



## Summer 2018 Newsletter



### Summer Fashion Tip: The Power Blazer

From a power executive look to sophisticated street style, the classic blazer is a versatile and timeless staple piece and a must-have for every woman's wardrobe. A blazer does not have to be paired with a matching suit to be considered office-appropriate. By combining a blazer with a dress, skirt or dark jeans, you can make a strong professional statement. On weekends, pair a navy, black or pinstripe blazer with slim denim jeans and a fitted T-shirt and flats for an informal but polished look.



### Another Highly Successful Wine With Wings

Our second annual Wine with Wings event held at the beautiful Kennett Golf and Country Club was a huge success. Guests enjoyed wines from Nottingham's Wayvine Winery paired with delicious appetizers as well as great auction items and a wine grab.

We are so thankful to our attendees, sponsors and donors for their support of the Wings mission. The funds raised that evening will allow Wings to continue to provide the deserving women of our community with apparel, advice and advocacy.

A special thank you to our talented co-chairs, Bonnie Long and Randi Bushner, and to the amazing team of volunteers who gave so much of themselves to make this event a great success.

### **"I can't do this...but maybe I can." Dawn's\* Story**

*Wings is proud to share with you the next installment in our client success story series:*

After two years of highly productive employment at a skilled nursing center, Dawn was abruptly terminated from her job. She had been the victim of ongoing workplace harassment and felt pretty beaten up by the whole experience.

For a year, she looked unsuccessfully for work and in the process, gained weight. "I couldn't wear any of my old clothes," she recalls, "and couldn't afford new ones."

After learning about Wings through one of her many volunteer efforts, Dawn made an appointment to come in. She remembers standing outside the Wings office before her appointment, too afraid to move. She remembers thinking, "I can't do this," before slowly determining, "but maybe I can." Though she briefly

considered canceling her appointment, she mustered the courage to step inside, telling herself, "I deserve this."

She described her Wings stylists as fabulous and the experience of receiving new workplace clothing as one that really buoyed her spirits. Today, Dawn is happily employed as a recreation director in an assisted living facility where she creates programs and music for the center's residents.

What advice would she give others who may be struggling to regain confidence and employment after losing a job?

"Learn to accept gifts," she says. "If you're a do-er for other people, you gotta do for you. You deserve it!"

*\*Name has been changed*



### Save the Date: Wings 20th Anniversary Gala

This fall, in lieu of our traditional Wings Fling event, Wings will be holding a special 20th Anniversary Gala. Be sure to join us for a beautiful evening of dinner, cocktails, dancing and a silent auction.

WHEN: Friday, October 26th, 7 – 10 PM

WHERE: Aronimink Golf Club, Newtown Square

Sponsorship opportunities are available. If interested, email Jill Laufenberg at: [jill@wingsforsuccess.org](mailto:jill@wingsforsuccess.org). Mark your calendars!

REGISTER NOW

### Host a Bra & Black Bag Bash!

There's more to creating a professional work outfit than meets the eye. It actually begins with new, supportive undergarments...and ends with accessories that tie the whole look together.

At Wings, we always seem to be in need of bras and black handbags. Would you be willing to help us in our effort to obtain these much-needed items? If so, consider hosting a Bra & Black Bag Bash!

A Bra & Black Bag Bash is a great opportunity to gather friends, family, neighbors and co-workers for an evening of fun and invite each guest to bring a new bra or a new or like-new black handbag to be donated to Wings. We'll provide information about Wings, receipts, and at your request, we'll do our best to find a seasoned volunteer, staff or board member to talk to your guests about the mission of Wings.

It's a fun way to help us and a great excuse to host a get-together!

For more information, contact us at: [info@wingsforsuccess.org](mailto:info@wingsforsuccess.org)

### Enjoy a One-Night Stay in Estero, FL

Wings is making available a leftover donation from one of our silent auctions: a one-night stay at the Hyatt Place hotel in Estero, Florida. The certificate (valued at over \$150) expires on September 30, 2018.

To claim this certificate, simply make ANY donation to Wings for Success. The first person to email us at [officer@wingsforsuccess.org](mailto:officer@wingsforsuccess.org) will receive this certificate.



### Volunteer Spotlight: Vicky Will

Vicky Will is a volunteer personal stylist and a member of our Kennett Square fundraiser committee. Most recently, Vicky served as Vice President, Power Operations Support at Power for Exelon Generation in Kennett Square until her retirement in September 2017. Over her professional career, she held various positions in the environmental, chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.

In addition to her volunteer role at Wings, Vicky also serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region and the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee at Tyler Arboretum. Vicky remains active in the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy and mentors scholarship students interested in careers in the environmental field.

Vicky and her husband Mike live in East Marlborough Township with their two beagles (Lucy and Ricky). They have two adult children—Tim who lives in Manhattan and Stephanie who resides in Charlotte, NC.

### Top 3 Ways to Support Wings

Wings for Success is able to assist women in need thanks to people like you who care about our mission and want to make a difference. Looking to better the lives of women and their families? Below are the top 3 ways you can support Wings:



#### Share our story

Share our story with your friends and help us raise awareness of Wings in the community. Click on the button below for more easy and inexpensive ways to support our mission.

[GET INVOLVED](#)



#### Donate needed items

We depend on the generosity of the community to help keep our closets full and welcome donations that meet our current clothing needs.

[CURRENT NEEDS](#)



#### Donate funds

Make your tax-deductible donation to Wings today. Wings uses all monetary donations very cost-effectively. A modest donation can go a long way toward outfitting a woman with confidence!

[LEARN MORE](#)

### Client Success Quote

*"The wonderful business attire that you guys picked out for me made me feel like a brand new person...I had to attend court today to take care of some legal issues and one of the ladies waiting to be seen thought I worked there! I was very flattered and felt extremely important."*



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