

Women in Philanthropy

United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County

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Inspire, educate, and engage ...



Did anyone else feel like 2012 passed by in a blink of an eye? Women in Philanthropy had a very busy year. We have lots to celebrate and be proud of. First and foremost, thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to volunteer with us and thank you for committing your dollars to support families in Lincoln.

Proceeds from the 2012 Helping Hands Auction allowed us to distribute 176 coats, diapers and warm clothing to

several agencies including CEDARS Youth Services, Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties-Head Start, Family Service Association of Lincoln, Northeast Family Center, The Salvation Army Lincoln, Nebraska Corps and Voices of Hope Lincoln, Inc. This was all made possible by your generosity and support.

Women in Philanthropy participated in Day of Caring and Day of Action. We were able to purchase new books for children at CEDARS Youth Services and Boys and Girls Clubs of Lincoln/Lancaster County. This was made possible by a portion of your purchases from the Camy Couture networking event and donating to our annual book drive.

The Women's Leadership Council had another outstanding year with continued growth in membership and dollars raised. Dollars were spent on child care scholarships at CEDARS Youth Services and summer care at Boys and Girls Club. The exciting news is that these dollars helped Boys and Girls Club expand care to 150 families, which provides these children an enriching place to go during the summer and not be home alone.

We look forward to seeing you at our events planned for 2013. It will be a year of opportunity for us to do more with our time, talents, and dollars. I encourage you to go out and educate others and help us positively impact the lives of people in our community.

"Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity; it is about love. Charity and love are the same -- with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead." — [Mother Teresa](#)

Jenni Christiansen, Wells Fargo
Women in Philanthropy Chair

Ameritas Women's Leadership Council Challenge Grant

Have you thought about joining the Women's Leadership Council (WLC) but don't feel you can quite meet the \$1,000 donation level? Then we encourage you to consider the Ameritas Women's Leadership Council Challenge Grant. The grant is a three-year program that will qualify you for WLC membership with a \$1,000 donation in the final year.

- Year One: You will pledge \$500 to the United Way/Community Health Charities Campaign and commit to increasing your gift to \$1,000 over the next two campaigns. Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. will match your \$500 donation.
- Year Two: You will increase your gift to \$750 and Ameritas will match with a \$250 contribution.
- Year Three: You will become a WLC member by contributing \$1,000.

We're excited about the opportunity this presents to grow our WLC membership. An increase in members means we will be able to assist more families in need and continue to work toward our goal of an 85% graduation rate in Lincoln Public Schools.

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Mission Statement—To **inspire, educate and engage** women in philanthropy, community service, advocacy and mentoring in order to positively impact the lives of people in our community.



Women in Philanthropy on the Move



Top: Lora Convey, Pfizer Inc, reading during United Way Day of Caring



Becky Veak, First Five Nebraska, discusses brain development in young children at the Women's Leadership Council basics at brunch.



Jenni Christiansen, Lona Thompson, Emily Wesseln and Stephanie Frana accept the Outstanding Advocates of the Quarter award from CEDARS Youth Services on behalf of Women's Leadership Council and Women in Philanthropy.



Connie Peterson, Allied Insurance, enjoys networking at Camy Couture with Julie Groeteke and Joanne Bartels. Proceeds from the night went to purchase books.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 30, 2013
Women's Leadership Council Recognition Dinner

May, 2013
Women's Networking
Annual Book Drive

Friday, June 21, 2013
Day of Action

Thursday, June 27, 2013
Women in Philanthropy Annual Luncheon

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