



## MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY:

As the situation surrounding COVID-19 (the coronavirus) remains fluid, we continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates on our programs and services as they arise.

The health and safety of Wardrobe for Opportunity (WFO) staff, clients and partner communities remain our highest priority during this incredibly challenging period. WFO joins a long list of organizations that have rescheduled events to keep our community safe and support the wider public effort to slow the spread of the virus.

The WFO office remains temporarily closed until further notice and we have postponed all in-person meetings and events for the time being, including client fittings, workshops, volunteer programs, office tours, curbside drives, and public sales. Our staff is working remotely and will be readily accessible during business hours, with email communications as the preferred method of communication over calls to the office. If you need to reach WFO staff for any questions, please contact Hank Ramirez, our Program Specialist, at [hramirez@wardrobe.org](mailto:hramirez@wardrobe.org).

At present, we do not anticipate any changes to our programming beyond rescheduling/postponing of in-person events. WFO will continue to fulfill our mission of supporting our clients in transformational career support services to achieve economic success.

We will likely face continued inconveniences and disruptions in the weeks and months ahead. Please know that WFO cares. It is vital that we stay virtually connected as it will take the cooperation and efforts of our entire community to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19. We will need that spirit now more than ever. Remember that simple actions and steps make big differences when everyone helps.



We need your help to ensure that all of our clients have the resources and support they need to prevail during this heightened period of uncertainty. Your donations and support will help WFO:

- **Expand** teaching time and maximize our ability to provide remote individual support. This will help us not only increase instruction time, but also offer additional 1:1 virtual tutoring, retain student participation, and provide follow-up during this interim crisis period.
- **Engage** our partners (like you!) to sponsor [individual] clients as they face their own unique hardships that place an undue burden on their ability to participate or learn amid crisis. To learn more about becoming a mentor, please email [hramirez@wardrobe.org](mailto:hramirez@wardrobe.org).
- **Invest** in WFO's broader crisis preparedness to minimize future disruptions to our workshops and learning programs. We are working diligently to create our online teaching capacity and student support systems for the long-term.

Please feel free to reference the healthcare guidance and updates from the experts and practitioners, as needed:

- [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](https://www.who.int)

We appreciate your support and will get through this unprecedented time together. Please stay well and keep your family and friends safe.

Robert Armstrong  
WFO Board President