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Flagler Museum Partners with Dress for Success for Shapewear Drive

Clothing drive runs October 22 to November 22, inspired by Museum’s Fall Exhibition

PALM BEACH, FL - The Flagler’s Spirit team at the [Henry Morrison Flagler Museum](#) is partnering with Dress for Success Palm Beaches to host a women’s clothing drive in conjunction with the Museum’s fall exhibition, *Inside Out: Women’s Fashion from Foundation to Silhouette*. The “Flagler’s Spirit Shapewear Drive” will be collecting new foundation pieces, undergarments and shapewear in all sizes during regular admission hours from October 22 through November 22, 2019, at the Museum. Those wishing to drop off donations may do so at the Museum’s entrance kiosk, adjacent to the parking lot. An admission fee is not required.

Staff members at the Museum came together to form Flagler’s Spirit in 2016 as a way to give back to the local community, taking inspiration from Henry Flagler’s many examples of generosity to the communities he developed along Florida’s eastern seaboard. Flagler provided land, buildings and financial support to schools, places of worship, libraries, hospitals, agricultural operations and more during his lifetime. Today, the Flagler’s Spirit team focuses on providing opportunities for children and adults, who may not otherwise have them, to visit Whitehall and experience it in meaningful ways. The team also partners with local charitable organizations, and recently collected items from Museum staff to donate to Bahamas relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Dorian.



*Linen chemise with Spanish lace, 1860s.
Courtesy of the Witte Museum, San Antonio,
Texas.*

*Photo by Brooke Mulkey.
San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.*

This is the team’s second clothing drive and partnership with Dress for Success Palm Beaches, a non-profit organization which helps to empower women by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools they need to enter the workforce.

“We are so pleased to partner with Dress for Success again this year during our Season of Style 2. Considering our fall exhibition’s exploration of the historical relationship between women and their undergarments, hosting a clothing drive to collect modern foundation pieces such as hosiery and shapewear just made sense. We look forward to the enthusiastic participation of our visitors and community,” said Erin Manning, Executive Director of the Flagler Museum.

The Museum’s fall exhibition, *Inside Out*, specifically examines the relationship between American women and their undergarments against a backdrop of fashion, sociological changes and political climate. Visitors will walk through eight key eras in American history, exploring the perceived roles of women in American culture from the 1790s to the present, how those roles have shaped — and been shaped by — what women wear, feminist ideas and movements since the nation’s earliest days, and the outward

appearance and silhouette of stylish American women over time. Located in the second floor gallery, *Inside Out* runs through January 5, 2020 and is free with Museum admission.

The exhibition is organized by the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts with the support of the Ben and Beverly Stribling Special Exhibition Trust and circulated through GuestCurator Traveling Exhibitions. It is funded in part by the The Eliasberg Family Foundation and Templeton & Company, and is sponsored in part by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the



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The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-17, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under six are free. Guided tours, audio tours, printed self-guide brochures and the Flagler Museum Audio Tour app are all complimentary with Museum admission. Audio tours and self-guide brochures are available in English, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese.

For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.