

2008 Membership Form

Please check all that apply:

General Member: all Members of Women United in Philanthropy commit to a General Membership fee of \$75 per year, which covers the cost of providing several educational, social events. The General Membership fee of \$75 covers program costs only and is not tax-deductible, and is due by December 31, 2007. Earlier payment is appreciated as it assists in planning.

Donor Member: a Donor Member also makes a tax-deductible gift of \$500 or more in addition to her General Membership fee of \$75, for a total of \$575. Donor Member-ships comprise the Collective Fund and Donor Members will vote on the use and allocation of this Fund. Donor Member gifts are due by December 31, 2007.

Other Contribution: other giving levels are welcome and provide needed support for the Women United in Philanthropy Collective Fund. Other gift amount: \$ _____

Two-year memberships. Members paying ahead help us plan more strategically.

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Address _____

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Membership Commitment (check all that apply):

General \$75 Donor \$575 Other Contribution \$ _____

Payment Options:

My check is enclosed. (Please make your check payable to Women United in Philanthropy/ United Way.)

Charge my gift to my Visa or MasterCard: # _____ Exp: _____

Deduct my gift from my bank account (I have attached a voided check).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you. Please mail or fax this completed form to the address below. Please contact Deborah Conway at 979-7364 or womenunited@unitedwaytja.org with any questions.

Total General Memberships:	\$7,175
Total Donor Memberships:	\$17,000
Total Other Donations:	\$7,725
Total Collective Fund (Donor + Other):	\$24,725

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LETTER FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

Liza Borches and Kakie Brooks

Women United in Philanthropy continues to expand! We have pursued an active and gratifying schedule since our last newsletter. On October 30th, we experimented with our first in-home gathering and, by all counts, it was a grand success. About 50 women, both current and prospective members of Women United, met at the home of Kakie Brooks for wine, cheese and conversation and to celebrate the completion of our first grant-making cycle.

Our featured guests were Judy Smith, Amy Chenowith and Cezaline Panis-Smith, all from the Jefferson Area CHIP (Comprehensive Health Initiative Partnership). They spoke to us about the difference that our collective donation has made to their work with low-income families. As you will recall, Women United presented its first-ever grant of \$15,000 to CHIP in the spring of 2006, enabling CHIP to purchase a much-needed van to transport their clients to medical and social service appointments. We even got to see the new van parked in Kakie's driveway!

As Judy, Amy, and Cezaline talked about the work they do, we received valuable insight into the daily challenges faced by low-income women and their children in our community. We also learned about emerging human service needs related to the growing immigrant population in the Charlottesville-Albemarle area. Most importantly, we had a chance to savor and celebrate how a well-researched donation made by a group of committed women can make a truly positive impact in the community.

Because the more personal setting of a home seemed to appeal to so many of you, we plan to host more such gatherings this coming year. We remind you that our membership grows almost exclusively by word of mouth. When you bring your friends to our events, you do a service to Women United in Philanthropy; the more members we draw, the greater the pool of assets we have with which to help women and children in our area.

We encourage each of you to become involved in the work of our committees; we always appreciate fresh ideas and participation. There are three committees from which to choose: the Donor Committee (researches and selects our annual grant recipient), the Membership Committee (grows and attends to our membership), and the Events Committee (plans our educa-

tional and recruiting events). If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact either of us.

As always, we thank you for your involvement in this incredibly important endeavor, and we thank the Thomas Jefferson Area United Way for its steadfast administrative support of our work.

Warmly,

Liza Borches (lborches@volvoofcharlottesville, 295-4125)

Kakie Brooks (kgibson112@aol.com, 244-3601)

You & Bill Gates Can Be A Philanthropist! # 1 City Has Its Share of Poverty!

These are just two of the sentiments expressed on the December 8, WMRA (103.5) program "Insight," on which three WUP steering committee members, Kathy Train, Kakie Brooks, and Margery Daniel had a chance to explain the nature and future of Women United in Philanthropy. Guided by the honest questions of host, Tom Graham. Kathy, Kakie, and Margery stressed the notion of "everyday philanthropy," a daily willingness to reach out to someone whom you don't have to reach." Millionaires are not the only philanthropists; we all can extend a helping hand to people who "deserve an opportunity to do better." The three panelists stressed the collective, cooperative nature of WUP, an organization that is really an extension of our mothers' and grandmothers' quilting circles, the neighborhood group that kept an eye on its friends. Poverty in Charlottesville is invisible, they explained; we need to form groups to keep an eye on those who need us most. 1 in 4 people in Charlottesville live at or below the poverty line; 7 out of 9 children do not have access to dental care. During the show, Kathy, Kakie, and Margery modeled the best aspects of WUP: caring, cooperative women who understand their responsibility to their own community and who are ready to give their own resources to help.

If you would like to hear the program in its entirety, go to <http://www.jmu.edu/wmra/>, click on Insight, and scroll down to December 8.

