When the flood wall broke in downtown Davenport last spring, the Mississippi River poured into Dress for Success Quad Cities. There was no blueprint in place for recovery. The incredible outpouring of community support was key in our resilience. Together we emerged from the flooding crisis and found a new home. Today we continue to build strong women by providing the tools for them to get a job, keep a job, and build a career.

We owe our Quad City community gratitude. Not only for your monetary donations but your unwavering commitment to empowering women. Your support helped Dress for Success Quad Cities achieve our goals despite setbacks. 382 women received vital services this year, and we owe it all to you! Thank you!

Tyla Sherwin-Cole  
Executive Director  
Dress for Success Quad Cities
Our Mission

Our mission is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

As gender inequality continues to impact the lives of women worldwide, Dress for Success® helps women in the Quad Cities make crucial inroads to financial independence and upward mobility.

Our work has tangible outcomes for the women that participate in our signature programs, with 70 percent retaining their job or receiving a promotion within one year, 48 percent receiving a salary or wage increase, and 85 percent reducing their dependence on public assistance.
Our 2019 Impact

382 Women in the Quad Cities gained confidence as well as the professional and personal development tools to advance their journey to financial independence and career success.

303 Volunteers gave 5,397 hours of their time

Our Clients

- 68% of women served have some form of higher education
- 59% are mothers
- 45% live below the US poverty line
- 57% had never worn a suit to an interview
Programs

Dress for Success Quad Cities understands the importance of listening to the women we serve and learning first-hand the challenges they face. Whether they are job seekers, employed professionals, or ready to be leaders in their community; we design and deliver services, programs, and a network of support to help women overcome these challenges for every phase of their personal or professional journey.

Our programs are outcome-driven, leveraging best practices and first-in-class partnerships to ensure that participation is contributing to measurable milestones on a woman’s journey to financial independence and upward mobility — milestones like getting hired, getting promoted, getting a raise and increasing financial literacy.

For the Job Seekers

Whether kick-starting their job search for the first time or looking to relaunch their careers, Dress for Success Quad Cities empowers job seekers with everything they need to succeed while job searching or in the first few weeks of employment — from suitng, to job search support, to interview preparation, to career coaching.

For the Professionals

Whether they’re facing barriers to progress, ready to upskill or working to gain the agency and knowledge they need to realize their full potential and feel financially empowered, Dress for Success Quad Cities provides programs and experiences to inspire women already on a career trajectory, including customized workshops and financial education.

For the Leaders

Empowered women are not just interested in their own success, but in strengthening their families and shaping their communities as well. Dress for Success Quad Cities supports women ready to enter into leadership positions where they live, learn and work by offering programs centered on leadership, training and giving back through community engagement and volunteerism.
Client Journeys

Meet Eileen

Eileen’s aspirational journey began when she found herself unemployed and raising two children alone, with no family she could turn to for support. She was referred to Dress for Success Quad Cities where she began to reconnect with, care for, and believe in herself. With the help of the Suiting Program and Professional Women’s Group, Eileen felt equipped with practical skills and tools to excel at work as well as the support and confidence she needed to plan her future.

“Dress for Success Quad Cities gave me a family to belong to.”

Meet Beth

Before coming to Dress for Success Quad Cities, Beth was working in an environment that felt demeaning and dispiriting. She wanted more but didn’t have the confidence to put herself out there. After unexpectedly losing that position, she was introduced to Dress for Success Quad Cities where she found the support and resources she needed to find a job where she feels valued and respected. Today, Beth pays it forward by coaching and encouraging other women through the Suiting Program and Professional Women’s Group.

“My spirit was lifted by the caring and acceptance I found here.”
2019 Finances in Review

$514,123
Total Income

$381,056
Total Expenses

$267,205
Programs (70%)

$61,056
Administrative (16%)

$52,792
Fundraising (14%)

$91,056
Net Assets
Funding Sources

Cash

$137,213
Foundation Grants (37%)

$59,419
Corporate (16%)

$106,672
Events & Sales (28%)

$66,973
Individuals (18%)

$4,481
Other (1%)

In-Kind

$32,453
Donated Services (23%)

$16,745
Donated Product (12%)

$90,167
Donated Space (65%)
Events

Our signature fundraising events play a pivotal role in advancing our mission to empower women to become economically independent. Through the generosity of our supporters and corporate sponsors, we are able to enhance and expand our programs and services. Here’s a look back at highlights from a few of our 2019 events.

Recycle the Runway

One Night One Mission

Relocation Celebration Sale

Ribbon Cutting on 423 E 32nd!
Sponsors and Corporate Partners

Through the generosity of our founders, individual donors and corporate partners, Dress for Success has served nearly 1,700 women in the Quad Cities to-date.

Thank You to our Recycle the Runway 2019 Sponsors

**Runway Sponsors**
- Royal Neighbors of America
- Exelon Generation Quad Cities

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- Quad City Bank & Trust
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- Waste Commission of Scott County

**In-Kind Sponsors**
- Abbey Carpet Gallery
- LULAC Davenport Council 10
- Modern Woodmen
- Fraternal Financial
- Rexroat Sound
- RiverCenter
- Tango Salon
- WQAD8
- WVIK

Thank You to our 2019 Corporate & Civic Supporters

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- Arconic Women’s Network
- Bath Fitter
- Community Resources Corporation
- Crawford Brew Works
- Deere & Company
- Diocese of Davenport
- Exelon Foundation
- Gerardy Welding & Fabrication
- GlaxoSmithKline Foundation
- Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C.
- IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union
- Illinois American Association of Healthcare Administrative Managers
- John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity
- Midwest Technical Institute
- Modern Woodmen of America
- ORA Orthopedics, PC
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- Rock Island County Federation of Women’s Clubs
- Rotary Club of Rock Island
- Talbots
- The Market: A Journey to Joy

Please note - to focus donor dollars into programs and keep costs down, we no longer list corporate or civic giving below $500 annually. As hard as we try to avoid them, sometimes errors or oversights occur. If you catch one, please accept our apologies!
Thank You to our 2019 Grant Funders

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Referral Partners

Dress for Success Quad Cities partners with a network of agencies who all work to help women become employed after a difficult transition, job training, unemployment, recovery, incarceration, or military service.

Thank You to our 2019 Referral Partners

Arc of the Quad Cities Area
Argrow’s House of Healing
Bettendorf Schools Outreach Program
Black Hawk College
C.A.D.S.
Community Action of Eastern Iowa
Eastern Iowa Community Colleges
Family Resources, Inc.
Genesis Bright Beginnings
Goodwill of the Heartland
Hamilton Technical College
Handicapped Development Center
Humility Homes & Services
Illinois Department of Employment Security
Iowa Vocational Rehab Services
IowaWORKS of Eastern Iowa
Lutheran Services of Iowa
Midwest Technical Institute
Project Now
Purdue University Global
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Success Squad Volunteers

Dress for Success Quad Cities would not be able to fulfill our mission without our “Success Squad” - our group of dedicated volunteers who process donations, conduct suitings, set up for sales, review resumes, provide interview coaching, and much more. The following gave 15 hours or more of their time in 2019.

Thank You to our Volunteers!

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Missy Baenziger
Lynda Baker
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