



WOMEN'S PARTNERSHIP FUNDS

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Help us help women and girls in our community!

For over a decade, the Women's Partnership Funds has been a driving force for positive change, championing programs that confront pressing community issues. We have provided the fuel for stronger families and a brighter future. We've supported mental health services for trauma survivors, celebrated remarkable local women and provided mentorship to girls.

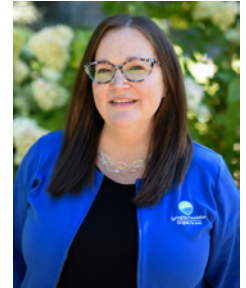
As my time as Board Chair draws to a close, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and pride for all that we have achieved together. It has been an incredible journey, and I couldn't be happier with the positive impact we've made during this time. The dedication, hard work and unwavering support from our Board members, donors and partners have been the driving force behind our accomplishments. Together, we've transformed ideas into actions. Your support has been the foundation for

ensuring a brighter today and a lasting legacy for women and girls in our community. It serves as a lifeline for frontline organizations, equipping them with the vital resources they need to flourish.

While my time as Board Chair may be coming to an end, I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of our organization under Cheryl Ayers's new leadership, knowing that our shared commitment to making a difference in our community will continue. I'm excited to see the enduring impact we will create. Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey. Together, we have made a profound difference in the lives of women and girls in our community.

Sarah McPherson

Sarah McPherson, Chair, Women's Partnership Funds Board



Front Row (left to right): Suzie Carey, Lashonda Miller, Jagdish Singh, Sarah McPherson, Andrea O'Connor, Leslie Crew
Back Row (left to right): Tess Spencer, Cheryl DeGroat Ayers, Dulce Hurst, Daragh Porter, Amy Sues, Krissy Brown, Crystal Jones, Kristin Davis

“ Supporting WPF allows me to actively contribute to the betterment of girls and women in Clark County, ensuring a brighter and more equitable future for all.”

- WPF board member

2023 EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF CLARK COUNTY HONORED

The 10th anniversary of The Extraordinary Women of Clark County Luncheon was celebrated on May 9, 2023, honoring four extraordinary Clark County women: Marlo Fox, Carey McKee, Denise Williams and Tracy Yates. Here are some highlights from the event:

Two hundred and eighty honorees and guests enjoyed a “family style” lunch catered by Parkhurst Dining. The meal included various salads, breads, fruits and veggies, as well as an array of desserts.

Krystal Phillips, Springfield City Commissioner and an administrator with the Springfield City School District, served as the event hostess. Her greeting and approach set the stage for a wonderful event.

Kelley Griesmer, CEO of the Women’s Fund of Central Ohio, shared research about the importance of intersectional equity and the effect it will have on the wealth gap and our whole economy.

Tess Spencer Design transforms high quality vintage and one-of-a-kind finds into heirloom jewelry “with a history,” and kindly donated one of her pieces as a door prize.

Many thanks to our event sponsors: Clark State College, Springfield Foundation, Community Health Foundation, Rocking Horse Community Health Center, John M. Spencer Attorney at Law, Ohio Valley Surgical Hospital, Wittenberg University/The Hagan Center, Park National Bank, IH Credit Union and Zonta Club of Springfield.

Much thanks to Amy Sues and Krissy Brown for chairing this event!



Extraordinary Women (left to right)
Marlo Fox, Denise Williams, Tracy Yates, Carey McKee

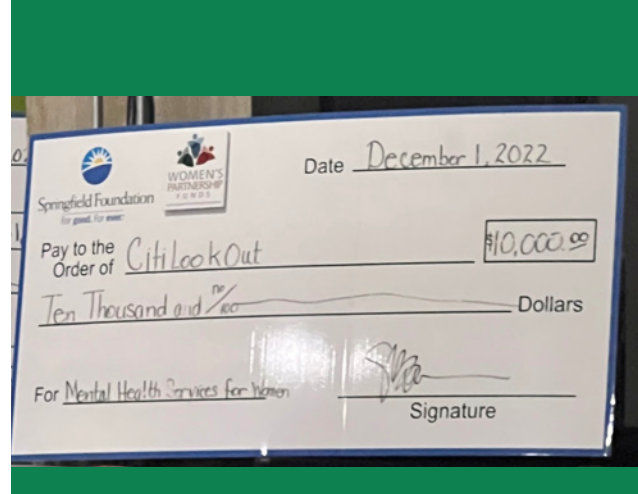


Kelley Griesmer (c), keynote speaker, with WPF event chairs,
Amy Sues (r) and Krissy Brown (l)



Winner of the door prize with Krystal Phillips (r),
event hostess, and Sarah McPherson (c), WPF Board Chair

Women's partnership funds continues funding trauma recovery for local women with **\$10,000 GRANT TO CITILOOKOUT**



CitiLookout is a place where “Pain Meets Purpose.” Partnering with individuals and families, CitiLookout counsels them toward emotional, relational and spiritual healing, and networks them with effective community resources. Since their original grant award in 2022, CitiLookout staff has treated and supported 43 local women with their recovery curriculum. This is a 20-week course that meets weekly, offering therapy, community resources, peer networking and stability leading to graduation. The goal is to hold participants accountable and encourage them to rise above their former life patterns and start living with a fresh,

healthier perspective. Many women appreciate this program so much that they come back to serve as peer supporters and encourage change for the next group.

