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Bottomless Closet Kicks Off 2nd Decade in a New Site

Critical Resource for Women to Reopen on Jan. 5 to Clients, Donors

Bottomless Closet is celebrating 10 years of supporting New York’s aspiring working women with wardrobes and job support, including career-boosting workshops and financial literacy seminars. In the New Year, Bottomless Closet will get a new look and expanded quarters—twice the space—in the Hotel Pennsylvania, reopening for business in Manhattan on January 5, 2009 at 401 Seventh Avenue (33rd Street), B-level, Suite 40.

“It’s a very fitting way to usher in our second decade,” said Barbara Madsen Smith, president of the **Bottomless Closet** board. “We’ve evolved far beyond simply providing business clothing for our clients. Now we need space for our many career support offerings, such as workshops and coaching.”

Just a decade ago, as many disadvantaged women were leaving public assistance for a foothold in the workforce, a group of professional women founded **Bottomless Closet** to ensure that the new entrants were job-ready with suitable business apparel. Other donors stepped up, offering their gently worn outfits. To date, the New York nonprofit has connected 10,000 women to work, not only providing them with appropriate attire but with interview skills, mentoring and workshops in professional development, personal growth and financial literacy.

“In today’s climate of economic crisis and uncertainty, our expanded services are more in demand than ever,” said Kendall Farrell, executive director of **Bottomless Closet**.

On January 5, **Bottomless Closet** will again open its doors to clients seeking a professional look prior to a job interview, and to generous donors who wish to help these women with business outfits, including coats, shoes, bags and other accessories. The new space, directly across from Pennsylvania Station, is an easy destination for clients, donors and volunteers. Donations to **Bottomless Closet**—monetary as well as items of clothing—are fully tax-deductible. All gifts go to support women in getting established in a job, succeeding in their careers and taking charge of their lives.

Visitors are welcome at the organization’s new offices. The phone (212/563-2499) and fax (212/563-2461), and the Web address (bottomlessclosetnyc.org), remain unchanged.



Bottomless Closet helps disadvantaged New York City women become self-sufficient through a comprehensive program that begins with professional attire and interview preparation and goes on to include professional development, financial management and personal enrichment workshops. Using the model of women helping women and our network of dedicated volunteers, Bottomless Closet enhances our clients’ self-confidence and self-esteem in order for them to enter and succeed in the workforce and improve the quality of their lives.