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CAREER WARDROBE HOSTS TWO FASHION FUNDRAISERS WITH LOCAL “MEET THE DESIGNERS”

Philadelphia, PA – Career Wardrobe hosts two free *Meet the Makers Sip & Shop Events*, spring fundraisers with local sustainable fashion-focused businesses sponsored by Centric Bank.

At these events, guests will have the opportunity to network and meet women entrepreneurs at the forefront of sustainable fashion, incorporating community impact in their business models while supporting Career Wardrobe’s mission of empowering women to work. At each event, guests will enjoy access to our designers, raffle prizes, and light fare. Events are open to the public, with an RSVP required (links below).

- On Friday, April 27 from 6 – 8 p.m., *Meet the Makers Sip & Shop* will be held at **Mushmina**, 164 Lancaster Ave. in Wayne, PA. **RSVP:**
<http://bit.ly/SipShopAp27>

Founded by local sisters Heather and Katie O'Neill, Mushmina creates employment opportunities for women and men in developing countries. The Philadelphia-based company is home to a collection of innovative designers, worldly home and gift products, eclectic handmade goods, and custom-designed Moroccan accessories fair-trade products. *Mushmina will donate 10% of sales of its unique handbags as well as donate 50 handbags to the Career Wardrobe to be raffled off at this and future events.*

- On Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 7-9 p.m., *Meet the Makers Sip & Shop* moves to Bok Design Studio, 1901 S. 9th St., Philadelphia, PA **RSVP**
<http://bit.ly/SipandShopMay3>

Anne Cecil of **RoxAnneLava** shoes and Nicole Haddad of **Lobo Mau** clothing use the Bok Design Studios in South Philadelphia to create and produce sustainable “slow fashion.” Lobo Mau is known for its locally made innovative textile print designs as well as smart separates perfect for work, evening, and play, while RoxAnneLava designs made to order artisan shoes. The event will feature speakers, refreshments, and shopping from additional independent designer brands Supra Endura, Neutral States, and Nuance Jewelry. *The reception featuring Weckerly’s Ice Cream and Barefoot Wine will give back 20% of all sales to Career Wardrobe.*

Career Wardrobe is one of the nation’s largest independent organizations empowering women and men transitioning to work with professional clothing, job search support, and professional development. Over its 23-year history, Career Wardrobe has empowered more than 85,000 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. Learn more at www.careerwardrobe.org.