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**JUNE 2022** 

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# SUITED FOR CHANGE'S ANNUAL GALA



We had an incredible time celebrating Suited for Change's 30th Anniversary at the Arts Club of Washington on June 1st, 2022!

After reaching such an incredible milestone, it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and welcome some new ones as we look ahead to another 30 years of empowering the women in our community.

In case you missed out on the in-person celebration, below are some of the highlights:

SPECIAL GUEST: BROOKE PINTO

DC COUNCIL, WARD 2



We were honored to welcome Brooke Pinto, DC Councilmember for Ward 2, as she dedicated a resolution recognizing Suited for Change's exceptional contributions to support women achieve their professional goals and reach financial independence in Washington, DC.

Sharing our passion for empowering women, Councilmember Pinto will continue her work on behalf of DC residents, ensuring that the law is fair for everyone.

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## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER** 





While Mayor Muriel Bowser was unable to attend the event, she sent her kind regards to Suited for Change through a celebratory Mayoral Proclamation.

This proclamation highlights the dedication of our volunteer stylists, professional coaches, partner organizations, Board of Directors, and staff for their efforts in creating a woman-led community of mutual support that enriches DC and beyond.

## **WOMAN OF THE YEAR**









To commemorate our 30th Anniversary, Suited for Change has begun a new tradition of honoring a Woman of the Year, recognizing their contributions to the Suited for Change community and their dedication to empowering women.

For our inaugural Woman of the Year, we ended up dedicating the award to two outstanding members of the Suited for Change community: Tehmi Mulla and Liz Reinert.

Both Liz Reinert and Tehmi Mulla exemplify what it means to be an active member of the Suited for Change community and we could not think of a better duo to kick off this annual award.

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# **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**





After much deliberation, this year's Volunteer of the Year was awarded to one of the only volunteers who stuck with SFC throughout the darkest days of Covid-19: Marianne Clifford Upton.

When many were still hesitant to get back to suiting in-person, Marianne stood up to the challenge and came in every Monday and helped us get back on our feet and serve our clients.

We are so grateful to have Marianne as part of our community and could not think of a better recipient for the return of the Volunteer of the Year award.

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#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



A variety of community members played key roles in the success of our Gala this year. From our emcee host, Charmion Kinder, and special guests, Bismah Ahmed: Miss DC, Former Clients, and Referral Partners, to local food vendors and our incredible CREW volunteers, and Sponsors we are so appreciative of your support.

We would not be able to empower the women in our community without you!

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