



2015 Grant Awards

Each year, the FFW gives a grant to a 501(c3) organization that has a program that benefits the lives of women and girls. The need for assistance to women and girls in Delaware is indeed great, and we are thankful for each and every Founder who makes it possible for us to help. We choose the programs that best align with our mission and ensure that measureable results are achieved in a certain amount of time. This year, we are excited to provide \$143,545 to 13 great organizations that help with sharing our mission in the community!

List of 2015 grantees:

Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
Child, Inc.
Children and Families First
Delaware Hospice
Family Promise of Northern New Castle County
Friendship House, Inc.
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay
Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County
La Red Health Center
Ronald McDonald House of DE
Survivors Of Abuse in Recovery (SOAR)
Sussex County Habitat for Humanity
Wilmington Senior Center

Congratulations to these exceptional programs and the people who work for them. We look forward to presenting them all with their grants on May 14th at the Duncan Center in Dover. There will be lots of food, fun and networking, learning about how we can further help women and girls in Delaware!

Register now at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2015Grants>



Lynn Kokjohn lives in Rehoboth Beach, DE with her husband, Tucker Kokjohn. She has 3 sons—Drew, Brad and Kyle and 2 stepsons—Trevor and Jeremy.

Lynn Kokjohn Driving Force Award Recipient!

Lynn Kokjohn, our Sussex County Chair, will be honored with the Driving Force Award at our Grants Award Ceremony on May 14th. The ceremony announces the award of grants to Delaware nonprofits for their programs that enhance the lives of women and girls in Delaware. In 2014, 17 organizations were awarded over \$143,000 to thirteen worthy programs.

The Driving Force Award, presented at the ceremony, is given in celebration of a Founder who significantly influences the growth and betterment of the organization, and exhibits a strong commitment to our success and mission. Lynn Kokjohn has dedicated over 6 years of

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Fund for Women Sussex County holds annual Winter Founderland Event

The fashion was high, the atmosphere was fun and the food was marvelous. Sussex County did it again, holding their annual holiday party at Independence Hall in Millsboro, on December 4th. This event is always well received and anticipated each year, as a great fundraiser for the Fund for Women mission. Over 125 guests attended with 23 Founders signing up before the evening ended!



The Sussex County committee pulled off a fabulous evening, with Catering by Patty's, raffle prizes and vendors, such as the Girl Scouts of Chesapeake Bay. We even welcomed new Founder, Representative Ruth

Briggs King of the 37th district. Hope to see you all again at the end of this year!



Fund for Women visits Window on Wilmington!

WITN22 is a Wilmington, DE television station that broadcasts positive Wilmington activities. Shannan Harris, Producer and Director, also serves as the host of the show. Shannan reached out to the Fund for Women and invited us to do an appearance. Kay Keenan, Vice Chair and Pamela Sharpe, Grants Vice Chair, discussed everything from the FFW mission, past grant recipients, upcoming events and even how to become a Founder. We hope to continue spreading the message of this great organization!



Driving Force Award (continued from page 1)

service to the Fund for Women, volunteering much of her time to spreading the mission in Sussex County. A retiree of DuPont and previous co-owner of Fauxbulous FX, Inc., she is definitely a force in Delaware. She and her committee hold several events that bring in countless Founders and many donations on an annual basis. Over the years, their events have become a staple for the organization and are highly anticipated.

In 2010, the Sussex County Development Committee, of which Lynn is a member, won this same Fund for Women Driving Force Award. The committee was a model of collective thinking, great collaboration and partnership. Lynn's leadership then and now has helped steer the committee while also showing them how to have fun as they spread the Fund for Women message.

"Lynn exudes energy and passion as a Board Member, carrying this can-do attitude into every situation in which she faces." Says Michele Whetzel, Board Chair.

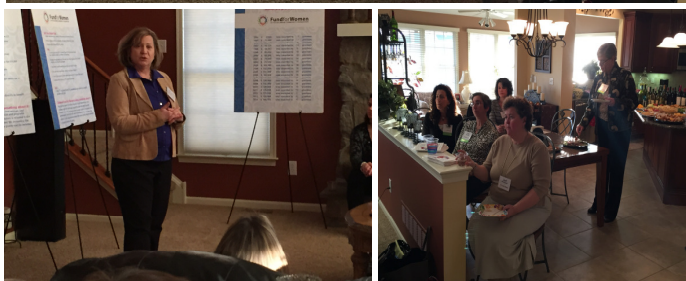
Thank you, Lynn. We are exceedingly grateful for all you do for the Fund for Women and others!

