

# Donation Drive and Bulk Donations Guide

## Thank you!

Thank you so much for considering Dress for Success powered by EmBe for your donations. Donations contribute to the empowerment of area women who are working toward financial independence. Thank you for investing in your neighbors!

## Kindly Requested Actions for Drives and Bulk Donations

Thank you for preparing your donation in a manner that allows us to process your items quickly and frees us to focus our attention on serving clients.

- Please limit donations to items purchased within the past five years and on-trend for working professionals. We want our clients to feel as confident about their professional wardrobe as they would if it was purchased from a boutique this week.
- All items must be clean without stains, holes, pilling and from non-smoking environments.
- Please presort donations and remove the items we cannot accept.
- If items have been in storage, please open and check all containers for pests and damage.
- Please contact us before planning a drive and again to schedule a drop-off time ([dfssoffice@EmBe.org](mailto:dfssoffice@EmBe.org)).

## Accepted Items

- Financial donations
- Dresses and skirts
- Slacks, khakis
- Jeans (no holes or distressing)
- Separates – Pants, Blazers
- Long and short sleeved blouses
- Professional Maternity Clothing
- Shoes and boots
- Purses, briefcases, portfolios
- Jewelry – necklaces, earrings, bracelets, watches with working batteries
- Scarves, belts, and accessories
- Solid Color Scrubs
- Leggings
- Velvet non-slip hangers
- Items that must be new w/ packaging
  - Bras & undergarments
  - Opaque tights
- Winter hats and gloves
- Make-up and hair products – Unopened
- Solid Color Scrubs
- Velvet non-slip hangers

## Highest Need

- Financial donations to cover programs & specific client needs.
- Black pants in all sizes, including maternity
- New bras with tags
- Clothing Sizes: Extra Small, Small, and Plus Sizes, Extra length, maternity
- Shoe sizes: 11+
- Non-slip shoes, steel-toed shoes
- Flats and low-heel professional footwear
- Solid scrubs
- Snow boots, ski & puffy winter coats.

## We Do Not Currently Need and Cannot Accept

- Clothing not purchased within the past 5 years (even if in new condition w/ tags)
- Panty hose/nylons
- Flawed clothing, including small stains/holes/pilling.
- Any undergarments or hosiery that are not new with tags/packaging.
- Patterned Scrubs
- Open or expired beauty products including perfume