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WJ Interests, LLC and Annabelle's/Merle Norman join together helping women living at the Fort Bend County Women's Center.

Sugar Land, TX – WJ Interests, LLC and Annabelle's/Merle Norman are working together to make a difference by helping women living at the Fort Bend County Women's Center. Beginning this month, owners of these Sugar Land-based businesses will be teaching classes on life skills, such as how to develop a monthly cash-flow and balance a checkbook; how to use social and interpersonal skills and non-verbal communication; and how to prepare for a job interview. Classes will be offered once a month and are free to shelter residents for the entire year.

This unique partnership was formed when WJ Interests Vice-President Jared Jameson met Annabelle's/Merle Norman owner Joy Dowell at a Women's Center meeting. Jameson serves on the Board for the Women's Center as Nominating & Review Chair and was interviewing Dowell for an Advisory Board Member position. "As a financial planner, we often hold seminars on interesting topics regarding investments. When I met Joy (Ms. Dowell), I learned that she also presents seminars to professionals. Together, we thought we could make a great team and truly help women at the shelter with some hard questions they might be afraid to ask," said Jameson. "As an employer of a retail business and a certified professional image consultant, I know what people are looking for in an interview candidate," said Dowell. Her part of the presentation will focus on preparing women for jobs. Overall, the combination of topics will offer real life advice to help women who are "starting over" with a violence-free, safe, healthy life for themselves and their children.

Formed in 1995, WJ Interests, LLC provides fee-only comprehensive financial planning, securities research, and portfolio management services to individuals and companies. With a commitment to personal service, WJ Interests creates and implements unique, individual financial plans to achieve clients' personal and financial goals.

Joy Dowell is a Professional Image Consultant, trained through the Professional Image Institute in Atlanta, GA. She is currently the owner of Merle Norman Cosmetics and Annabelle's, a women's fine apparel and lingerie store in Sugar Land, TX.

The Fort Bend County Women's Center is honored to have Board Members and Advisory Board Members such as Jared Jameson and Joy Dowell, who use their talents to directly help those in need.

For more information regarding WJ Interests, the Fort Bend Women's Center, or how you can help, please contact Lizzie Dragon, WJ Interests' client relations director, at 281-634-9400.