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## IN THE NEWS WITH WJLA

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We were so honored to welcome [Alison Starling from WJLA-TV](#) to the Suited for Change Boutique earlier this month.

As perfectly described by our Executive Director Liz Reinert, when one of our clients puts on a suit and looks in the mirror “it helps [them] see themselves in a whole new light.”

Thank you so much WJLA for giving our organization the incredible opportunity to spread the word of our vital work to the larger community, especially during these difficult times.

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# MEET NAFESSIAH

CLIENT STORY OF THE MONTH

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*Their doors are always open and they are here to help you regardless of the situation, so come on in, just like me, a happy client and friend to SFC!*

— NAFESSIAH



Reconnecting with clients, months or years later is always a special treat here at Suited for Change!

From the moment Nafessiah stepped back into the SFC boutique her energy brightened up the room. She was thrilled to return to SFC and “get my confidence back up, see my friends, and get more clothing to help me out on my great adventures!”

Join us in congratulating Nafessiah on her incredible accomplishment!

[Learn more about Nafessiah’s love for SFC](#)

## BE BOLD FOR CHANGE



**THANK YOU**



**WATERFRONT  
CHURCH DC**



Postponed for more than a year due to the pandemic, we were finally able to host our Be Bold for Change event in-person at the Waterfront Church DC for our clients!

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## **PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT: DC CENTRAL KITCHEN**



We had the pleasure of welcoming seven students from DC Central Kitchen (DCCK) to the Suited for Change boutique earlier this month. It was wonderful to have the boutique filled with joy as each student transformed their confidence through professional attire and mock interviews. From clients and referral partners to volunteers and staff, everyone had a blast!

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## DYNAMIC WOMEN: DC MODERN LUXURY MAGAZINE

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### MODERN LUXURY SPOTLIGHT *An Inside Look at the DYNAMIC WOMEN AT SUITED FOR CHANGE*

While some give up in the face of adversity, Kia has learned to thrive.

Like so many others, Kia has encountered many challenges throughout her life. From overcoming the barriers of single motherhood and domestic violence to battling breast cancer - Kia truly embodies the resilience seen in each and every Suited for Change client.

Suited for Change, SFC, emerged back in 1992 to fill the vital need of empowering women who have experienced homelessness, incarceration, abuse, and addiction. Using the power of the "perfect fit" and professional attire, SFC's mission is to build each client's self confidence, thereby allowing them to overcome the barriers of securing employment.

Since the beginning, the focus has always been centered around lifting up the women in the community and allowing them to flourish in the professional world.

From the moment Kia entered the SFC boutique, she felt instantly proud and empowered, bringing her dynamic energy into the room with her.

During her appointment, she shared how after multiple surgeries from her battle with cancer, she had an even greater need for new professional wear as she was still adjusting to her new shape. And thanks to volunteer Liaette, Kia was able to find two outfits that complemented her positive and lively personality.

Taking it a step further, Kia met with Dieder, a SFC mentor coach and board member, to continue honing her professional development skills. With over 31 years of experience in the HR realm, Dieder was able to provide Kia with valuable interview tips.

Dieder's commitment to giving back to the community goes above and beyond. She utilizes each coaching session to fit the specific needs of each client and ensures to highlight their personal strengths. Not only did she and Kia have an incredible coaching session, but she also continues to check in on Kia and see how she is doing.

Thanks to Dieder, Kia's confidence grew tremendously. From setting ambitious career goals to having a mentor she can rely on, Kia now has all the tools to succeed professionally.

But Kia doesn't want to stop there! Through all of her hardships she has been able to find inner strength and hopes to inspire others to reach their full potential. "Coming from a place where no one tells you you are doing good, I've found myself now!"

We at SFC can personally attest that after meeting Kia, we feel more inspired. In a time where so many are feeling down on their luck and in desperate need for encouragement, Kia is bringing forth that positive light.

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This month [DC Modern Luxury's magazine](#) theme has taken a special twist, highlighting **Dynamic Women** in the district who embody the characteristics of success with tenacity, empathy, and confidence.

At Suited for Change, we take pride in our community's positive attitude and constant progress and are honored to be a part of DC Modern Luxury's special September issue.

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# FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN BOUTIQUE SALE



## BOUTIQUE SALE

09/22 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Proceeds help provide professional attire,  
coaching and skill training for women in need!

It's that time of year again! As September 22nd marks the **First Day of Autumn**, be sure to stop by the Suited for Change monthly Boutique Sale and update your fall wardrobe.

We cannot wait to see you at the SFC Boutique on September 22nd between 3-7pm as you shop for a cause.

What are you waiting for? [RSVP Today!](#)

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