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## **FABULOUS FASHION FESTIVITIES RAISE \$85,000 FOR LIFE-CHANGING CAREER-DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

*Proceeds from Working Wardrobes' Baubles & Bags Fundraiser Support At-Risk Adults*

COSTA MESA, Calif., Nov. 16, 2011 — The always-fashionable nonprofit Working Wardrobes raised a record \$85,000 at its sold-out Baubles & Bags brunch and shopping extravaganza, held this year on Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda. More than 300 fashionistas filled the venue to support Working Wardrobes' many programs and services that help men and women achieve self-sufficiency and re-enter the workforce.

The fabulous morning featured a unique fashion show with casual and evening attire from the Hanger Boutiques, modeled by Working Wardrobes board members, corporate partners, volunteers and interns. Baubles & Bags was made possible by a number of generous sponsors, including the outstanding corporate sponsors honored at the event, Rager Resources Group and Corinthian Colleges, Inc. Working Wardrobes staff and 30 volunteers donated their time to help make the morning a success.

“As we enter what is commonly thought of as the ‘giving season,’ our mission of service to others comes into even greater focus,” said Jerri Rosen, founder and CEO of Working Wardrobes. “And while our successful Baubles & Bags event raised more money in 2011 than any other Baubles event since its inception, Working Wardrobes encourages charitable giving throughout the year.”

Other event highlights included a decadent gourmet brunch catered by Crème de la Crème, live music from string quartet In The Mood and opportunities to shop for a cause at numerous vendor booths, including a temporary version of Working Wardrobes' upscale consignment boutiques, The Hanger.

Baubles & Bags invited guests to “Dress the Client” in an interactive fundraising experience, with each item of clothing pasted to male or female dolls representing a pledge of support to the nonprofit.

A silent auction featured items such as tickets to see *Dancing with the Stars*, with one lucky opportunity-drawing winner receiving a “girls shopping weekend” at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York with roundtrip airfare.

Additional event sponsors included Autobytel, US Bank, Spectrum Knowledge, Union Bank, Dani and Mike Mayer, Jim and Cathy Auther, RETS Associates and The Boeing Company

**About Working Wardrobes**

Working Wardrobes, an independent nonprofit organization, empowers men, women and young adults who are overcoming life's difficult challenges to transform themselves and confidently enter the workforce with career development, wardrobe and grooming services. Since 1991, Working Wardrobes has served more than 50,000 adults emerging from a wide spectrum of backgrounds including welfare-to-work, alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, transitional homelessness, catastrophic illness and traumatic financial losses. For more information about Working Wardrobes, call 714-210-2460 or visit [www.workingwardrobes.org](http://www.workingwardrobes.org).

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