

**May
2018**



Together in Philanthropy

In Partnership with United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area

IMPORTANT DATES:
May 10 - 24
Grant Award Voting
September 11
Annual Human Services
Grant Awards Luncheon
September 19
Day of Caring

Dear Friends of Women United,

She never got complacent. Over the course of 30 years, most people would, but she has always challenged her colleagues and her organization to think outside the box about how to better help our community.

Who else could we possibly mean, other than Cathy Train? Cathy is a WUP co-founder and President of United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area, where she has been a leader for 30 years. This summer, she is stepping down.

Her contributions to our community have been tremendous. Cathy led United Way from its early stages as a fundraising source through formalizing a grant process to its current focus on school readiness, self-sufficiency, and community health. At every step, her emphasis has been on learning where our community needs were the greatest.

Women United in Philanthropy was born of this dedication. In 2004, Cathy and a small group of women, our other co-founders, started discussing the need they saw to support human services focused on women and children. They knew there were many local organizations doing great work, and they all needed funding. And they knew that when women come together, collectively, we can change the world.

At our Human Services Grant Award Luncheon on September 11th, WUP will award \$60,000, taking our collective giving total past the half million-dollar mark. This is a substantial accomplishment, and we would not have reached this point without Cathy. She has always been a leader, a mentor, and a friend.

In Cathy's words, "Ours is an incredible community with such thoughtful and caring citizens. I have learned much about our community and met people from all walks of life. I have listened, felt their pain, and cheered at their joy. My life has been and continues to be changed in ways I could not have anticipated."

Cathy, you have changed our lives and our community for the better. We know you will continue to make an impact for many years to come. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kimberley Martin, Chair
Women United in Philanthropy
Steering Committee



L. Cathy Train, and R, Kim Martin, at the Opioid Abuse Panel Discussion in February 2018

SAVE THE DATE

2018 Annual Human Services Grant Awards Luncheon

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

11:30am - 1:30pm

Boar's Head Inn Pavillion

Sponsorship Opportunities Available. Contact us at WomenUnited@UnitedWayTJA.org

Our Mission - Engage with like-minded women, learn about community needs and philanthropy, and leverage collective giving to support human services for local women and children.

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2018 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT AWARD FINALISTS

A hallmark of Women United in Philanthropy (WUP) is our diligence in determining which programs receive our Human Services Grant Awards each year. On this page and the next are summaries of the five finalists' proposals, carefully chosen by the Grant Committee from 28 organizations' submissions. Please take the time to learn more about these wonderful organizations that serve the needs of women and children in our community.

Each of these organizations presented to WUP members and community guests on May 9th at the annual Grant Finalists Presentation. The 2018 Human Services Grant Award Recipients will be selected through membership voting and grants will officially be awarded at the Annual Luncheon on September 11, 2018 at the Boar's Head Inn.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge (BBBS) provides children facing adversity with strong, enduring, and professionally supported 1-to-1 mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. BBBS has identified two specific groups of children who are potentially vulnerable and need BBBS mentoring relationships: (1) youth who are in danger of being incarcerated in a juvenile facility or are currently housed in juvenile detention and hope to be released and (2) children who are refugees or immigrants. BBBS seeks support to provide the possibility of mentors to both of these cohorts of youth residing in our community. Funding would allow implementation of focused outreach to both identified groups, for additional staff training, background checks, match enrichment activities, and volunteer recruitment. To learn more go to: <http://blueridgebigs.org/>

Building Goodness Foundation

Building Goodness Foundation (BGF) leverages the skilled labor of local builders and artisans who volunteer their time by putting together projects to effectively utilize that donation of skills in the Charlottesville community, as well as for international projects in Haiti and Central America. BGF seeks funding for projects with three local non-profits. By improving the spaces of two existing non-profits and building a playground for a budding Head Start program, this grant has the ability to provide transformation and impact to many in our community. Most of the funds requested will be used to build a playground at Pilgrim Baptist Church, which allows this community center like organization near Westhaven to expand their after-school program into a Head Start program. The remaining funds will be used to rebuild the porch of the Barrett Early Learning Center and to improve the large community space at Camp Holiday Trails. To learn more go to: <http://www.buildinggoodness.org/>

WUP?

Have you noticed a difference in the way that Women United in Philanthropy is referenced recently? The name "Women United" has been trademarked by United Way Worldwide. To avoid confusion, the Steering Committee decided to revert back to referencing the organization as either Women United in Philanthropy (WUP) or Women United Together in Philanthropy. It's that simple!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Day of Caring

A chance to serve your community - "hands-on" with other WUP members!

