

## *Our Mission*

ClothingWorks contributes to the employment success of job seekers in financial need by providing them with job appropriate attire at no cost.

## *The beginning...*

ClothingWorks began in response to the Mayor's Anti-poverty Action Committee, 1998. Members of the Committee saw a need for this service and believed the chance to build a more secure future could begin with the opportunity to present oneself at a job interview or to start a new job in appropriate clothing.

ClothingWorks is committed to providing free clothing to economically disadvantaged individuals who are looking for work. The need for new inventory for the men and women stores is ongoing. Clothing donations come from a generous public and help build confidence by providing a good first impression.

The women's ClothingWorks store opened in October 1998 then the men's store in 2000. We have gone from serving 46 people in the first year of operation to over 6,500 job searchers to date. Currently, ClothingWorks has partnerships with more than 110 employment-assistance agencies. The stores are centrally located near Richmond and Dundas in the Skill Centre.

## **Donations**

*You can support ClothingWorks in more than one way...*

One is giving ClothingWorks gently used, ready-to-wear, professional clothing including shoes and accessories. Please call 672-3780 for drop-off sites.

Another way to donate clothing is to host a Rack n' Roll clothing drive, at your workplace. If you have an interested group, let us know when you wish to collect (one day to one week) and we will bring a portable rack to you. After promotion to your group with a poster we provide electronically, the rack is left in a convenient location to fill. A ClothingWorks representative will come at the conclusion of the drive and take the clothes and rack away. For more information on hosting a Rack n' Roll, please call 672-3780.

A further method of supporting ClothingWorks is by making a cash donation to the organization. Funding is needed support operating expenses. A charitable tax receipt will be issued for cash donations. A charitable tax receipt can also be provided for new clothing donated by retailers accompanied by an invoice stating its retail value.



## **Giving job seekers confidence to succeed**

ClothingWorks customers are referred to the service by over 110 employment related agencies. Customers call the store and book an appointment. Volunteers provide one-on-one customer service.

This assistance is an important aspect of the ClothingWorks service along with advice on appropriate dress for targeted employment. We provide customers professional clothing and facilitate the building of confidence and self-esteem for the job seeker.

"...your help and humour very much appreciated ... every time I wear one of the outfits you helped me choose, I feel like a million dollars!"

*A ClothingWorks customer*

## ClothingWorks

*needs the following types  
of clothes...*

- Men's suits & sports jackets
- Men's dress & causal shirts
- Men's & women's sweaters
- Men's & women's dress pants
- Men's & women's chino type pants
- Men's & women's coats
- Men's ties & belts
- Women's suits & blazers
- Women's shirts & blouses
- Women's scarves & jewellery
- Interview appropriate dresses
- Men's & women's dress shoes
- Work boots (meeting safety standards)
- **New** socks, undergarments, cosmetics & pantyhose

***Petite and plus sizes for men  
and women are particularly  
appreciated.***

We ask that the clothing be  
submitted on hangers, clean, in  
excellent condition,  
and ready to wear.

*ClothingWorks operates under the  
Sponsorship of  
WIL Employment Connections*

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*thanks the following for their  
generous support:*

- **City of London**
- **MTCU Employment Ontario**
- **Sisters of St. Joseph, London**
- **WIL Employment Connections**
- Boutique Top Floor
- Cleo Masonville
- Dan Hasson Clothier
- Employment Sector Council  
London and Middlesex
- Kingsmills
- Life Styles Store
- London Goodwill Industries
- Peter's Drive-In Cleaners
- Royal Rags
- Shari's Unique Boutique
- Tabi Masonville
- Tabi White Oaks
- The Western Fair Association
- Tyner-Shorten Clothier

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