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Project Return, Inc and Men's Wearhouse Create Sharp-Dressed Job Seekers with National Suit Drive
Collected Items Benefit Middle Tennessee Residents in Need

Nashville — From now until August 31, Project Return, Inc, a local non-profit helping ex-offenders with the reentry process, is partnering with Men's Wearhouse to help disadvantaged job seekers during the fourth annual [National Suit Drive](#), the country's largest collection of gently used business attire.

This is Project Return's 3rd time joining Men's Wearhouse and approximately 200 other charities to distribute the items collected at more than 900 Men's Wearhouse locations. Items collected include men's and women's suits, shirts, jackets, ties, belts, and shoes. Residents of Middle Tennessee may donate their gently used and cleaned items at all Nashville locations.

"We are pleased to partner with Men's Wearhouse again this year on this critical effort," said Bettie Kirkland, the Executive Director of Project Return. "Many men in Nashville are still struggling to find jobs as the economy slowly recovers. The National Suit Drive will empower our clients with the self-confidence that comes from being well dressed and, will help them present themselves well to potential employers."

Although the recession has affected a broad spectrum of the American workforce, a large percent of job losses have befallen men, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, due to the economy's particularly heavy impact on male-dominated industries such as construction and manufacturing. In Nashville, the unemployment rate hit 8.5% in May 2011, proving that many are still struggling to find work.

"With nearly one out of ten working-age men unemployed in this country, the weak economic recovery has disproportionately hurt the male workforce," said George Zimmer, Men's Wearhouse founder and CEO. "By collecting and donating professional clothing, Men's Wearhouse aims to help men 'suit up' for job interviews and give them an important boost of confidence that will help them reach their goals."

Nationally, Men's Wearhouse hopes to collect more than 100,000 articles of clothing to benefit charities like Project Return. Last year, Project Return, was able to help dozens of men in the Nashville area get suited up for their job interviews.

Donors of suits will be rewarded by Men's Wearhouse with 50% off a purchase at the store. Men's Wearhouse will match their generosity by donating a tie for every suit received and for every "like" on Facebook, Men's Wearhouse will donate \$1 to the cause, up to \$10,000.

For more information, visit www.projectreturninc.org and www.nationalsuitdrive.com.

About Men's Wearhouse

Since it was founded in 1973, Men's Wearhouse has become one of the largest specialty retailers of men's apparel in the country, with more than 900 stores carrying a full selection of designer and private-label suits, sport coats, casualwear, and accessories. Today, The Men's Wearhouse, Inc. family of companies includes Men's Wearhouse, MW Cleaners, K&G Fashion Superstore, TwinHill Corporate Apparel, and Moores Clothing for Men in Canada, making it one of North



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America's leading providers of quality and value in both apparel and apparel care. In addition, Men's Wearhouse also operates in a global corporate apparel and workwear group consisting of Dimensions and Alexandra in the United Kingdom. For additional information, please visit the company's website at www.menswearhouse.com.

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