



During the past several years many advances and changes have taken place at Suit Up Charlotte. Our continued growth and the accommodations at 610 E. 7th Street, made it difficult for us to continue to serve at the same level we had become accustomed to. We were excited to sublet and renovate a 1200 square foot space in a warehouse. To our dismay, after time, resources, donated materials and a huge labor of love. . . it was a real estate sublet that went bad, resulting in a major financial set back.



As many of you do, I believe that struggles come to make us stronger. My life and personal struggles gave reason for pause when I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016. I was totally devastated! However, I am still here! Chemotherapy is a dreadful and exhausting fight for me. As I continue this very personal journey, I am ecstatic to be approaching my last chemo treatment at the end of this month.

Serving and watching men make the first impression a lasting impression brings all of us at Suit Up Charlotte pure joy! The challenges of 2016 heightened as we searched for another place to continuing serving and inspiring men. Regrettably, our services were reduced during the transition.

2017 offers new opportunities for collaboration, networking, board advisors and support for Suit Up Charlotte. We are thankful for continued community support and donations of new and ready to wear dress attire.

At the heart of the matter what has not changed is Suit Up Charlotte's commitment to serve with excellence. In our efforts to maintain and maximize our ability to continue our mission during this transition, we need that support. In the next few weeks we will connect with stakeholders to continue to serve the men in our communities and surrounding areas together. Recognizing the impact that strong men, fathers and leaders have on our families and communities, we are all in!

I look forward to returning full-time as Executive Director of Suit Up Charlotte and working with you to fulfill our mission. We look to another year of uninterrupted workshops, our annual block party "spotlighting aged out foster care youth", our holiday fashion show and a tribute to our veterans! We hope you'll share in our excitement by sharing with others, volunteering your time, talent and resources. Connect with us and find our more, info@suitupcharlotte.org. As we journey this year into a whole new light take care of your heart.

Wishing you the best,

Cerita Evans
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