#) visit www.dressforsuccessoregon.org.

About Dress for Success Oregon

The mission of Dress for Success Oregon is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Since 1999, Dress for Success Oregon has served more than 13,000 women in Oregon and SW Washington.

Well known as an organization that provides professional clothing, they are also committed to getting low income women's lives back on track through their [Professional Women's Group](#) and their [Career](#)



Going Places. Going Strong.

[Center](#). *These programs provide low-income women support groups and career mentorship to successfully move from government assistance to self-sufficiency. Over 160 human service organizations refer clients to Dress for Success Oregon every year. When a woman gets a job, she has access to a full array of services to help her remain employed and financially viable.*

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