

Councilwoman Walsh Thanks Woman Services, Going Places Network and the Avon Corporation

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Pictured left to right, back row: Supervisor Ed Romaine, Melissa Simpson, Paula Mucci, Caroline Knoell, Cindy Lowry, Winifred James, Towfika Yasmin, and Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh. Front Row: Avon Representatives Claudia Clinton, Martiza S. Diaz, Pamela Edwards, Maria Dollard, Danielle Diaferia

Farmingville, NY - The mission of Dress for Success is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools they need to thrive in work and in life. Through a \$2 million grant from the Walmart Foundation, 60 Dress for Success affiliates across the United States have rolled out the Going Places Network. In 2012 the program was expanded and enhanced. The Town of Brookhaven Department of Housing and Human Services Division of Woman Services is home to a Dress For Success program.

On July 12, local Avon representatives donated their time and products to make over the newest graduates of the Going Places Network Program. The ladies who completed the job readiness program were educated in proper attire for the workplace, learned the LinkedIN program, and are ready to apply for jobs. Suits, shoes and handbags were provided by Dress for Success. All the items were donated to the organization by generous businesses and private individuals like yourself. Graduation photos were taken at Brookhaven Town Hall 2nd floor Media Room for their LinkedIn Profile.

As liaison to Woman Services and a frequent donor to the program, Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh said "I was thrilled to see the women accomplish so much and graduate from the program. I encourage women to donate their unwanted gently used items to this worthy cause. I wish the ladies good luck in all their future endeavors. I also want to thank the volunteers in the dress for success program for making someone's future brighter as well as thanking the Avon Representatives who worked so hard preparing the ladies."

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