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SUPPORTERS “COWBOY UP” AS BLUE JEANS, BOOTS & SWING RAISES MORE THAN \$100,000 FOR LIFE-CHANGING CAREER-DEVELOPMENT SERVICES *Proceeds from Working Wardrobes’ Third Annual Fundraiser Support At-Risk Adults*

COSTA MESA, Calif., June 9, 2011—Working Wardrobes, an inspiring Orange County nonprofit, welcomed supporters and community partners at its country-western-themed Blue Jeans, Boots & Swing fundraiser, held at the Shea Center in San Juan Capistrano on Sunday, June 5. The dressed-down, but “denim-chic” event united local businesses, donors and longtime volunteers, raising more than \$100,000 for Working Wardrobes’ programs that allow 5,000 men and women each year to re-enter the workforce with career skills and self-confidence.

More than 300 guests attended the event, with funds raised through table sponsorships, ticket sales and auction opportunities throughout the evening. Blue Jeans, Boots & Swing was made possible by a number of generous companies, including Premiere Sponsors Autobytel and U.S. Bank. Working Wardrobes staff and 50 volunteers donated their time to help make the evening a success.

The state-of-the-art equestrian facility, Shea Center, served as a distinctive and fitting backdrop to the gathering of boots- and buckle-clad Working Wardrobes supporters. Before entering the expansive covered arena, guests were greeted with a champagne reception while the smell of a delicious barbecue dinner cooked on-site by Ranch Hands filled the air. Live music provided by Swing Shift with professional line dancing demonstrations and instruction kept guests on their toes throughout the evening. Also provided for entertainment were casino tables featuring western-style poker games and a brewmaster from Steelhead Brewery offering four types of microbrews in the beer garden.

Following dinner and a desert of cake pops from White Orchid Bakery, client success story Patrick Tillich kicked off the evening’s program with an inspirational tale of how Working Wardrobes helped transform his life by providing a complete program of career development and interview skills prior to the 2007 Men’s Day of Self-Esteem. Three female success stories, Rowena, Regina and Whanja, also spoke about their specific support through Customer Service Training, Financial Literacy workshops and professional wardrobing to encourage continued support of the organization’s programs and services.

A live auction followed, led by Jim Nye, featuring unique treasures, including a signed *Mad Men* script and an opportunity to be on set during a taping of the show, a *Seinfeld* script signed by actor Jason Alexander, a ride in the Goodyear Blimp, a signed *Sex and the City* poster, an Anaheim Ducks suite at Honda Center, a ski vacation at Whitefish Mountain resort and accommodations for a five-night stay in Kauai. (*See addendum for live auction winners and winning bids.*)

Additional sponsors included Corinthian Colleges, Auction.com, Rager Resources, RETS Associates, South County Lexus, C2 Reprographics, White Orchid Productions and Steelhead Brewery.

For more information on Working Wardrobes, visit www.workingwardrobes.org or call 714-210-2460.

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.

ADDENDUM:

Live auction and raffle winners are as follows:

- Bottle of Dom Pérignon and box set of Chambord: Rod Baker
- Trails End Cycling Center beach cruiser: Rod Baker
- *Mad Men* signed script and set visit: Jana Turner
- Anaheim Ducks suite: Kim Shepard
- Ski vacation at Whitefish Mountain Resort: Harold Eldridge
- Heritage Foundation WWII Eagle flight for two: Ron and Robin Rubinstein
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- Personalized Major League Baseball umpire tour and box seats for an Angels/Dodgers game: Mr. and Mrs. Duquette/ Dani and Mike Mayer
- Accommodations for a five night stay in Kauai: Jana Turner

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