Message From Our Chair

All You Need Is Love...

I don't know about you, but when I hear that phrase, I always think about the Beatles. However, as I write this message during the Valentine holiday period, I think of Women in Philanthropy.

Your support of Women in Philanthropy has shown a love that has impacted thousands of folks in Beaufort County. How so? ... By enabling over 75 grants that have been made to many worthy nonprofit organizations.

This is where WIP makes a difference in how the community is impacted in various fields of needs; and why we choose a theme of the year so we can attempt to "move the dial" in the category of need as demonstrated by the 14 various themes over the granting years.

So, in this month of hearts and love, you can show your love by making a new gift, or upgrading your gift, to WIP. Or you can engage in one of two new giving levels as seen here.

Love of community, family, friends and faith ... as well as loving ourselves ... are so important. And certainly, one of the ways is to increase that love is to increase your WIP fund participation that shows your love for others and your support of the WIP mission.

Please call me at 843-686-3945, ext. 301, if you have any inquiries about WIP, and I will be so happy to chat with you.

Kathi
Kathleen Bateson
Chair
Advisory Board
Grant Evaluations Are Underway

At the February 10 meeting of the Grants Committee, we continued our in-depth review of the applications received relative to the FY 2020 theme, "Providing Enrichment and Readiness for At Risk Children." Thirty applications were submitted; however, six requests were immediately disqualified because they did not address our 2020 theme. Of the remaining 24, 18 semi-finalists were selected. They will be scheduled for interviews on February 24. Ratings will be done after each interview to select finalists, which will be sent to the Advisory Board for approval.

Openings on Grants Committee

You can be part of the rewarding work done by the Grants Committee - $518,000 in grants and counting! If you have interest in the FY 2021 grants process, which begins September 2020, please send your bio to Grants Chair, Andi Purple for consideration.

Grant Recipient News

Umoja Was a Hit!

The Bluffton Boys & Girls Club's West African drum and dance group, Umoja, performed on Sunday, February 16, at Honey Horn Plantation. They performed two rhythms, and the dancers danced to one of the rhythms. The WIP name and logo was prominently displayed on the back of the kids' shirts and on the banner.

The Bluffton Boys & Girls Club also recognized and thanked WIP for our support. WIP members Andi Purple, Cindy Smith, Jean Ward, Marcia Collett and Jean Henderson were attending and could see firsthand what our grant made possible! The dancers were adorable!

If you'll remember, Umoja was funded by WIP in 2018 to teach Boys & Girls Club students the importance of preserving the music and dance of the Gullah/Geechee people. Your grant funded the instruments and attire students exhibited during the performance. The event was a hit!
Grants Chair, Andi Purple, with the Umoja group. As you can see, the t-shirts sport our logo!

If you look closely, you’ll see our logo on the sign in the background!

Save the Date!
Umoja will be also performing in support of their club at the Bluffton Boys & Girls Club’s Annual Spring Gala:

Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.
Montage Palmetto Bluff

Event cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m.

Fun Was Had at The Taste of Gullah Festival

Beautiful Hilton Head Island gave The Taste of Gullah Festival one of its sunny, warm winter days. A sizable and happy crowd gathered around the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina on Saturday, February 8,
Natalie Daise captivating the audience.

L to R, Elizabeth Loda WIP Vice-Chair and Natalie Daise

Master basket maker Michael Smalls weaving Gullah History using sweetgrass from the sweetgrass garden established and planted using WIP grant funds.

WIP Events

The Valentini Party!

A heartfelt thank you to Jean Henderson who graciously opened her home and offered cocktails to WIP members for our annual Valentini Party Tuesday, February 11. All who attended enjoyed great food and lively conversation while getting to know one another better in Jean’s elegant and beautifully appointed home.
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Our Chair, Kathi Bateson!

Kathi was a recipient of the Zonta Clubs of Hilton Head Island and Bluffton 2019 Outstanding Woman of the Year award, presented at the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber Ball on February 1.

Zonta International empowers women through service and advocacy. It is a global organization of more than 29,000 members in nearly 1,200 Zonta International clubs in 63 countries. Zonta International celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2019.

This award is quite an honor, and we were happy to see our chair, Kathi Bateson, be recognized by this amazing organization that is entering its second century!

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

Please consider a bequest to Women in Philanthropy when you are updating your will or trust. Your support and commitment to WIP's mission is greatly appreciated.

Your participation has meant the world to thousands of beneficiaries that have been impacted by our grants. A bequest will only further enhance our 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?

We are looking for an Advisory Board member to chair membership. All nine seats on the Advisory Board are working committee chairs. We share and actualize the vision for WIP as designated by our founders.

Join the efforts in leading WIP onto our 20th Anniversary in 2023. If you are interested, please contact Kathi Bateson at 843-686-3945, extension 301.

New Members

Join us in welcoming these new members!

- Vicki Olson
- Pamela Stone

Sincerely,

Anuska
Anuska Frey
WIP Communications Chair

Marcia
Marcia Collett
WIP Communications Vice Chair

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