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USAgain Supports Job Seekers through Recycled Clothing

Santa Ana, California (August 4, 2015) – For the second year in a row, USAgain, a local textile recycling company, announces a county-wide clothing drive to support one of WHW’s employment support programs, providing business clothing to help the unemployed get and keep a good job.

The month-long drive, which will start on September 1st, will accept new or gently used men’s and women’s business and casual clothing, shoes and accessories such as ties, belts, purses and jewelry at USAgain collection bins throughout Orange County. WHW has been providing the unemployed and underemployed with skills and resources in the Orange County Community since 1993. Based in Santa Ana, the organization has served more than 70,000 job seekers since its inception. “WHW has played an instrumental role in equipping men, women and teens to seek gainful employment. This year was another record-breaking year with over 8,500 job seekers served. The clothing that is donated truly does change lives by equipping our clients to look professional, which is a critical part of securing and keeping a good job,” Robyn Williams, Director of Programs at WHW, said.



“We are very excited to be hosting this drive again and give the community a convenient option to help the cause,” Nick Yagar, USAgain Division Manager, said. “This campaign will collect clothing that will directly benefit WHW’s social programs. The additional advantage of diverting these items from the waste stream makes it a win-win for everyone.”

USAgain is a local recycling company actively spreading it’s message about textile recycling through community events and partnerships. “It’s an easy decision to give back to our local community by hosting these events. We thank WHW for giving us this opportunity,” CEO of USAgain, Mattias Wallander said.

According to data from the EPA, more than 12 million tons of textiles are trashed annually. On an individual level, the average American throws away 68 pounds of clothing per year. For more details on the event, visit www.usagain.com/whwclothingdonation. USAgain looks forward to future community support and green events.

About WHW. WHW is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to provide the unemployed and underemployed the skills and services they need to get and keep a good job. Since 1993, WHW has served over 70,000 job seekers referred by over 275 partner agencies at no charge. Each year more than 8,000 job seekers participate in programs focused on making them the most marketable candidate for the job they seek. Programs include: Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Assistance and Professional Apparel. For more information on WHW and how to support their job seekers, please visit www.whw.org.

About USAgain. USAgain is a Lake Forest based for-profit company which collects clothing, shoes and other textiles for reuse and recycling. Its mission is to provide consumers with a convenient and eco-friendly option to rid themselves of excess clothing that is diverted from landfills. USAgain maintains more than 14,000 collection bins in 19 states and collected 55 million pounds of textiles in 2012. For more information, visit www.usagain.com.

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