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TEN WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS HONORED AS DRESS FOR SUCCESS COLUMBUS CELEBRATES 10-YEAR BENCHMARK, LAUNCHES ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

(COLUMBUS, OH) Dress for Success Columbus is marking a decade of service for over 10,000 Central Ohio women who are advancing themselves and their families through Dress for Success Columbus employment retention and advancement programs.

At Dress for Success Columbus, women in transition are provided with the tools and support they need to enter (or re-enter) the workforce. They are outfitted with contemporary apparel, coached in networking and soft skills, and supported at every step in a non-judgmental atmosphere that builds confidence, instills dignity and helps them secure work, retain employment, and advance in their lives and careers.

“Our 10-year anniversary allows us to acknowledge our organization’s significant social impact on this community over the last decade, while planning for purposeful growth—to ensure that our mission remains strong and moving forward for the women we serve each day,” shared Vicki Bowen Hewes, Founder & CEO.

As part of a year-long celebration, Dress for Success Columbus is excited to recognize 10 remarkable women who are inspirational trailblazers in Central Ohio. “Their advocacy and contributions strengthen our cause, and we are honored to recognize their efforts,” Bowen Hewes added.

The 2017 ‘10 For 10’ honorees are: **Angela An** (WBNS-10TV), **Joy Bivens** (Franklin County Department of Job & Family), **Cheryl Hooker** (EXPRESS), **Piper Kerman** (Author/Advocate), **Chief Kim Jacobs** (Columbus Police), **Karen Kasich** (First Lady State of Ohio), **Gale King** (Nationwide Insurance), **Kathy Ransier** (Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLC), **TaKeysha Sheppard Cheney** (Molina Healthcare of Ohio), **Paula Smith** (Community Advocate). The honorees will be highlighted throughout the month of May and at the annual ‘Beyond the Suit’ Luncheon on October 20, 2017.

Jill Dean, Board President, shared, “Our first ten years were spent building partnerships, programs, and infrastructure. Now, we need to build upon that established foundation because we are at capacity, while the need continues to grow. Our goal in 2017 is to encourage additional support in a 10-year anniversary bridge campaign for dedicated resources to build capacity and provide needed resources for our clients. We’re currently tracking to assist 20,000 women by 2020. We’re grateful for our partners at EXPRESS, Columbia Gas, and Thirty-one Gifts for stepping forward as the first Leadership-level supporters of the campaign.”

Dress for Success Columbus is hosting a special Open House to kick-off the anniversary on April 25 at the agency, located at the corner of 5th Avenue and High Street in the Short North. For more information or to support the 10-year Anniversary Campaign, visit the website: www.DFSCMH.org

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About Dress for Success

Dress for Success Columbus has assisted over 10,000 women since opening our doors in 2007. Our mission empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Any woman referred by a community partner is eligible for free of charge programs and services. Dress for Success Columbus is an independent 501c3 non-profit organization and an affiliate of Dress for Success Worldwide. All funds are raised locally and make impact in Central Ohio. Visit dfscmh.org for more information.

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