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### **\*\*\* Media Advisory \*\*\***

## **Nearly 2,000 Suits, Slacks, Skirts, and Ties Collected for Domestic Violence Survivors**

*Suited for Success Donations Help Survivors Get Back in Workforce*

The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) and the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership) will present nearly 2,000 professional clothing items to three local domestic violence shelters this Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Donations collected during the 15-day Suited for Success Drive will equip local domestic violence survivors at WEAVE, My Sister's House and the Domestic Violence Intervention Center who are seeking to re-enter the workforce with attire suitable for interviews and the workplace.

Several speakers will present state and nonprofit resources that assist and protect domestic violence victims:

- Anna Caballero, Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency
- Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Program
- Tara Shabazz, Executive Director of the CA Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- Julie Bornhoeft, Director of Development and Community Relations of WEAVE
- Nilda Valmores, Executive Director of My Sister's House
- Elaine Whitefeather, Co-Executive Director of Domestic Violence Intervention Center of Citrus Heights

**When:** Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** VCGCB Headquarters – 400 R Street, Sacramento CA 95811

**Why:** Hundreds of state employees, businesses, legislative offices, and Sacramento residents donated over 1,800 suits, slacks, dresses, shoes, and belts to benefit survivors of domestic violence. The Suited for Success Drive provides Sacramento residents an easy and tangible opportunity to stand against domestic violence and show their support and give hope to survivors.

Nearly a dozen agencies and businesses hosted collection bins throughout Sacramento:

- Governor's Office
- Chicory Coffee & Tea

- CA Highway Patrol
- Department of General Services
- CA Technology Agency
- California Emergency Management Agency
- Sacramento County District Attorney's Office
- CA State Teachers Retirement System
- CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- State and Consumer Services Agency
- California Victim Compensation & Government Claims Board

For more information about CalVCP visit: [www.calvcp.ca.gov](http://www.calvcp.ca.gov); for more information about the Partnership visit: [www.cpedv.org](http://www.cpedv.org).

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*Last fiscal year, CalVCP received nearly 54,000 applications and provided more than \$70 million in compensation to crime victims. Over one-third of the applications processed annually are due to domestic violence. Victims can be reimbursed for crime-related expenses including costs associated with funeral services, medical bills, mental health treatment, and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from federal grants and criminal restitution fines and not taxpayer dollars.*

*As the federally recognized State Domestic Violence Coalition for California, the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence is comprised of over 150 member organizations and individuals across the entire state. The Partnership has built upon the 30-year history of its predecessor organizations while forging into new territory to provide statewide leadership and successfully pass legislation to ensure safety and justice for domestic violence survivors and their children.*