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BRIDGES OF AMERICA AND MEN'S WEARHOUSE PARTNER FOR NATIONAL SUIT DRIVE

Professional clothing drive helps work release inmates find employment and regain confidence

Auburndale, FL — Bridges of America, a system of therapeutic, life-changing communities that provide work-release and transition programs for male and female inmates transferred from Florida's prisons, is partnering with Men's Wearhouse for the fifth annual National Suit Drive, the nation's largest collection of gently used business attire. Together, they are encouraging residents in the Auburndale and Lakeland community to transform their unwanted businesswear into a fresh start for inmates in work release programs who are seeking employment for the duration of their sentences that will continue through their release.

Through July 31, Bridges of America is joining with approximately 200 other nonprofit organizations to locally distribute the items collected at more than 900 Men's Wearhouse locations around the U.S. Items being collected include men's and women's suits, shirts, jackets, ties, belts, and shoes. Locally, donations of gently used items are being accepted at:

SHOPPES AT LAKELAND

3957 US HIGHWAY 98 NORTH
LAKELAND, FL 33809

LAKELAND SQUARE

3800 US HWY 98 N. #510
LAKELAND, FL 33809

"We are thrilled to partner with Men's Wearhouse and are grateful to their customers for the donations of professional attire for the women in work release programs at The Auburndale Bridge," said Lori Costantino-Brown, CEO of Bridges of America. "We provide re-entry programs, transitional support, and job training ... suitable clothing for interviews and to wear to work completes what our inmates need to better prepare for re-entry to society and the workplace. We are very appreciative for the support shown through the National Suit Drive."

Nationally, Men's Wearhouse is on track to collect more than 110,000 articles of professional clothing to benefit charities like Bridges of America. For every suit donated, Men's Wearhouse will give two business ties to the cause. As a thank you, donors will receive a coupon for 50% off all regular-priced items (excluding shoes) for their next Men's Wearhouse purchase, as well as a tax receipt.

For more information, visit www.BridgesofAmerica.org and www.NationalSuitDrive.com.

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About Bridges of America

Bridges of America has a 32-year successful history as the oldest criminal justice substance abuse treatment provider for adult male and female offenders in the State of Florida. The program was established on the holistic approach to recovery, and predicated on the 12-Step Model. Its unwavering purpose has been a commitment to providing thousands of felony offenders the opportunity for rehabilitation and reintegration into their communities as law-abiding and tax-paying citizens.

Bridges of America was founded by Frank Costantino, an ex-felon who served a 22 ½ year prison term for burglary and other related crimes. Upon his release, Frank founded "Christian Prison Ministries" to share the Gospel with other prisoners. In 1980, Frank opened up the first "after-care" resident program in Orlando to provide that bridge. What started as a local ministry has now parlayed into a worldwide vision that serves over 1000 men and women daily. Lori Costantino-Brown, Frank's daughter, now continues to provide the vision and leadership of Bridges of America. In Florida, multiple Bridges facilities are located in Orlando, Bradenton, Broward, Auburndale, and Jacksonville. **We believe people can change.**

For more information, visit www.bridgesofamerica.org

About Men's Wearhouse

Founded in 1973, Men's Wearhouse is one of North America's largest specialty retailers of men's apparel, with 1,162 stores. The Men's Wearhouse, Moores and K&G stores carry a full selection of men's designer, brand name and private label suits, sport coats, furnishings and accessories and Men's Wearhouse and Tux stores carry a limited selection. Most K&G stores carry a full selection of women's apparel. Tuxedo rentals are available in the Men's Wearhouse, Moores and Men's Wearhouse and Tux stores. Additionally, Men's Wearhouse operates a global corporate apparel and workwear group consisting of Twin Hill in the United States and Dimensions and Alexandra in the United Kingdom.

For additional information on Men's Wearhouse, please visit the Company's websites at www.menswearhouse.com, www.kgstores.com, www.mooresclothing.com, www.twinhill.com, www.dimensions.co.uk and www.alexandra.co.uk

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