Keynote Speaker for this year's ceremony is Martha Carper, wife of U.S. Senator Tom Carper and former First Lady of Delaware.

To register for the Grant Ceremony, please visit www.delcf.org/FFW

Caroline Chahal's Home Hosting

On March 12th Founder Caroline Chahal opened her home for food, drinks and networking. Plenty of Founders and potential Founders attended with 11 new people! Thank you Caroline for all that you do!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

A special thank you to The Delaware State Bar Association (DSBA) Section on Women and the Law. They held their 23rd Annual Women and Law Retreat, drawing approximately 105 attendees. At the retreat, an auction was held and the Fund for Women was selected as a recipient of their raffle. The generous attendees helped add over \$1400 to our Operating Fund!

On March 12, Founder and Board Member Terrianne Lavin and her husband, Mike sparked a conversation with a gentleman named David, a UD alumni, while on their way to see a presentation by Abigail Layton, Deputy State Attorney. David asked about the shirt Terrianne was wearing and upon hearing all the great things FFW have been doing, he was so impressed that he wrote a check for \$200 right on the spot! Thanks Terrianne for the exposure and thank you to this supporter of our mission. You can help promote FFW further by purchasing your shirt! (Details on last page)

Fund for Women Sip and Shop

The Fund for Women partnered with Great Stuff savvy resale store to host a Sip and Shop on January 27th. However, due to Mother Nature, the event was rescheduled to February 10th. That did not stop our dedicated Founders and potential Founders. We had a great turnout, signing 10 new Founders and contributing a great donation to the Delaware Coalition Against Breast Cancer.

Guests enjoyed drinks while they shopped and admired the merchandise.

Great Stuff Savvy Resale, located in the Talleyville Shopping Center, is a consignment shop in which all of the items in the shop have been generously donated by community members with all proceeds benefiting the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition. Treatments are sometimes hard to come by, and any donation for research is appreciated. You can learn more at www.dbcc.org and www.greatsavvystuff.org



FFW Chair, Michele Whetzel, shows Kia Booker our new brochure.



FFW Secretary, Pam Cornforth, Barbara Loeslein and guest, chat and enjoy the festivities.



Guests enjoyed drinks, great fashion and conversation!



FFW Chair, Michele Whetzel, and Dana DeSilva.

FFW Governance Chair, Susan Detwiler gives us a big smile!

Post Grants Report:

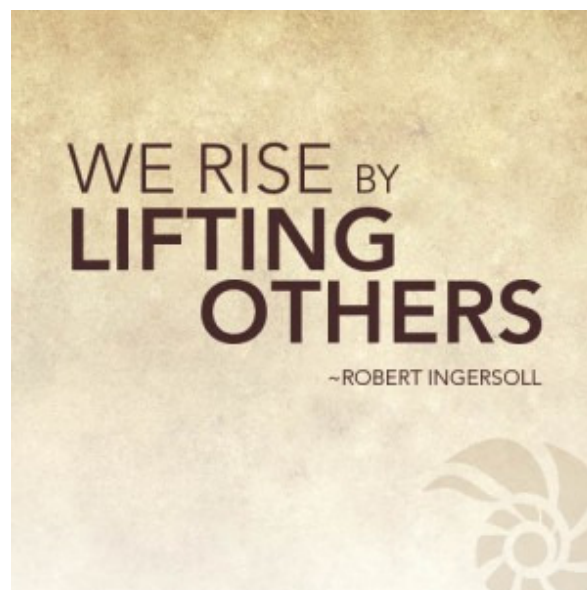
The Fund for Women's Post Grants Committee visited our 2014 grantees and here are some highlights!

La Red Health Center: *Expansion and Integration of Prenatal Services*—La Red's approach to community-based care utilizes the Patient Centered Medical Home model. They pride themselves on their well-managed continuum of care. We were very impressed. They pay particular attention to social aspects such as transportation to make sure that clients can make appointments. Their attention to Behavioral Health Services is praiseworthy. They use a continuous improvement model for Quality and benchmark against other NCQA facilities.

Laurel Public Library: *Girls Get IT! And Robotics Lab*— The project director said it was magic. Girls would walk in chatting noisily but as soon as the Mindstorms equipment was set out on the tables, they'd settle in and begin to work. The quiet was broken only occasionally, when they got up to share something they thought was "cool" or to ask for input when they hit a snag. This program met and exceeded our goals and expectations for the impact to girls in Delaware.

Wilmington Senior Center: *Stand By Me 50+* - This is a well-run social service agency doing comprehensive work in the community for senior citizens, particularly those who are low income and who need such services. We thought this project was vital to so many seniors who are retired without hope of increased income.

