

Meet WIF Member, Beth Addison

Just over a year ago, Beth Addison sent an email to WIF to find out how to become a member. As the fund development and communications manager at Hands On Charlotte and founder of her own nonprofit (Road to Home Canine Refuge), Beth has always been focused on philanthropy. But WIF stood out as an opportunity to join with like-minded women to do something meaningful, and she knew that was a unique opportunity she couldn't pass up.



What inspired you to join WIF?

My inspiration was actually a process that started with an article I read five or so years ago about WIF in The Observer. I kept hearing about the group through friends and acquaintances, until finally I sent an email to find out how to join. As a humanitarian and philanthropist, I was thrilled to find there was a group of women that I believe feel the way I do about giving back. I have my girlfriends but never found a connection with any of them in regard to putting forth a true effort in helping others in need. We are lucky to be as fortunate as we are; even more reason to give back.

What would you like people to know about WIF?

That WIF is incredibly special. Yes, there are groups of women that get together and do their best to help others, but I believe this group is more than that. WIF is a community of givers -- women that take time from their busy schedules, their families, themselves to do what's right not just one time a year but to make a significant impact that makes the difference, for thousands, for years to come. That is special!

In your view, what are the strengths of collective giving?

As someone who was brought up in a family that always helped those in need, when you can find a group that has the same mission you do — to be the voice for the voiceless and hope for the hopeless — it is a gift. The gift comes in many facets. It comes by way of support and understanding, financially, the joy of seeing the faces of those that are recipients and the experience of knowing you are one of many who have changed the lives for not only one person but for many and you did it TOGETHER!

What's been the highlight of being a member so far?

It is what I had hoped it would be: surrounding myself with a group of caring and very giving women who want to make a difference. As someone who is a bit shy at first, I have felt very welcomed by any member I have met and I felt like a part of "the club" right from the start. I am honored to say I am a part of this group. I've enjoyed the events that I have attended so far. I'm really looking forward to the next Wine & Wisdom, and in the future I'd love to serve on the Grants Committee.