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HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

WHO WE ARE

An affiliate of the Springfield Foundation, the Women's Partnership Funds addresses ongoing barriers that women face as they try to achieve their full potential in the Springfield community. It is our desire to build a permanent source of funds for existing Clark County programs that address some of the biggest challenges women face today. These challenges include:

Domestic Violence Employment with Living Wage Family Planning Housing Self-Sufficiency Training and Education Transportation

MISSION

To transform the lives of women and girls in the Clark County area by mobilizing the collective power and passion of women working together through philanthropy.

VISION

All Clark County women and girls are self-sufficient and achieve their full potential.

BOARD MEMBERS -

Suzie Carey Leslie Crew Kristin Davis Cheryl DeGroat Dover Jeanne Lampe Andrea O'Connor Sarah McPherson Daragh Porter-Wobbe Jagdish Singh Amy Sues

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

The Women's Partnership Funds have been hard at work this year, and this newsletter is full of information about that work. Here is a quick overview of what has been happening.

First, I am proud to announce that the Women's Partnership Funds have chosen to focus on women's mental health as our next funding initiative. We have provided a \$10,000 grant to CitiLookout as our partner in this initiative. In August, a Diversity Equity and Inclusion Statement was adopted by the board which will guide us in our work to expand our perspectives as we strive to help others in an inclusive and productive way. We welcome three new board members who are adding their voices and perspectives - Crystal Jones, Katalina Remusat, and Tess Spencer. And finally, we are planning an event for 2022, and we will begin accepting Extraordinary Woman nominations soon.

This work is happening because of the support we receive from people like you who "Help Us To Help Others". We thank you and ask that you continue to support our mission to transform the lives of women and girls in Clark County.

Suzie Carey

Suzie Carey, WPF Grants and Research Committee, Chair



The Women's Partnership Funds (WPF) awarded a \$10,000 grant to CitiLookout to expand access for trauma recovery and mental health services for Clark County women.

Pictured from left to right- Barbara Dotson CitiLookout Executive Director, Sarah McPherson WPF Board Chair, Stephen Massey Trauma Recovery Center Director, and Suzie Carey WPF Grants Chair.

People don't fake depression, they fake being happy."

-Stephen Massey, CitiLookout



CitiLookout is a place where 'Pain Meets Purpose'. Serving the community for thirteen years, the non-profit counseling and Trauma Recovery Center seeks the underserved and underrepresented in our community to provide counseling, domestic violence support, and crime victims/survivors advocacy as a healing space and a place where resilience takes place.

Of special focus for CitiLookout are services for women who are recovering from trauma, offering "Turning Points", a group that allows women to journey in their beliefs and discover what is fair, respectful, and equal in their intimate partner relationships, and how to command respect for who they are. CitiLookout recently launched, with careful consideration, a "Speakers Bureau" where women





who are healing and gaining purpose can tell their stories in a vetted system that allows them to help others in their trauma healing process.

In 2020, the Women's Partnership Fund sought to support the work of an organization whose programs and priorities aligned with its vision – that all women in Clark County are self-sufficient and achieve their potential. CitiLookout, with its evidence-based, best practice model of serving and empowering women, emerged as the perfect fit. Funding was awarded this year to support women with prevention, treatment, and ongoing support for their stability and development.

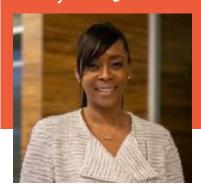
CitiLookout's Chief Operations Officer and Co-Director, Stephen Massey, stated, "This is what it takes to change community and to go down in the trenches where real people, with real problems have someone who cares, walk with them and honor them in their journey with great support." The Women's Partnership Fund is proud to walk with CitiLookout and support them in their work to help women find the healing support they need.

CitiLookout's practice of trauma recovery treatment is based on UC San Francisco's Trauma Recovery Center's best practice, evidence-based model of comprehensive victim support, services, and counseling. It is one of eight centers in Ohio, and one of 54 in the U.S. To learn more about CitiLookout – call 937-322-6532, or visit citilookout.org.

