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CELEBRITIES GO THE 'EXTRA' MILE IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL NONPROFIT; WORKING WARDROBES NETS STAR-STUDED APPARREL, ACCESSORIES

GRAMMY Award-Winner Miranda Lambert, Emmy Award-Winner Neil Patrick Harris Among Donors

COSTA MESA, Calif., Feb. 23, 2011—In the midst of the always-fashionable Academy Awards, celebrities are being provided with a unique opportunity to give to charity this year by offering the shirt off their backs – literally. Working Wardrobes, a Southern California-based nonprofit that has served more than 50,000 men, women and teens emerging from life crises, is collaborating with The *EXTRA* Luxury Lounge® to provide a space where celebrities can “pay it forward” with donations of clothing as they attend the luxurious gifting suite from Feb. 24-27.

The Luxury Lounge® is the premier celebrity destination during award shows and major film festivals and is the most recognized event of its kind. As celebrities and industry insiders visit the Lounge, they are being encouraged to bring clothing and accessories to the Working Wardrobes booth. Donated items will be auctioned off to help support Working Wardrobes' many programs and services, including career development workshops that help its clients confidently re-enter the workforce and achieve self-sufficiency.

Recent GRAMMY Award-winner **Miranda Lambert** was among the first to offer an advance donation, providing a Sherri Hill dress she wore at the 2011 Country Music Awards and a Carmen Marc Valvo dress from a White House Correspondent's Dinner where she met Laura Bush. Emmy Award-winner **Neil Patrick Harris** (*How I Met Your Mother*) is the latest to join the list of celebrities contributing to the cause, with a donation of suit from his personal closet.

“These amazing and greatly appreciated celebrity donations will help us provide life-changing career development and wardrobe services throughout the year,” said Jerri Rosen, founder and CEO of Working Wardrobes. “We are so thankful to be part of the *EXTRA* Luxury Lounge® and the focus of its charitable component this year. Our programs would not be possible without the support of our generous donors.”

Other celebrities donating items to benefit Working Wardrobes include **Rachel Bilson** (*The O.C., Jumper*), Academy Award-winner **Diane Keaton** (*Annie Hall, Something's Gotta Give*), **Kellan Lutz** (*Twilight* series), GRAMMY-nominated recording artist **Ciara** and renowned personal trainer **Jillian Michaels** (*The Biggest Loser*).

About Working Wardrobes

Working Wardrobes, an independent nonprofit organization, empowers men, women and young adults in crises 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.

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