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Women United in Philanthropy

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Ginger Coffey

Greetings to our Women United in Philanthropy members. We want to continue our communication this winter, and share information with all members about the efforts that are evolving regarding the work and projects of Women United in Philanthropy.

Event Update

The latest event for donor members, general members who had expressed specific interest in program/ event planning, and founders, was on January 11th. We began the New Year with Bitsy Waters leading a brainstorming workshop about our organization, goals and projects. The event was held at Wachovia Bank, where seventeen members helped us take another step forward in focusing on the contributive efforts we intend to make in the community. In addition, we received overwhelmingly positive responses about the educational, and collegial, components of our mission. Our sincere appreciation to all who participated, to Bitsy Waters for her leadership and perspective, and to Jennifer Feist and Wachovia Bank for hosting this occasion. Photos of the event are included in this newsletter for your enjoyment.



Karen Walker, Simona Holloway-Warren

Collective Fund

The generosity of our members has resulted in our receiving over \$14,000.00 to date for the Collective Fund. The efforts of our community women continue to be an energizing and inspiring aspect of our project. Grant making plans are unfolding and we continue to encourage and appreciate contributions for this year's grant award.

Grant Committee

Meanwhile, we are receiving communication from individuals and agencies interested in receipt of the grant we hope to offer in late spring. If you would like to add a name or project to our list of potential Fund recipients, please contact Colleen Davis with that information: 434/ 972-1701 or WomenUnited@UnitedWayTJA.org so that Women United's Grant Committee, comprised of donor members, can include your suggestions for Committee consideration. The date of the first Grant Committee meeting is February 14th, 12:30-2:00 p.m.



Bitsy Waters



Joan Jay



Linda Hendon, Jennifer Feist, Sue Friedman

Program Suggestions

We enjoyed some terrific speakers this past year, and are beginning to plan our educational events for this coming year. Your suggestions of speakers, topics, and potential sponsors would be most welcome.

Website

Great news: We have our website up and running. Simply visit: www.WomenUnitedCharlottesville.info and you will find information and updates about our mission and programs. Pass the word along to your friends who have been asking about Women United – the information is available for all.

Membership Roster

We are compiling a membership roster for 2006, *for the use of our members only*. Please notify Colleen by February 28 if there have been changes to your contact information or if you have stipulations regarding its use. We welcome new members at any time.

Mission

"Women United in Philanthropy maximizes women's leadership in philanthropy by engaging and educating its membership, increasing charitable contributions, and strengthening our community through the impact of collective giving to support human services."

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. If you have suggestions, questions, or desire more information, please contact Colleen. She is glad to be a contact and a resource for Women United, and can also facilitate communication among our membership.

Save the date!

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Our May event features Ellen Remmer, Vice-President of The Philanthropic Initiative, in Boston. In the realm of philanthropic education and contribution, Ms. Remmer is an author/ co-author of several publications, creator of TPI's educational programs, and speaker on topics including women as donors, and family philanthropy. We feel very fortunate that Ms. Remmer will be with us in May.



On April 28, 2005 Laura Nash, Ph.D. shared her research about striving for balance in all areas of our lives, including happiness, achievement, significance and legacy.



On August 30, 2005 Professor Steven Nock presented a sampling of the "United Way-TJA Community Profile, a look at local demographic trends influencing the well-being of our community.



On November 15, 2005 Olivia Mellan Presented on "Women and the Psychology of Money."

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