

***Nonprofit Chamber of Services  
Nonprofit of the Week***

*This series has been established with the intent of increasing awareness of the many causes and efforts taken on by our nonprofit brethren. If your nonprofit has a particular event taking place during the course of a week, an anniversary for example, please make this known and we will do all possible to accommodate a spotlight that coincides. On behalf of our membership, we wish to say “thank you” for taking a few moments from your busy schedule to learn a bit more about our community of nonprofits.*

This week we are highlighting *Dress For Success Wichita*. With the grand unveiling of their new “High Street Boutique” planned for this Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> we thought this would be an excellent time to highlight their mission and the services they offer.

*Dress For Success Wichita* is one of 77 international locations that have collectively suited more than 100,000 women. Following their opening in October of 2000, DFSW quickly outgrew their 500 square foot space donated by St. Paul’s Methodist Church and by March of 2002 they were moving into their current location, a 1500 square foot house donated by Olivet Baptist Church. To date *Dress For Success Wichita* has served over 3000 women.

Driven by her organization’s goal of “enabling women to enrich their lives, renew their spirits, and instill a vital sense of self-worth leading to self-sufficiency”, Pat Jones, Executive Director is passionate about the impact DFSW is having on our community.

*Dress For Success Wichita* serves low-income women actively seeking employment or who have just secured employment. Initially, clients participate in the “Tailored Transitions” program. As a part of this program, clients are assisted by a volunteer personal shopper who offers personal attention and advice in choosing interview or work attire. Clients who are seeking employment may also participate in “Steps to Success”, a coaching and mentoring program. For those who have obtained employment, there is the opportunity to become a part of the Professional Women’s Group, a networking association that provides ongoing career development assistance.

We encourage you to drop by and join *Dress for Success Wichita* in celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which will include the unveiling of their new *High Street Boutique* this Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 1422 N. High. If you are interested in learning more about how you can assist *Dress For Success Wichita* in their effort to empower women, please make contact with Pat Jones at 316.945.8779 or visit them on the web at [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://www.dressforsuccess.org)