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USAgain Supports Job Seekers through Recycled Clothing

Santa Ana, California (August 5, 2014) - USAgain, a local textile recycling company, announces a clothing drive to support one of WHW's employment support programs, providing business clothing to empower disadvantaged men, women and teens to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment success.

The month-long drive, which started August 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 serving men, women and teens in the Orange County Community since 1993. Based in Santa Ana, the organization has served more than 50,000 people since its inception. "WHW has played an instrumental role in equipping men, women and teens to seek gainful employment. This year was a record-breaking year, serving over 6,500 people and the clothing that is donated truly does change lives by equipping our job seekers to look professional, which is a critical part of securing the job," Robyn Williams, director of programs at WHW, said.

"We are very excited to be hosting this drive 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 comprehensive employment support services to empower disadvantaged men, women and teens to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment success and who has served over 50,000 clients since 1993. WHW's Employment Success Program includes resume and interviewing skills, workshops, computer classes, image consulting, professional clothing appropriate for interviews and transportation services. Supported by United Way, WHW's services are always at no charge or obligation to clients and 275 referring non-profit partners. For more information on WHW and its Employment Success Program, go to 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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