Gates Foundation Executive Speaks to Miller Center and WUP



Sylvia Matthews

On Thursday, September 28, Sylvia Matthews, president of the Global Development program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, spoke to members of the Miller Center and Women United in Philanthropy. Ms. Matthews, a graduate of Harvard University and a Rhodes Scholar, succinctly outlined the history and focus of the Gates Foundation, explaining that the Foundation is primarily concerned with “leveling the playfield” and “correcting inequities” throughout the world, especially the inequity of “the lottery of birth.” She explained that the Foundation gives grants in three primary areas: global health and agricultural development, high-school education in America, and library development throughout the world. She argued that all philanthropic organizations, large or small, need to be clear about their purposes and intentional in their giving. A former member of the Clinton Administration, Ms. Matthews also spoke of the need for government to contin-

ue its work in erasing inequities, in conjunction with the work of large philanthropic foundations. After her talk, Ms. Matthews privately addressed members of Women in Philanthropy and applauded the formation and work of the organization.

Pictured below, WUP co-chairs speak with Ms. Matthews during the reception are: (l-r) Liza Borches, Kakie Brooks, and Sylvia Matthews.



WUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS PROGRAM SPONSORS

Hotcakes
Roy Wheeler Realty Company
Wachovia Wealth Management

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Volunteer needed to keep our website current.
Please contact Deborah Conway dcc8v@irginia.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES

General Members:

May 14, 2007 @ 11:00 for Luncheon, Speaker and Announcement of 2007 Grant Winner at the Omni.
Guests welcomed @\$25.00 each.
Registration begins at 11:00.

Donor Members :

April 11 – Review Proposals
April 12-25 – Site Visits
April 26 – Presentations and finalists selection
May 7 – Donor votes due

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

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Who we are:

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 are committed to:

- Providing informative events that build relationships among women who are united in their commitment to enhance the community
- Creating and cultivating an inclusive membership of women through formal gatherings and smaller events
- Establishing a Collective Fund through Donor memberships, to support a community project chosen by an educational and voting process
- Stimulating increased philanthropic giving for human services in our community.

Assistance for Working Families Urged in First Event of 2007

Did you know that one of every five Albemarle County families and 38 percent of families in the city of Charlottesville struggle to meet basic needs? These families qualify for public assistance, earning household incomes less than 200 percent of the federally defined poverty level.

On February 26, we had a great turnout for “Window into Poverty: Understanding the Needs of Local Families.” Kathy Ralston, Director of the Albemarle County Department of Social Services, and Cathy Smith Train, President of the United Way–Thomas Jefferson Area, provided an illuminating presentation to our group. We learned from Cathy and Kathy that the wage required to provide basic necessities in the Charlottesville/Albemarle area is \$11.76/hour. Unfortunately, the local prevailing minimum wage is \$7.76. This is why a staggering 18,700 members of our community received public assistance in 2006.

With two working parents working full-time at the minimum wage, their net weekly income is approximately \$520 – not enough to cover basic shelter, transportation, food, health-care and child care in our area. Without enough to cover these basic necessities, these families are unable to consider “luxuries” such as new clothes or a movie with the kids.

Kathy and Cathy outlined several programs that can make a meaningful difference to working families struggling to make ends meet. Promotion of the Earned Income Tax Credit and summer jobs and mentoring programs for children can make an immediate difference. By creating family-friendly work environments with flexible work schedules, child care assistance and health benefits, we can support working parents who may not otherwise be able to provide for their families. They also



(l-r) Kathy Ralston and Cathy Smith Train

encouraged us to back programs that help families purchase homes and to support structured activities for children 12 and older. There are many ways we can help working families here in Charlottesville/Albemarle succeed.

Our questions and discussion session was engaging. Cathy and Kathy encouraged Women United in Philanthropy to support medical and dental care in our area, home visiting care management programs, education, and affordable housing. These are just a few of the important aspects of our community where we can help.

We thank Cathy and Kathy for their meaningful talk.

First Annual Celebration Luncheon May 14

We’ll gather on Monday, May 14, at the Omni to announce our new grant recipient for 2007, who will be there to meet our members and guests. Andrea Pactor, program manager in the Philanthropic Services Department at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, will speak at lunch about the growth of women’s philanthropy in the United States. Ms. Pactor joined the Center on Philanthropy in March, 2005 to manage a symposium “Women and Philanthropy: Gaining Momentum.” With a master’s degree in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University and more than 25 years of experience with philanthropic ventures, Ms. Pactor’s talk will help inform Women United in Philanthropy’s future growth. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Guests are welcome at \$25 each.

Educating Ourselves

The February 26th presentation “Window into Poverty” (summarized in this newsletter) provided a beginning to our knowledge of local poverty, and particularly to the plight of women and children. As a follow up to the presentation, we would like to continue our education about issues of poverty both locally and nationally, and offer the titles below as a start. If you and a friend are interested in making book suggestions for the future or would like to start a book group to extend our conversations, please contact either Susan Mintz (smintz@virginia.edu) or Diana Smith (desdian@gmail.com). Women United in Philanthropy is committed to making a difference in our community.

- Jeffrey Sachs, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time*
- Martha Taylor and Sondra Shaw-Hardy, *The Transformative Power of Women’s Philanthropy*
- Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*
- Ron Suskind, *A Hope in the Unseen*