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**SISTERS AND ENTREPRENEURS OFFER STYLE, COMFORT AND CONFIDENCE TO
WOMEN IN NEW TLC SERIES *CURVY BRIDES***

-- 12-Part Series Premieres with Back-to-Back Episodes Friday, May 1 at 9:30/8:30c --

(Los Angeles, Ca.) – Many women have dreamt of finding their perfect wedding dress all their lives. The search is often exciting and emotional. But for those brides with curvier figures, it can be especially trying when most stores only carry smaller sample sizes. Enter Yukia Walker and Yuneisia Harris – sisters and owners of Curvaceous Couture, a first-of-its-kind bridal salon specializing in couture gowns to fit all body types. Yukia and Yuneisia have made it their mission to help curvy brides look and feel amazing in the right dress for their figure on their special day. The spirited sisters are living their dream as they help women of all shapes and sizes in TLC’s new series **CURVY BRIDES** premiering **May 1 at 9:30/8:30c**.

Yukia and Yuneisia first conceived the idea to open a specialty bridal boutique after Yukia had an awful experience shopping for her own wedding dress in 2008. After not being able to find a dress in her size, Yukia needed Yuneisia to try on gowns for her. With limited options available, Yukia was forced to buy a dress that she didn’t feel comfortable in. It became clear to the sisters through this experience that the market was seriously lacking. Every bride deserves a bridal moment they will remember forever and a dress that fits, no matter the size. And from there, Curvaceous Couture was born.

Following the successful pilot that aired last summer, **CURVY BRIDES** will air 12 half-hour episodes back-to-back over six weeks. In the season premiere, Yukia and Yuneisia help a bride who insists on taking a picture of herself in every dress she tries on, so she knows how it will look on her big day. Feeling inspired, Yukia decides she wants to redo her wedding photos, this time in a dress that actually fits and compliments her figure. Then in the second half-hour premiere, Yuneisia and Yukia host a fashion show at the salon to promote their growing business. Special guest Whitney Thompson, *America’s Next Top Model* Season 10 winner, comes in looking for a dress and ends up strutting down the catwalk.

Yukia and Yuneisia bring a light-hearted spirit, humor and passion to this family-run business. From their annual Sample Sale and adventures at New York Bridal Market, to dealing with plenty of personalities at the salon and exploring Yuneisia's dating life – it's all open for discussion between these sisters. **CURVY BRIDES** is an inspirational reminder to women that you don't have to be a size 2 to look beautiful on your big day.

CURVY BRIDES is produced by Half Yard Productions for TLC.

About TLC

Offering remarkably relatable real-life stories without judgment, the network celebrates the reality that "everyone needs a little TLC." TLC's hit series share everyday heart, humor, hope, and human connection with programming genres that include fascinating families, heartwarming transformations, and life's milestone moments such as wedding-themed programs anchored by Say Yes To The Dress. In 2014, TLC was a top 10 cable network with women, with 30 series averaging 1 million P2+ viewers or more, including two series that averaged 3 million P2+ viewers or more: 19 Kids and Counting and The Little Couple.

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