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*Helping people in need...  
Succeed!*

A collaborative effort between businesses, organizations and individuals working toward a common goal.

Businesses that have wrapped their arms around DIVA/DIVO

- **Christ Church, UCC**
- **Boston Store**
- **Lucy's**
- **MCS Multicultural Community Services**

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**SPONSORSHIP**

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**DIVA/DIVO** is a non-profit charitable organization with 501(c)3 status.

We are solely dependent on the generosity of businesses, organizations, individuals and the Milwaukee community to stay in operation and to continue to serve people in need.

*Helping people in need...*

*“Our mission is to assist Milwaukee-area women and men in need achieve economic self-sufficiency.”*

*... Succeed!*

*“By providing work appropriate clothing we are also providing confidence in ones' self which carries over to their achievements in the workplace.”*



**DIVA/DIVO LOCATIONS**

**SOUTH:** Christ's Church (2nd floor of Christ Church)  
915 East Oklahoma Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53207 • 414.481.0459  
[www.diva-divo.org](http://www.diva-divo.org)

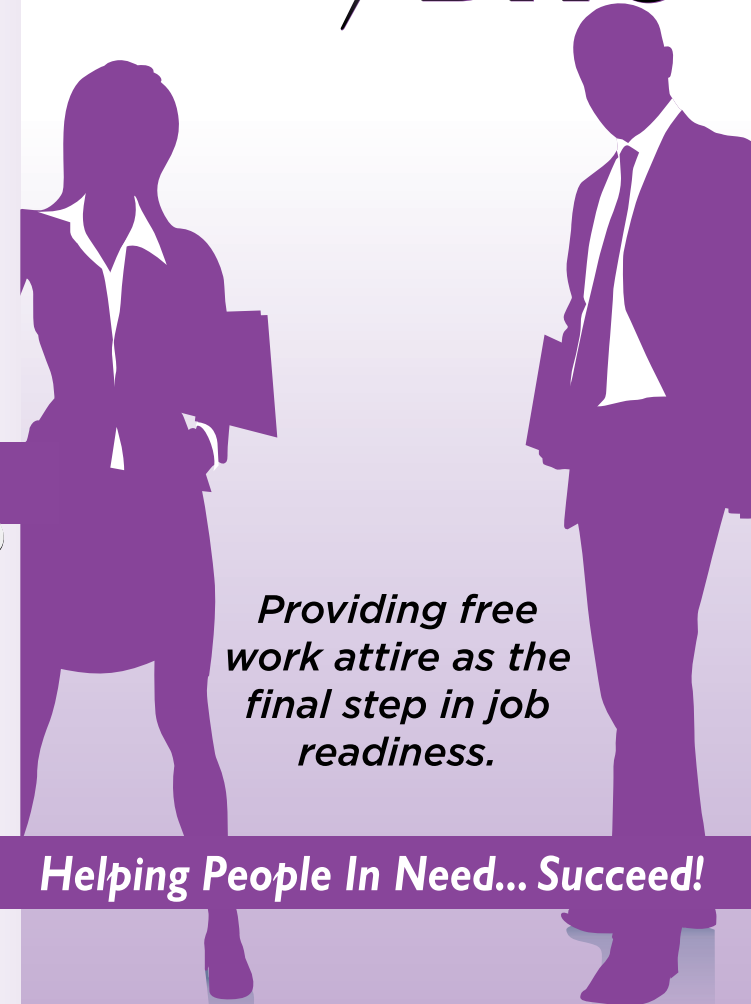
**NORTH:** Multicultural Community Services (MCS)  
5161 North Hopkins, Milwaukee, WI 53209

**ABOUT US**

DIVA/DIVO is funded in part by The Squirm Foundation



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## Mission Statement

**DIVA/DIVO** is a non-profit organization dedicated to the empowerment of people in need by providing free work-appropriate clothing, mentoring programs and other employment-related resources, all designed to assist them in securing employment. We at DIVA/DIVO are committed to restoring and maintaining the dignity and independence of all our clients.

## Refer A Client

All DIVA/DIVO clients must be actively enrolled in a job readiness program, or working one-on-one with a case manager, through a qualified organization or agency. Clients are referred to DIVA/DIVO as the last step in job-readiness.

## The Referral Process Is Simple

The Service provider should contact Michele Billingsley at [michele@diva-divo.org](mailto:michele@diva-divo.org) or log on to our website for detailed information.

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## Referral Partners

Diva/Divo supports these Agencies & Organizations:

- **W2 Funded Programs**
- **Treatment Centers**
- **Domestic Violence & Homeless Shelters**
- **Halfway Houses**
- **Job Programs**
- **Parole/Probation Agencies**
- **Department of Corrections**

## The History of

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DIVA: A Women's Clothes Closet was started by Meta House of Milwaukee. **DIVA** stands for **D**esigning **I**ndividual **V**ocational **A**spirations.

In 2004, Meta House and the Squirm Foundation joined efforts. The Squirm Foundation funded a budget to employ a full time director, Michele Billingsley. Once on board, she managed to secure a larger location which in turn could support more women who were enrolled in job-readiness.

DIVA opened its new location in the fall of 2006 on Vliet Street under the umbrella of the Hmong American Women's Association. As the number of DIVA clients increased, so did the need for a new space that could accommodate its growth.

So, in 2008, DIVA moved to its current location; Christ's Church, on the south side. Due to the generosity of their Social Concerns Committee, DIVA's new home provided space for expansion & easy accessibility for clients using public transportation.

This location allowed DIVA to successfully launch its' counterpart, DIVO which provides the same services to men entering or re-entering the work force. DIVO is the first men's clothing closet of its kind. DIVO stands for Designing Individual Vocational Opportunities.

In 2010, DIVA/DIVO collaborated with the Multi-cultural Community Services organization and opened a second location on the north side of Milwaukee. Having a second location on the other side of town means that the organization can meet the demands of the growing number of people in need of the services that DIVA/DIVO provides and it increases the ease of accessibility for the clients.



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## How You Can Help

- **Cash Donations**
- **Individual Clothing Donations**
- **Clothes Drives**
- **Fundraisers**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**

## For more information on how you can make a difference

Contact Michele Billingsley, Director  
[michele@diva-divo.org](mailto:michele@diva-divo.org)

or visit our website at

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