Wednesday, September 19th

(typically 8am to 3pm)

To volunteer email

WomenUnited@UnitedWayTJA.org

VOLUNTEER

We are a volunteer organization and we need your talents and service to make great things happen. To join a committee email WomenUnited@UnitedWayTJA.org or reach out to a Committee Chair. For details go to www.WomenUnitedCville.org

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2018 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT AWARD FINALISTS (CONT'D)

“Alone we can do little. Together we can do so much.” Helen Keller

Emergency Food Network

Emergency Food Network (EFN) is a 45-year-old grassroots food safety net program for Charlottesville and Albemarle County residents needing assistance to feed themselves and their families. EFN, which is almost entirely volunteer driven except for a part-time office administrator, seeks support of their operating budget. EFN provides three days of balanced meals per month for each family who requests it – no questions asked. Approximately 20,250 people were served in 2016 and again in 2017, which equates to 30 orders per day, 5 days a week. Ninety percent of EFN’s budget is spent on food and a mere 6-7 percent supports administration. To learn more go to: <http://emergencyfoodnetwork.org/>

International Neighbors

International Neighbors (IN) connects deeply with refugee families in our community when resettlement programs end. IN seeks funding to allow the organization to transition from an all-volunteer effort into a sustainable non-profit structure with paid staff for the first time. Recognizing that a sense of well-being, control, and self-efficacy in the face of challenges are fundamental to all success, IN is seeking support to aid in providing three key services in these areas to foster success for our international neighbors: (1) access to adult and pediatric dental care, (2) driver’s education, and (3) in-home English tutoring. Grant funds would extend and strengthen three IN program pillars: (1) addressing critical health needs via the Super Smiles Program, (2) improving English via the Bilingual Buddies In-Home Tutoring Program, (3) improving independent mobility via the Driving the Dream Program. To learn more go to: <https://internationalneighbors.org/>

The Roots and Wings Project of the Front Porch

The Front Porch (FP) is a roots music school that hosts classes, workshops, master classes, weekly jams, and performances. FP seeks support of its Roots and Wings project, which provides opportunities for children from underserved communities to obtain a musical education in a safe environment, allowing them to express themselves in movement; express their emotions; tell and write their own stories and poetry; and learn to trust, share, and love learning. The grant will fund half of its expansion beginning in August 2018 to promote its senior teacher to part-time Program Director. This opportunity will enable him to train three more teachers, develop a written curriculum and methodology, expand the number of children served per week from 80 to 300, and develop new programs at the Blue Ridge Detention Center and an international refugee choir. To learn more go to: <https://frontporchville.org/>

Grant Awards Voting

Voting will take place between May 10 and May 24 and is for members only. In order to maintain the integrity of the grant selection process, please do not attempt to influence the vote of any other WUP member.

2017: \$25,000 African American Teaching Fellows 2017: \$25,000 The Women's Initiative
2017: \$10,000 Georgia's Healing Home 2017: \$25,000 Piedmont Housing Alliance 2016:
\$20,000 AHIP-Albemarle 2016: \$25,000 Charlottesville
Works Initiative 2015: \$10,000 Blue Ridge Area Food Bank 2015: \$10,000 City of Promise
• 2014: \$22,500 ReadyKids (formerly CYES) 2014: \$22,500 Big Brothers, Big Sisters • 2013:
\$20,000 Blue Ridge Area Food Bank 2013: \$20,000 Jefferson Area CHIP • 2012: \$30,000 Boys
& Girls Clubs • 2011: \$20,000 International Rescue Committee 2011: \$20,000 Piedmont
CASA • 2010: \$40,000 The Women's Initiative • 2009: \$25,000 Community Children's Dental
Center • 2008: \$36,000 Smart Beginnings 2007: \$15,000 International Rescue Committee
2007: \$14,825 Children, Youth & Family Services • 2006: \$15,000 Jefferson Area CHIP

2018 WILL BE A MILESTONE YEAR!

This year our organization will exceed
\$500,000
in grants awarded!

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PANEL DISCUSSION RECAP-OPIOID ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Community experts in the prevention and treatment of opioid abuse advocated for proactive and compassionate support of patients needing pain management at a panel discussion hosted by Women United in Philanthropy (WUP) on Tuesday, February 27 at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville.

Nearly 100 members of the community gathered at the Omni Charlottesville to learn from the WUP panel, part of a series of annual educational events hosted by WUP. The panel was moderated by Dorrie K. Fontaine, RN, PhD, Dean of the University of Virginia School of Nursing.



(L to R) Deborah Conway, WUP Program & Events Committee Member, with panelists Mary Jackson, MSW; Paul V. Targonski, MD, PhD; Denise Bonds, MD, MPH; and Robert Tracci, JD.

To view resources shared at the Opioid Abuse in Our Community Panel Discussion, go to www.WomenUnitedCville.org and find information and links on our News page.

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