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Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants and Dress for Success Celebrate Women This Spring
Charitable Partnership Sparks Nationwide Events and New Jazz CD to Benefit Career Development

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14, 2007– Out of a job and losing confidence, Harlem resident and mother of two Adrian Porter didn't know who to turn to for help or hope. At the urging of her son, Porter sought assistance and found a local agency that directed her to Dress for Success where she was "absolutely flabbergasted" at the lengths to which they went to help her reenter the workforce. From a stylish suit to professional training and mentorship, Dress for Success armed Porter with the style and skills she needed to land, and keep, a job at Kimpton's New York City lounge silverleaf tavern.

"Becoming part of the Kimpton family has been one of the greatest gifts I could have asked for," says Porter. "Dress for Success gave me more than an opportunity, they treated me with respect and every resource I needed."

Porter was one of the over 7 million unemployed people in the U.S. and "blessedly," she says, one of the approximately 50,000 women Dress for Success helps reenter the workforce each year. Her story reflects the power of joining non-profit and

“The secret to our successful partnership with Dress for Success is that we approach it as we would any other joint venture.” says Kimpton COO Niki Leondakis. “We agree upon our goals and work side-by-side creatively and tirelessly to achieve them.”

Each March and April the organizations team up to host fundraising and awareness-building events throughout the country. Last year, events raised over \$100,000 nationwide. This year, Kimpton and Dress for Success have created *Songs to Suit Yourself*, a compilation CD of female jazz legends which will be sold at all Kimpton Hotels and at KimptonStyle.com. All proceeds of the \$10 CD will be donated to Dress for Success’ Professional Women’s Group, an initiative offering employed Dress for Success members monthly career development meetings and professional resources to foster future growth.

Throughout the month of March, Kimpton is hosting various Dress for Success activities nationwide, including:

- **WASHINGTON D.C – *Girls Gone Glam*:** A fun-filled evening at Hotel Monaco Washington DC. Shop for the latest trends with selections from the area’s hippest boutiques, while pampering yourself with complimentary mini-spa treatments and make-up consultations. Learn how to wear the latest trends from on-site fashion experts, sip on complimentary ‘frock-tails’ and nosh on hors d’ oeuvres. Guests will also enjoy the chance to win great raffle items and bid on silent auction items.
- **VANCOUVER - *Drive By Suiting*:** Drive by the Pacific Palisades Hotel and drop off your interview -ready women's suit. Participants can swap women’s clothing or money for a breakfast goody bag. Every donor will receive their choice of coffee or tea, a brown breakfast bag with pastry and fruit, and an entry into a draw for great prizes. This year, the hotel is focusing on collecting costume jewelry, shoes, purses, scarves and new hosiery in addition to suits and business attire.
- **SAN FRANCISCO - *Chassé for Suits*:** An exciting evening at Palomar San Francisco choreographed to help women suit-up for career success. Snack on small bites from Fifth Floor and sip Lounge on Five cocktails while mingling with live ballerinas modeling fashions designed by featured “Room of One’s Own” artist Cynthia Pepper. Peruse Pepper’s ballerina-inspired paintings and dance films on exhibit throughout the evening, while also checking out Palomar’s stylish new “wild” look in guest rooms. Guests will also have a chance to win terrific raffle items including the “Alligator” original painting Cynthia Pepper created to highlight Palomar’s new room design.

Kimpton's commitment to social responsibility extends to both local and national activities and partnerships throughout the year. Kimpton Cares is a company-wide initiative that encompasses national efforts, such as the annual Red Ribbon campaign and Trust For Public Land fundraising and awareness-building events, as well as support of local organizations and charities that resonate with Kimpton employees. Each Kimpton property, and collectively, is dedicated to making a positive social and environmental difference in their community.

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ABOUT KIMPTON

San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants is the first and leading collection of boutique hotels throughout the United States and Canada. Founded by Bill Kimpton in 1981, privately held Kimpton Hotels offers services and design elements focused on care, comfort, style, flavor and fun. Every Kimpton hotel reflects the energy, personality and pulse of its location, history and architectural style. Each property features personalized guest services, comforting in-room amenities, specialty rooms and suites, and provides a range of exciting culinary experiences through affiliated top-rated destination chef-driven restaurants. Kimpton takes pride in its commitment to social responsibility and leads the hospitality industry in ecological practices through its innovative EarthCare programs. In addition, Kimpton demonstrates a unique dedication to its female guests with the Women InTouch program, offering comfortable and safe environments, in-room fitness and wellness options as well as the company's unique "Forgot It, We've Got It" honor bar, providing essentials that women travelers may have forgotten at home. Among the company's newest properties are the recently acquired Muse Hotel in New York, Nine Zero Hotel in Boston and Caleo Resort and Spa in Scottsdale. Kimpton debuted the Hotel Palomar in Washington D.C. in July 2006, and the Hotel Palomar Dallas in August, 2006. Additional projects are underway in Southern California, Texas, Florida, Virginia and the Bahamas. For more information, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.

ABOUT DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Dress for Success is an international not-for-profit organization that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Since starting operations in 1997, Dress for Success has expanded to more than 80 cities in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the UK. To date, Dress for Success has helped more than 350,000 women work towards self-sufficiency. Visit www.dressforsuccess.org to learn more.