Ronald McDonald House: *Housing and Support of Delaware Mothers and Infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Area Hospitals*— We were impressed with the huge number of families who received support with such a small, paid staff. The lactation program, which is specifically supported by this grant, really provides more than just the tangible components (lactation room, transportation, etc.). The resource offers moms a support system by bringing together women who are all going through a similar experience. Hard to put a value on that!



Post Grants cont'd



Sussex Habitat for Humanity: Women Build—Habitat for Humanity is a good steward of the grant money. The future homeowners are required to contribute 250 hours of work time, 100 of which must be performed in construction. Construction experience provides opportunities for future homeowners to learn valuable lifelong skills which can help develop positive self-confidence. The out-of-program volunteers who help build are also learning skills that can be applied toward future personal projects.



Duffy's Hope: League-Free Girls' Basketball—The FFW was the lead funder in 2014. Because of the FFW funds, more girls participated and the program operated for an additional week. The FFW's name was printed on all t-shirts. Several teams were sponsored by female state representatives. A “wow moment” was the play off between two female state representative teams—with the representatives present and cheering the teams on. Private school coaches often scout this program to recruit talent. Seventy girls participated with a waiting list of 60.



Delaware Youth Leadership Network—We were very impressed by the energy evident by the group. The students, leadership and speakers were all very engaged. The program offered student interaction with the speakers as well as team building activities. In addition to the program, three of last year's alumni conducted a Q&A session that offered first hand advice on college applications, the freshman year experience and how to adjust to college. Margaret O'Dwyer and the Strines are wonderful, enthusiastic mentors reinforcing the mission to develop future leaders in business and public service.

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**Driving Force Award

About the Fund

The Fund was established by sixteen visionary “First Founders,” who vowed to recruit 1,000 Founders, each contributing \$1,000 to fund a \$1 million endowment, to be held at the Delaware Community Foundation. In 2009, the Fund for Women reached its original goal of 1,000 Founders. As of 2015, more than 1,500 women, men, and organizations have become Founders and supporters and, due to their generosity and fundraising success, the endowment now exceeds \$3.3 million. This is due, in part, to the fundraising efforts of the Swingin’ With a Star (SWAS) Golf Tournament. The SWAS Golf Tournament has contributed more than \$1 million to the Fund for Women from 1993 to 2012, in honor of Founder Betsy Rawls.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT
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Save the Dates

- May 14, 5:30pm, Grants and Driving Force Ceremony, 500 Loockerman St., Dover, DE. To register, go to <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2015Grants>
- June 17, 2015, 5:30-7:30pm—Firefly in the Garden, Greenville, DE. To register, go to <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2015Firefly>
- September 30, 2015, 7:30-9:00am—Philanthropy Breakfast and Ninth Annual, First Founders’ Award Ceremony, Honoring First Lady, Carla Markell, Wilmington Country Club.
- December 1, 2015, 5:00 to 7:00 pm— Winter Founderland, Sussex County.

Look for more events and details in
www.DELCF.ORG/FFW

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Your contribution is tax deductible as provided by law.

IN MEMORIAM

On April 19th, a memorial service was held for John H. Taylor, Jr. at Cab Calloway School in Wilmington. The Fund for Women came to know John through his devoted wife, Marie Taylor. The Taylor family has been loyal to the mission of the Fund for Women and always dedicated to community service.

Many of you will remember we recognized Maria with the First Founder Award in 2013. For the last 17 years, Maria has been passionate about the Fund for Women. She recruited many new Founders and the Taylors sponsored more than a dozen family members and friends to become Founders. Maria and John, her partner in philanthropy and husband of 50 years, have spent a lifetime giving to non-profit organizations. Our thoughts are with Maria, the family and John’s many friends. We will miss a great Founder.





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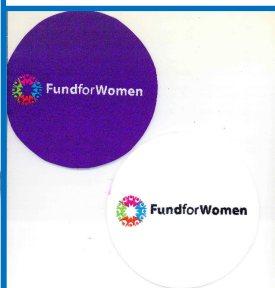
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Becoming a Founder is easy—www.delcf.org/ffw.html

To receive more information, email info@DeFundforWomen.com.

Remember, Fund for Women Board of Trustees members are volunteers, so your donation goes directly to growing our resources. By growing our endowment, Founders of the Fund for Women can better serve the needs of all women and girls throughout Delaware.

Thanks for becoming a Founder!



**They are here—Fund for Women logo-shirts
in white and dark purple.**

w/3 styles: long-sleeved cuffed, 3/4 sleeved, and short sleeve
polo. http://weblink.donorperfect.com/FFW_Shirts