

# MEDIA ALERT

## Interview Opportunity

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### **Suited for Change Celebrates 15,000th Client Milestone**

*Local woman credits organizations for giving her hope and chance at employment*

**WHAT:** This month, Suited for Change celebrated a significant milestone of equipping its 15,000th local woman for employment readiness since the organization's founding in 1992. Barbara Mickens is a resident of the District of Columbia and recent recipient of job readiness skills and professional clothing services offered through Suited for Change. The two suits she was provided helped her interview with confidence. Unemployed for some time due to a company layoff, Mickens became employed as a nurse's assistant which allowed her to provide for her two children, and credits her success to Suited for Change and Pilgrim AME Job Connection. In addition, she is pursuing a degree at Trinity University. Mickens learned of Suited for Change through Pilgrim AME Job Connection.

**Suited for Change** works in partnership with more than 150 job training and social service agencies that provide free job training and/or job counseling to low-income women throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Suited for Change is also a founding member of the Women's Alliance, a national organization of independent community-based "sister organizations" who provide professional attire, career skills training and related services to low-income women seeking employment. Clients come from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

**Pilgrim AME Job Connection** is a welfare job training program that engages customers in identifying and developing their God-given gifts and talents to move them into more positive and productive life choices, as they journey toward more meaningful and fruitful living, which results in their economic self-sufficiency.

\*\*These persons are available for interview. \*\*

**WHO:** **Tyna Gaylor, Executive Director, Suited for Change**  
**Barbara Mickens, Suited for Change and Pilgrim AME Job Connection Client**  
**Rev. Diane Brown, Case Manager, Pilgrim AME Job Connection**

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.** To schedule an interview, contact Nicole Hayes at (202) 527-4106 or [nicole@pieces-of-life.com](mailto:nicole@pieces-of-life.com).

**WHERE:** **Suited for Change, 1010 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C.**

#### **About Suited for Change**

Founded in 1992, Suited for Change provides professional clothing and ongoing career and life skills education to low-income women to increase their employment and job retention potential and to contribute to their economic independence. For more information, visit [www.suitedforchange.org](http://www.suitedforchange.org).

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