Message From Our Chair

We Are All in This Together

Dear Ladies:

In response to the pandemic, our Community Foundation of the Lowcountry established the Lowcountry Community COVID-19 Response Fund to rapidly fund community-based, frontline nonprofit organizations in the Lowcountry. This relief is already active thanks to the generosity of our community, including Women in Philanthropy.

The Community Foundation matched initial donations up to $100,000, which was raised by April 1. Because of the severe financial hardships, the Community Foundation stepped up with an additional $50,000 for a match goal of $300,000.

Women in Philanthropy has also stepped up and has "granted" $5,000 to the Lowcountry Community COVID-19 Response Fund. And due to your calendar-year membership contributions, this WIP $5,000 gift will not jeopardize any of the already approved grants for the 2020 theme of "Providing Enrichment and Readiness for At-Risk Children."

Grantmaking from the COVID-19 response fund is being made in phases, concentrating first on organizations that serve those in the community with food, housing and medical needs resulting from the pandemic. Visit the Community Foundation's website for a list of nonprofits that have already received grants. More organizations will be added in the coming weeks.

If you like, you can personally donate to the Lowcountry Community COVID-19 Response Fund online at cflowcountry.civicore.com/covid. Or, you can mail a check (please indicate COVID-19 in the memo line) to: Community Foundation of the Lowcountry P.O. Box 23019, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925

Also ... if you aren't already aware, April is National Volunteer Month. Join me in sending kudos to the many wonderful volunteers in these nonprofits who are implementing...
the COVID-19 response fund relief, as well as independent volunteers who are arranging meals for our medical staff members and first responders.

We will all get through this pandemic together. Please stay home, stay well and be safe.

Kathi

Kathleen Bateson
Chair
Advisory Board

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RESCHEDULED
WIP Annual Meeting Grants Luncheon

With our May date too uncertain given the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have rescheduled our annual meeting and luncheon for June 25.

Please note that, aside from the date change, all other details about the annual meeting grants luncheon remain the same.

This event is a great opportunity to socialize, learn about the successes of current grantees and be introduced to our 2020 grantees.

The luncheon is also a great time to bring prospective members, so feel free to bring a guest ... or two!

WHEN
Thursday, June 25, 2020
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

WHERE
Colleton Nicklaus Clubhouse
60 Colleton River Drive
Bluffton, SC 29910

The event fee is $35 per attendee.

REGISTER NOW
Your Grants in Action

Revolution in the Lowcountry

Whale Branch Middle School Archaeology Club received $9,000 from Women in Philanthropy in 2019. Funding for their project was procured by Dr. Deborah Colella of The Foundation for Educational Excellence. The Archaeology Club’s first presentation was shown at the Port Royal Farmers Market on Saturday, February 22, 2020.

The kiosk and story board (a traveling exhibition) will present artifacts unearthed and curated by Whale Branch students, as well as explain to the Beaufort County public the historic significance of the Battle of Beaufort and pre-revolutionary Roupelmond Plantation (located partially on school grounds). The project is overseen by Dr. Daniel Battle (archaeologist).

As shown in the pictures below, the WIP logo was prominently displayed on the main tent panel. All project staff, as well as Archaeology Club students, were in attendance and were openly aware and appreciative of WIP’s participation in their project.

*Front Row, L-R: Dr. Deborah Colella, Foundation of Educational Excellence; Elizabeth Loda, WIP Vice Chair; Dr Daniel Battle, archaeologist*
News from the Grants Committee

Have You Ever Wondered?

If you've ever wondered how our annual grants theme is selected, here's a brief overview of what to expect this year:

The Grants Committee starts discussing possible themes in the spring and decides on three to five concepts to send to the Advisory Board for approval. In June/July, three Advisory Board-recommended themes will be sent to the membership in
an easy electronic survey where you can anonymously vote for your preference.

This means the theme will be selected by a majority preference of the members; therefore, you actually select the need you feel is most important to the community in 2021.

After voting, when we reconvene the Grants Committee and Advisory Board in September, and based on your feedback, we may adjust or clarify the selected theme as needed.

We announce the 2021 theme at the Fall Luncheon and have an expert speaker(s) in the theme field address the WIP membership on the need. And the grant process begins.

By all means, if you have suggestions for the 2021 theme that you think should be considered by the committee, please send them to me by April 30 at andipurple@aol.com. Thank you.

Where There's a Will, There's a Way ... To Make a Bequest!

Your current support and commitment to WIP's mission are greatly appreciated, and have meant the world to thousands of beneficiaries that have been impacted by our grants.

WIP would ask that you please consider a bequest to Women in Philanthropy when you are updating your will or trust. A bequest will only further enhance your ability to be a Force for Good ... Forever.

Our Mission
Through a women's unique lens we will:

- Promote the power of collective giving
- Support new approaches to address community needs
- Engage and inspire women along their philanthropic path

Advisory Board Notice

Have you ever thought about being on the WIP Advisory Board?

Our June 25 Grants Luncheon is also our Annual Meeting, where we will elect a slate of officers and directors for the Advisory Board who share and actualize the vision for WIP as designated by our founders.

All nine seats on the Advisory Board are working committee chairs. We are looking for nominees to the Advisory Board and, especially, a director to chair the very important WIP membership function. The new board takes its charge July 1.

You may nominate another WIP member, or you may self-nominate. Join the efforts in leading WIP toward our 20th
Anniversary in 2023.

If you are interested, please contact Kathi Bateson at 843-686-3945, extension 301 by April 30. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anuska
Anuska Frey
WIP Communications Chair

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WIP Communications Vice Chair

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