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**AVE HOSTS PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE TO SUPPORT CAREER WARDROBE**

**King of Prussia, PA [May 4, 2018]** – AVE, a brand of Korman Communities specializing in furnished suites and luxury apartments, announces it will be hosting a Professional Clothing Drive at its seven flexible-stay communities in The Greater Philadelphia Area to support Career Wardrobe from May 6-June 6, leading up to Career Wardrobe’s Hope’s Night Out benefit.

AVE encourages team members, residents, and partners to donate gently worn and clean professional clothing and accessories for women and men, as well travel-size toiletries.

Since 1995, Career Wardrobe has served individuals in Philadelphia with the clothing, career skills, and confidence necessary to transition to work. Its mission is to empower individuals in transition by providing programs that inspire the confidence necessary to achieve self-sufficiency and pursue a productive career.

Lea Anne Welsh, COO of Korman Communities and President of AVE, will be escorting a Career Wardrobe participant who has successfully transitioned to work on the runway during the Hope Walk. She is also donating an “Empower Hour” for the silent auction, where attendees will be able to bid on an hour of her time to provide mentorship and support.

“At AVE, our team members are passionate about community engagement, and we feel it is our responsibility to turn around and help the next one in line. What better way to give back to our community than to give someone the tools to achieve success personally and professionally,” says Welsh. “We are excited to host this Professional Clothing Drive to support Career Wardrobe, and I am honored to be included in Hope’s Night Out.”

**Quote from Career Wardrobe**

**About AVE**

AVE specializes in luxury apartments for the discerning renter and flexible-stay fully furnished suites for the extended-stay business traveler and individual in transition. A brand

of Korman Communities, AVE was born out of decades of Korman family innovation and a hospitality-approach to multi-family real estate. What differentiates AVE communities is their high-touch service teams on site seven days a week and their resort and business amenities designed to provide a lifestyle of comfort and convenience such as architect-designed swimming pools, business centers, media theaters, tranquility gardens, 24-hour fitness centers, complimentary weekday club breakfast featuring Starbucks coffee and Tazo tea, and catered resident events. Lea Anne Welsh, president of AVE and COO of Korman Communities, has been with Korman Communities for 25 years and is responsible for all aspects of operations, sales, and marketing.

### **About Career Wardrobe**

Career Wardrobe is one of the nation's largest independent, community-based nonprofit organization serving individuals transitioning into the workforce by providing professional attire. Since 1995, Career Wardrobe has assisted over 85,000 individuals by inspiring the confidence necessary to achieve independence. Career Wardrobe uses each appointment as an opportunity to educate individuals about the importance of professional appearance, personal responsibility, and business etiquette.