Good Things Are Happening

Dear ladies,

With everything in our world topsy-turvy (but hopefully settling down!), Women in Philanthropy is trying to be nimble in adjusting to the daily changes to our lives during this Pandemic. We are attempting for the third time to arrange our Annual Meeting Grants Luncheon now in July. We miss seeing you, but don't want you to miss the opportunity to hear about our successful 2019 grantees and to meet our 2020 grantees. **Hopefully, on July 16, we will all be gathered at the Colleton River Club for the occasion.**

Theme selection for 2021 has been no less complicated than the rest of our lives. We are handling the selection of next year's theme a little differently. Make sure you read our Grants Chair Andi Purple's message below, because **we are asking for your assistance twice in the selection process - and we do want your help.** Help us narrow the theme so we can send the survey in June and button this up.

If there is a "happy place," it was Hampton County this past Saturday. Margaret McManus, Immediate Past Chair of WIP, did a terrific job in leading an effort to help PEARLS, our Community Foundation sister giving circle in Hampton County. Please read Margaret's article below and feel good about the other kinds of work WIP does. Your help with this effort is much appreciated, and we are so grateful for Margaret's leadership, and the efforts of Elizabeth Loda, Andi Purple, Lesley Gilbert, Peaches Peterson and Linda Ellis. Rhonda Willis, founder and Chair of PEARLS, along with her board, were as thrilled with the donated outcomes, as were we. It was a pleasure to assist in such an uplifting effort by helping our tornado-struck county neighbors. And don't forget: **You can still provide monetary donations to the WIP Supporting PEARLS Tornado Relief fundraising campaign until May 31. [Click here to donate].**

As I said in April "we are all in this together," and all the more so as our towns reopen and the visors start arriving. Please
take care of yourself and you loved ones.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend!

Kathi
Kathleen Bateson
Chair
Advisory Board

ATTENTION:
FINAL RESCHEDULE
WIP Annual Meeting Grants Luncheon is July 16

To remain cautious in its reopening, our venue required us to move our meeting date from June to July. As you all are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has made scheduling a challenge in all areas of life. We appreciate your patience as we have worked diligently to get this important meeting on the calendar.

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, July 16, 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
THANK YOU, WIP!
And ... one more chance to help!

Dear friends, thank you for all of your donations to PEARLS of Hampton County!

This past Saturday, we delivered your donations to PEARLS, our counterpart in Hampton County. We had two SUVs and two large cars loaded with all kinds of donations - towels, sheets, diapers and wipes, toiletries, paper products, cleaning supplies, rugs, flatware, tools and, overall, a huge amount of needed supplies. In addition, we gave them a large sum of cash that was given to us by some of you when you dropped off your donations.

Currently, we are just at $3,000 in monetary donations received through our online fundraising campaign, WIP Supporting PEARLS Tornado Relief. This means that, so far, all WIP donations, including donated supplies, equals approximately $8,553!

Drop-Off Was a Success
I would like to thank Kathi Bateson, Andi Purple, Peaches Peterson and Lesley Gilbert for serving as receiving points for donations, and Elizabeth Loda for serving as a donations receiver and for her work as the "accountant" for this project.

I'd also like to thank all who helped with the drop-off on Saturday, which included Kathi, Elizabeth and Lesley, Lesley's husband John, several PEARLS advisory board members and their families, and Debbie Cahoon and Jill Dawson from the Community Foundation.

While we were with the members of the PEARLS Advisory Board, unloading our cars and reloading the trailer they had provided, we were able to meet one another and learn about the need and plans for the Hampton County donations. We stressed many times that this was our way of helping them help their community. These women know their community and where the greatest needs are, and they will be judicious in their distribution. I cannot describe the depth of their appreciation!
Both WIP and PEARLS Advisory Board Members were on hand to help out.

Some of the ladies' family members, as well as a couple of the Community Foundation staff, also pitched in to load your donations into the trailer. As you see, everyone lent a hand, and the trailer was full - WIP Members donated thousands of dollars worth of supplies!
WIP Chair Kathi Bateson handing over donations to PEARLS Chair Rhonda Willis

LEFT, BACK ROW: Daughter of LaToya Robinson; John Gilbert, husband of Lesley Gilbert; Debbie Cahoon, Vice President for Community Investment at the Community Foundation; LaToya Robinson, PEARLS Advisory Board member; LEFT, FRONT ROW: Lesley Gilbert, Education Chair for WIP; Peggy Grill, PEARLS Advisory Board member RIGHT, BACK ROW: Rhonda Willis, Chair of PEARLS advisory board; Kari Foy, PEARLS Advisory Board member; Elizabeth Loda, Vice Chair and Finance Chair for WIP; Kathi Bateson, Chair of WIP RIGHT, FRONT ROW: Margaret McManus, project manager and WIP Immediate Past Chair

You Can Still Help!
We are no longer accepting donated supplies, however, our fundraising campaign will continue until the end of May. Help us reach $10,000 in donations! You can donate here.

NOTE: If you donate online, be sure to add a notation in the "Additional Comments" section of the donation form that your donation is for the "WIP Supporting PEARLS Tornado Relief Campaign."

Thank You For Making a Difference
Once again, the women of WIP have made a difference in the Lowcountry.
Be proud!

Sincerely,

Margaret

Margaret McManus

WIP in the Press

Did You See Us in the Island Packet?

The Boys & Girls Club of Bluffton bought a full-page ad in the Island Packet to thank Women in Philanthropy for funding their Umoja African Drumming & Dance Group! The ad appeared in the Tuesday, May 12, issue. In case you missed it, a copy of the ad is below:
Andi Purple, Chair, Grants Committee

News from the Grants Committee

We Want Your Help With Our New Grants Theme - Contact Me by May 29!

The Grants Committee has come to consensus around a COVID-19 theme for next year, however this is a huge arena. Because of the enormity of this theme, the Grants Committee has proposed to the Advisory Board that perhaps we should look at grant applicants proposing a new program with major impact, and award grant(s) in the $20,000 to $25,000 range. This would allow WIP to fund nonprofit sectors with large grants that could have deeper consequences in the Community.
This is where you come in ...

We want your suggestions as to what facets of the Beaufort County community you think would have a new major need for COVID-19 relief funds. Please contact me by May 29 with your suggestions for the Grants Committee to study, and we will consolidate your thoughts to present to the Advisory Board. You can reach me at andipurple@aol.com.

Thank you and stay well.

Andi

Andi Purple

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 July 16 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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Marcia Collett
WIP Communications Vice Chair

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