We have the collective power to improve the lives of women and girls when we stand together.

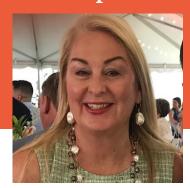
THE WPF WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022!

Crystal Jones



Crystal Jones is a busy woman! She has worked at Clark State College nearly 15 years and currently serves as the Vice President for Marketing, Diversity, and Community Impact. Through her work, Crystal has successfully hosted multiple Diversity Conferences for the community and oversees most on-campus events. Outside of the office, Crystal currently serves on the TAC and the Civil Service Commission boards. Fun fact about Crystal: She really likes automobiles and wants to learn to maintain her cars.

Tess Spencer



Tess Spencer is a woman of many talents! She spent 15 years working for two Fortune 100 Companies before joining with her husband to manage the family's real estate holdings and work at John Spencer, Attorney at Law. The proud mother of two college students, Tess has given countless volunteer hours to The Westcott House, Springfield Arts Council, Clark County Summer Swim League as well as the Swim Teams at Springfield and Catholic Central High Schools. When she's not running, biking, boating or cooking, you will find Tess in her work room creating jewelry for her company; Tessie Pop Vintage Designs. Fun fact about Tess: In high school she ran on the boys cross country team - because there wasn't a girls team! Yet!

Katalina Remusat



Katalina Remusat makes a difference! She is a Co-Founder of Katalyst Consultancy. In addition to running her business, Katalina is a Realtor specializing in home ownership education, community development and elder transition. She serves on the City of Human Relations Board, Citizen Circle Board and the Clark County Latino Coalition. Fun facts about Katalina: she loves karaoke, can rap and dreams of running the Boston Marathon.

WOMEN'S
PARTNERSHIP
FUNDS
DIVERSITY,
EQUITY AND
INCLUSION
STATEMENT

The Women's Partnership Funds advocates for inclusivity, denounces discrimination and values equity. We want all those who identify as a woman in Clark County to feel they belong and to support all women in reaching their full potential.

We can only truly and positively transform the lives of women and girls by prioritizing diversity, equity and inclusion on our Board, in the programs we support, and in our actions.

The Women's Partnership Funds Board strives to include members from diverse religions, ages, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, gender preferences, and professions. This inclusionary outlook helps us have a wider impact, reduces an apprehension of differences, diversifies our skill sets, and increases our cultural competency, thus helping us support initiatives that fulfill our mission.

We are still working to accomplish this goal and we will strive to continually improve by implementing change, assessing ourselves and listening to others. We have the collective power to improve the lives of women and girls when we stand together.







HELP US TO HELP OTHERS!

When you give to the Women's Partnership Funds, you invest in stronger families and a stronger future. Your gift supports those who identify as women and girls in our community, today and for the long term. Our gifts together fund existing programs that address some of the biggest challenges women face today. By investing in these programs, you ensure the organizations of the frontline of our community get the resources they need to succeed.

Donate to the Women's Partnership Funds today!

TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S PARTNERSHIP FUNDS, VISIT **springfieldfoundation.org** and click on **DONATE NOW**.

Please identify WPF as your purpose for donating.

You can also mail checks payable to: Springfield Foundation/WPF 333 N. Limestone, Suite 201 • Springfield, OH, 45503

Extraordinary Women of Clark County Nomination Forms Available November 1, 2021!

Check out Women's Partnership Funds Facebook page or our website at www.springfieldfoundation.org/partnerships/womens-partnership-fund.html on November 1 to obtain nomination forms for the 2022 Extraordinary Women of Clark County.

All information, including due dates, will be included on the nomination forms.



Mark your calendars for our

2022 EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN
OF CLARK COUNTY LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center





With your help, we can support the women in our community, building stronger families and a stronger future!