

BARRIE, ONTARIO, CANADA, September 18, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Lynne Ashberry, Franchise Owner of Plato's Closet, was recently named a VIP member of Worldwide Who's Who. This special distinction honors individuals who have shown exceptional commitment to achieving personal and professional success.

Mrs. Ashberry has three years as a franchise owner of Plato's Closet. On a daily basis, she works with and trains staff. Her other responsibilities include taking in merchandise from the most popular manufacturers for the teen and young adult audience, with labels such as Abercrombie & Fitch, Aeropostale, Hollister, Forever 21 and American Eagle. These clothing items are then resold at a price that is approximately 70 percent lower than the original cost. Prior to her present position, Mrs. Ashberry owned a licensed daycare centre for 10 years while her children were growing up. She was a property manager while she worked on her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education. She taught music for young children for 13 years during evenings and weekends and then became a teacher in the public school system. Mrs. Ashberry realized she likes being the captain of her own ship and once she discovered Plato's Closet, she knew this is what she wanted.

A seasoned professional in her field, Mrs. Ashberry attributes her success to her love for challenges. She became involved in her profession because she and her long time friend, Mary, shop at Once Upon a Child, the counterpart to her business for younger children; they go there to shop for their young grandchildren. Mrs. Ashberry and her husband, Ken, were looking for a business of their own and discovered that the Plato's Closet franchise existed through Winmark, the parent company of Once Upon a Child, and they started their own business franchise. The most gratifying aspect of her career is watching her business grow. Plato's Closet Barrie has proven to be a success. She and Ken are now opening a second location in Newmarket, Ontario.

Mrs. Ashberry received a bachelor's degree from York University in 2000. To give back to her community, she contributes to the Breast Cancer Foundation, as well as various community sponsorships, local charitable organizations, the Kiwanis Music Festival, and RCM examinations.

Plato's Closet is a retail store that provides gently used clothing and accessories. For more information about Plato's Closet, visit <http://www.platosclosetbarrie.com>.

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employs similar public relations techniques to those utilized by Fortune 500 companies, making them cost-effective for members who seek to take advantage of its career enhancement and business advancement services.

Worldwide Who's Who membership provides individuals with a valuable third-party endorsement of their accomplishments, and gives them the tools needed to brand themselves and their businesses effectively. In addition to publishing biographies in print and electronic form, it offers an online networking platform where members can establish new professional relationships.

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