

# Women in Philanthropy

United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County

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## Fall is here!

As we say farewell to summer, it's time to welcome fall. What does fall mean to you? To me, it's leaves falling, pumpkin patches and football! To most parents in the community, fall means back to school.

Speaking of back to school, some of Lincoln's newest kindergarteners received a "Jump Start to Kindergarten" at McPhee Elementary School during the last week of July and the first week of August. This event, sponsored by United Way's Women's Leadership Council and Emerging Leaders Council, gave these students a preview of what school-life is like. This included lessons on how to walk in a line, what it means to sit quietly, how to enjoy the playground and oh yeah, things like letters and numbers too!

Kindergarteners aren't the only ones learning at McPhee. The Family Literacy program helps parents of McPhee Elementary students improve their language skills and build better relationships with classroom teachers. Another example of a great program the **ENGAGE. EMPOWER. GRADUATE.** initiative is supporting.

One last note on education: On Friday September 9th, volunteers throughout Lincoln participated in Day of Caring. Members of Women in Philanthropy and other volunteers distributed books at McPhee Elementary School. These books were purchased with proceeds from the book drive held earlier in the year. Not only was a book given to each student to take home, but volunteers spent time reading to students as well. This was not the first year I had volunteered to read and I can tell you it was just as much fun as I remember.

I hope you enjoy fall and all the activities that the season can bring. Mark your calendars for our next big event, the 10th Annual United Way Women in Philanthropy Helping Hands Auction on Thursday January 26, 2017, at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel. Hope to see you there!

Jennifer Wooster, Women in Philanthropy Chair

## Upcoming events

- **Women in Philanthropy Networking**  
December 5, 2016 at Stem Gallery
- **Helping Hands Auction**  
January 26, 2017 at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
- **ENGAGE. EMPOWER. GRADUATE. Networking**  
March 27, 2017 at Boiler Brewing Company
- **Women's Leadership Council Recognition Lunch**  
April 13, 2017 at the Country Club of Lincoln
- **Women in Philanthropy Networking**  
May 2017 at Earl May

## Volunteering Opportunity

Do you love making gift baskets? Do you know the best places to find a great dessert? Are you a wine connoisseur? We are looking for volunteers to help with the 10th Annual Helping Hands Auction.



Please contact Lona Thompson, [lthompson@unitedwaylincoln.org](mailto:lthompson@unitedwaylincoln.org) or 402.441.7213, to offer your time and special talents!

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.



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## Jump Start to Kindergarten helps children succeed

The 2016 summer Jump Start to Kindergarten program was a huge success! Children attending the two week event were able to learn classroom procedures, colors, numbers, songs and make new friends.

A thank you to the over 56 volunteers who helped children get a jump start on learning! Jump Start allows children an opportunity to start school ready to learn and work hard.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Helping Hands Sponsorships

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Helping Hands sponsorships are ready. We have three great opportunities to select from. Individual tickets will be available starting in December.

### Caring Hands Sponsor - \$100

- Private preview of auction items and early entry to the event
- Two complementary tickets

### Warming Hearts Sponsor - \$250

- Private preview of auction items and early entry to the event
- Four complementary tickets

### Seasoned Benevolent Heart Sponsor - \$500

- Private preview of auction items and early entry to the event
- Reserved table for ten attendees at the event

Please contact Michelle Bring, [mbring@unitedwaylincoln.org](mailto:mbring@unitedwaylincoln.org) or 402.441.8699 for more details.

## Family Literacy is making a difference

Family Literacy at McPhee Elementary is making an impact on families in the community and you can too!

**Volunteers are needed Monday–Friday, during the hours of 9:15 - 11:15 a.m.,** working with children younger than school age in the McPhee Elementary community.

Your time will be spent helping younger children on colors, numbers, reading and playing. This is a great way to take a break and enjoy a few hours with a child!

For more details, contact Ashley Tesar, [atesar@unitedwaylincoln.org](mailto:atesar@unitedwaylincoln.org), 402.441.7770 or our website at [unitedwaylincoln.org](http://unitedwaylincoln.org).



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