



ARIZONA WOMEN'S EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, INC.

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COCKTAILS & CLOTHES RAISES \$16,500, RESTOCKS AWEE'S CAREER CLOTHING BOUTIQUE FOR CLIENTS PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE

PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 29, 2011): More than 100 supporters of Arizona Women's Education and Employment (AWEE) donated clothing and cash at the 2011 Cocktails & Clothes, an annual event that helps restock AWEE's Career Clothing Boutique for clients preparing to enter or reenter the workforce.

The event, at The Adobe Restaurant at The Biltmore Golf Club, netted \$16,500 for AWEE and a range of gently-used clothing from suits, pants, blouses and dresses to jackets, sweaters, purses and briefcases.

AWEE, a nonprofit agency that has helped more than 120,000 women, men and young adults create better lives through the dignity of work over the past 30 years, provides clients with access to the Career Clothing Boutique.

"When our clients feel good about themselves and how they look, it's reflected in their self-confidence as they interview for jobs," said AWEE CEO Marie Sullivan. "Every year, the Friends of AWEE make sure that the Career Clothing Boutique is well stocked with everything our clients need, which really takes a lot of pressure off them."

Presented by Friends of AWEE, the 2011 event was co-chaired by Phyllis Dumond and Jami Savage. Committee members included Judi Butterworth, Lauren Abramowitz, Mark Allen, Courtney Blake, Kristi Camandona, Kathy Jorgenson, Heather Moos, Anca Spirea and Jenny Walters.

Sponsors for the event were: Diamond Sponsor: Sperry Van Ness; Sapphire Sponsor: Alliance Bank of Arizona; Emerald Sponsor: DMB; Ruby Sponsors: National Bank of Arizona, Dunlap & Magee, CIS, Grubb & Ellis; Pearl Sponsors: Sunrise Bank, Snell & Wilmer, Sonoran Property Maintenance, ROI, Allstate, MidFirst Bank and ESB.

About Arizona Women's Education and Employment (AWEE)

AWEE has been transforming the lives of Arizonans into "Faces of Success" for nearly 30 years. Since our inception, we have helped create successful beginnings and renewed hope for more than 100,000 women, men and young adults. Gone are the days of simply moving people off welfare. Today, the nonprofit AWEE is Arizona's preeminent workforce development organization, offering a diverse range of evidence-based training and support services throughout Maricopa and Yavapai counties. For more information, visit www.awee.org or call (602) 223-4333 in Phoenix or (928) 778-3010 in Northern Arizona.

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