January 2020

Message From Our Chair

Dear Ladies,

The New Year always brings a fresh start, and with the entry of 2020 it also means a new decade! So exciting in its promise but a little scary in its uncertainty. But let's talk about the exciting promise for Women in Philanthropy.

If the stock market stays strong, the investments we sow in our endowment today will promise significantly higher dividends for our future WIP grant distribution - and please remember, we are aiming for that significant distribution of $100,000 in 2023, our 20th Anniversary year.

Perhaps you might recall that the funding for grants, per the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry formula, is that the spendable amount we have for grant distribution in any year is an average of 20 rolling quarters of the annual yields of our endowment. This means that what we invest today affects our grant funds five years from now. Unless ... you designate more of your current gift toward grant distribution than toward the endowment - and that is entirely your choice.

We have moved the WIP membership renewal to a calendar year, which should be much easier for you. Therefore, at calendar year end, we made our annual fund membership appeal for 2020. But a December 31 tax deadline should not hamper the timing of your annual gift. January is a FINE time to make your annual gift, which we will greatly appreciate regarding our new giving levels (see below).

Your gift will have a bigger impact and make a more meaningful difference when consolidated with other WIP women's contributions - that is the power of a women's giving circle.

This consolidation will also help us reach a significant distribution landmark for WIP in granting $100,000 in WIP's 20th Anniversary year. By increasing your gift, you will have grown the endowment so that you and WIP can be a Force For Good ... Forever.

If you have any questions about your donation, or the two new donor opportunities at the Legacy and Diamond Founder levels,
Please call me at 843-686-3945, ext. 301.

Wishing you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Kathi
Kathleen Bateson
Chair
Advisory Board

The Valentini Party Is Back!

Jean Henderson has graciously volunteered to host another Valentini party this February! Join us Tuesday, February 11, at Jean's beautiful home.

REGISTER HERE

Because this event will be held at a private residence, attendance will be limited to 50 ladies, and the RSVP deadline of February 3 is firm. Please note that this event is for members only.

Be a Force for Good ... Forever

Three New Opportunities for Giving

Along with the usual Member tiers of giving, we are offering three new very special opportunities. These opportunities are geared toward our WIP goal of having endowment resources to distribute $100,000 in our 20th Anniversary year three years from now. So we must plan for success.

As you know, available funds to grant are calculated on a rolling financial 20 quarter basis. We need to seriously increase the endowment now in order to meet future granting goals. That's why it is so important for each of us to upgrade - and send in our WIP gift now.

New giving levels include the announced Diamond Founder ($3,000 pledged and paid at $1,000 per year for three years.)
The Diamond Founder is modeled after our original 2003 Founders Campaign, in which 100 women pledged $3,000 ($1,000 per year) thereby seeding the Endowment, which allowed us to make our first grants of $6,000 in 2006.

An even newer concept is our **Legacy Founder $10,000 membership**, which has two options:

1. An original $3,000 founder can make another $7,000 pledge at $2,333 for 3 years = $10,000 to be paid by our 20th anniversary in 2023.

2. Or, a WIP Member who did not have the opportunity to be an original founder, can donate $3,333 for three years, which would also finish at $10,000. In either instance, a Legacy Founder need not make any future gifts to sustain her WIP membership. She will have accomplished her goal - and WIP's - of making a "forever" impact in Beaufort County.

Our current member contribution tiers include Platinum at $2,500 and above, Gold at $1,000-$2,499, Silver at $600-$999 and Bronze at $300-$599. We only use these tiers for internal purposes to analyze giving patterns and plan future grant-giving.

You can choose any of these options that you favor; however, please remember that the two most important factors are a renewal now and an upgrade for the future of the endowment.

You can send your check to:

Women in Philanthropy  
c/o Community Foundation of the Lowcountry  
4 Northridge Drive, Suite A  
Hilton Head Island, SC, 29926

Or, you can donate online [here](#). If donating online, be sure to choose "Women in Philanthropy" from the drop-down menu.

Thank you for being a force for good ... forever.

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**News from the Grants Committee**

**Grant Evaluations Are Underway**

The process for the FY 2020 Grants Committee evaluation to select "Providing Enrichment and Readiness for at Risk Children" grantees has begun.

The deadline for Beaufort County nonprofits to submit applications for projects relative to the FY 2020 grants theme was January 10, 2020. Twenty-nine (29) applications were submitted and the Grants Committee is in the process of individually reviewing and evaluating those applicants. Per the Grants Committee process, a joint review of those evaluations took place Monday, January 20, 2020; applications will be ranked; first eliminations...
Committee members are each assigned two eligible applications for in-depth reviews to be reported back to the committee - however the reporter does not serve as the applicant's advocate. We will then have a second review and select semi-finalists on February 10. Individual interviews will be held and site visits will be made, if warranted, before finalists are determined on February 24. At our March 9 meeting, final selections will be made with assigned recommended grant dollar before recommendations are sent to the Advisory Board for approval on March 11. Once approvals are complete, grantees will be informed and invited to the May annual meeting luncheon.

Openings on Grants Committee

You can be part of this 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.

Help Support Our Mission

We hope you will consider a bequest to Women in Philanthropy when you are updating your will or trust.

Our Mission

Through a women's unique lens we will:

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

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.

Sincerely,

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