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Martha's Table Partners with Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs

WASHINGTON (July 11, 2019) — Martha's Table, the D.C.-based nonprofit committed to supporting strong children, strong families, and strong communities and with a fierce commitment to equity, announces a new partnership with the Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA).

Martha's Table will offer workforce attire through Martha's Table Outfitters, a no-cost community boutique store supporting families with essential baby items, children's clothing, and business clothing for adults. MORCA returning citizens will receive a free membership to Martha's Table Outfitters, which provides each individual with a membership card and access to \$40 store credit reloaded every month. Individuals are invited to shop for high quality, new and gently used suits, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, and shoes.

"Employment is the deepest and most urgent need for returning citizens seeking to successfully reenter society. This amazing partnership creates a distinctly unique resource for the community, by removing the significant barrier presented by the lack of business attire when applying for and working in new jobs in the District" says Brian Ferguson, MORCA Executive Director. "Removing barriers to jobs for returning citizens is a top priority for Mayor Bowser and her administration, and innovative partnerships like this with historic District organizations such as Martha's Table are essential to creating those pathways toward employment."

"We are so excited about this partnership, especially given its uniqueness. Literally every returning citizen, all 2,000 annually who are coming home to DC, will have Outfitters as a resource available to them," said Kim R. Ford, President and CEO at Martha's Table.

"We are thrilled to partner with MORCA and offer workforce clothing essentials to our community of returning citizens," said Tony Washington, Assistant Director of Retail Operations at Martha's Table. "Our doors are open and we are ready to support each person on their path to pursuing their career aspirations."

Martha's Table Outfitters is located at 2204 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20020, in the heart of Anacostia. The Martha's Table Outfitters program is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. For more information, please visit www.marthastable.org.



About Martha's Table

Martha's Table is a local nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. with a mission to support strong children, strong families, and strong communities. Martha's Table exists because every child, regardless of zip code, should have the opportunity to thrive. For nearly 40 years, the organization has been working to increase access to quality education, health and wellness resources, and family supports. For more information and to get involved, please visit: www.marthastable.org.

About MORCA

As the District of Columbia's coordinating and advisory agency for reentry, The Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs removes barriers to reentry and empowers residents to break the cycle of recidivism by providing guided re-entry and ensuring that previously incarcerated people are connected to essential programs and services in areas such as employment, health, education, housing assistance, and social services.

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