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Pew Fund for Health and Human Services Grant Offers Career Wardrobe Sustaining Support

(Philadelphia, PA) – Career Wardrobe is proud to be the recipient of a grant from the Pew Fund for Health and Human Services in Philadelphia (Pew Fund) totaling \$105,000. This three-year grant provides sustainable support for Career Wardrobe to increase its capacity for serving vulnerable adults in the Philadelphia region. The Pew Fund has been a key partner of Career Wardrobe for more than a decade, and serves as the nonprofit organization’s largest private funder.

Career Wardrobe was selected by the Pew Fund alongside 41 local nonprofits that are making a difference in breaking the cycle of poverty. Career Wardrobe was awarded for its proven record of enabling unemployed and underemployed adults to obtain and retain sustainable, competitive employment, as showcased through its meaningful impact on its clients and local economy. In 2016, Career Wardrobe served over 3,300 individuals with measurable outcomes including:

- 95% felt more prepared for their job search
- 75% remained engaged in their job search
- 60% secured employment within 6 months with 55% are earning a wage higher than \$10.50 per hour
- 70% transitioned off of public assistance, which represents a cumulative \$19 million dollar savings to PA taxpayers

Career Wardrobe is one of the nation’s largest independent organizations empowering women and men transitioning to work with professional clothing, job readiness education, and professional development. Over its 22-year history, Career Wardrobe has empowered more than 80,000 individuals struggling with poverty, violence, or incarceration on their journeys to employment and independence. In 2016, Career Wardrobe expanded its successful Philadelphia model to the five county area including Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, and Berks Counties, providing professional clothing to unemployed Pennsylvanians receiving public assistance.

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