Women's Partnership Funds feels it is critical to financially support a program helping mitigate any generational vulnerabilities that may have led to poor physical and emotional health for our Clark County women. Investing resources and services for these women promotes healthier choices. These women can now create healthier lives for themselves and their families.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your donations go directly to the WPF Endowment, invested and managed by the Springfield Foundation. The endowment earnings fund local initiatives and programs, such as CitiLookout and ROX, that benefit women and girls of Clark County.



Barb Dotson accepted the WPF grant on behalf of CitiLookout and shared success stories with donors to The Women's Partnership Funds.

ROX, Ruling Our Experiences, was the **SECOND GRANT AWARDEE FOR 2023**

This evidence-based school program focuses on creating generations of confident girls who control their own relationships, experiences, decisions and futures. WPF provided financial support to sponsor 10 local girls' participation. It takes close to \$100 for each girl to complete this 20-week course held during the school day. ROX promotes skill development and emotional growth in areas such as body image, social media, healthy relationships, confidence, leadership, academic and career exploration.

This program is open to all nominated girls grades 5-12. Currently, Clark County is pleased to have seven local schools participating. With additional funding from other local organizations, ROX will expand with five additional facilitators at Springfield City Schools, with the possibility of 50 more girls participating. Cliff Park High School will also facilitate a group this academic year, reaching even more girls. Of girls surveyed this past school year:

92% of girls agreed ROX is one of the things they like best about school

100% of girls would recommend ROX to other girls their age

94% of girls said they have learned healthy ways to manage conflict through ROX

85% of girls said they have learned to value their internal qualities as much as their external qualities through ROX



Left to right: Angel Mensing, Director of School Partnerships ROX; Lauren Hancock, Senior Director of Operations ROX; Dr. Lisa Hinkelman, Founder/CEO ROX; and Leslie Crew, Chair of Grants Committee, WPF Board Member

Women's Partnership Funds wants to see all women and girls in Clark County be self-sufficient and reach their full potential. Supporting programs, like CitiLookout and ROX, through grant funding allows us to contribute toward a healthier, stable community.

Help Us To Help Others. Give Support, Give Strength, Give Now.



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WE APPRECIATE OUR DONORS!

We celebrated our donors last December with food, drinks and most importantly, friendship. WPF presented grants to CitiLookout and ROX. We also enjoyed updates from both organizations on their programs, successes and plans for the future. Together we are making a positive impact on our community. Thank you!

**OUR 2023
DONOR APPRECIATION EVENT**
will be held Dec. 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
at COhatch.
We hope to see you there!

Special shoutout to our non-board member volunteers for your tireless behind-the-scenes work! We appreciate your knowledge and time.

We appreciate YOU!

**Dosjine Brown, Wendy Ford,
Missy Hallmark, Lo Houser, Diane
VanAuker and Audrey Vanzant**



PROJECT JERICO

Since 2014, Project Jericho and the Women's Partnership Funds have collaborated in the honoring of the Extraordinary Women of Clark County by pairing young women with the honorees for a special photoshoot. Every year, these collaborations and connections are powerful for the young women and the honorees, inspiring the next generation of extraordinary women. Thank you, Project Jericho, for sharing these talented young women with us!



Left to right: Lo Houser, Director of Project Jericho; Jodie Welliford, Project Jericho; Marlo Fox, Extraordinary Woman; Samaira Peterson, Project Jericho; Denise Williams, Extraordinary Woman; Tracy Yates, Extraordinary Woman; Jaiden Welliford, Project Jericho; Carey McKee, Extraordinary Woman; and Saria Peterson, Project Jericho.



WE BELIEVE THAT WHEN WOMEN ARE ACTIVE ADVOCATES FOR ONE ANOTHER, COMMUNITIES CHANGE.

Help us impact the journey for women and girls in our area by fundraising, communicating and connecting individuals and organizations. Our collective power to work together creates a lasting impact in our neighborhoods. Here's how you can help:



Write a check.

Please make all checks out to Springfield Foundation/WPF.
**Mail to 333 North Limestone St., Suite 201,
Springfield, Ohio 45503.**

A self-addressed envelope is included with this newsletter.



Give online.

If you would like to pay by credit card, please go to springfieldfoundation.org and click donate now or use the QR code on this page to go to the site.

Please indicate WPF in the Purpose/Endowment Fund box.



Talk to a WPF Board Member about:

- Making an annual gift honoring a special family member or friend's birthday, anniversary, retirement or other event.
- Making a gift in memory of or in honor of a loved one.
- Become an advocate by getting involved with WPF.
- Connect with us on Facebook at Women's Partnership Funds of Clark County.
- Contact us at womenspartnershipfunds@gmail.com

Your tax-deductible gift will help create generations of confident and successful women and girls. For all the ways that you are able to give, we are honored to have your support in this work.

**GIVE SUPPORT.
GIVE STRENGTH.
GIVE NOW.**



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, which established our endowment to make a positive impact in our community for the long term:

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