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Dear Women in Philanthropy Friend:

It is a wonderful day here on the Athens Campus of Ohio University, and I am looking out my window onto the gorgeous Green. Most of the students are now home with their families as it should be. It is a wonderful time to reflect back on a productive year for Women in Philanthropy (WIP) of Ohio University. WIP is taking off, including with this first newsletter—and we need you as a contributing member or as a continuing contributor!

Our focus is the Leveraging Leadership Giving Circle, which supports the Division of Student Affairs through three endowments:

- **Baker University Center Programming Endowment**

Supports student-initiated activities and programs, and we're only \$16,000 away from our \$100,000 goal! Your contribution will help put us over the top.

- **Amanda J. Cunningham Leadership Center Endowment**

Allows for student-initiated leadership and provides leadership training resources and programming. Your contribution will add to the \$7,300 raised for this important fund.

- **Leona Hughes LeaderShape Endowment**

Provides funds for a student's tuition to a national weeklong leadership program. Contributions will help us increase the number of students we can send to this program.

Your personal contribution to any of these funds is greatly appreciated. Please consider joining WIP at the voting "Giving Circle" level of \$5,000 or more over two years. If you are within fifteen years from your Ohio University graduation, you may join at the voting "*New Leader* Giving Circle" level of \$1,000 over two years (only \$42.00 a month!). We appreciate **all contributions** to move our Women in Philanthropy program forward. Join other dynamic women who want to make a difference! Turn the page for a pledge card.

I would love to talk with you more about Women in Philanthropy of Ohio University.

Go Bobcats and Happy Holidays!

Dorothy R. Schey
Director of Development, Special Fund Raising Initiatives

Be a part of *Women in Philanthropy* of Ohio University

Please accept my pledge/gift of: (check payable to: *The Ohio University Foundation with WIP and the acct. # in the memo section*)

- \$5,000 Leveraging Leadership Giving Circle (voting level)
- \$1,000 Leveraging Leadership *New Leader* Giving Circle (voting level)
- "Count Me In!" member (non-voting level) Your pledge/gift amount: \$ _____

Giving Options

Please select which fund your gift will support:

- Baker University Center Programming Endowment/WIP#FE9150062
- Amanda J. Cunningham Leadership Center Endowment/WIP#FE9150093
- Leona Hughes LeaderShape Endowment/WIP#FE9150070
- WIP Discretionary Fund for programming and operations/WIP#FN1910107

Please select how you would like to make your gift payable:

Check one: full payment enclosed over one year over two years

Payable in installments: semi-annually quarterly monthly (credit card only)

Please start my pledge beginning on _____.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Phone (____) _____
Graduation Year _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

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WIP of Ohio University
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Thank you for your support!

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of Ohio University

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Message from

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Dear Friends:

What a pleasure to launch our inaugural issue of the WIP newsletter. I'm counting on your participation and feedback on both our newsletter and our website, so that over time we are better able to keep you current on our progress and informed on the many ways you can become engaged with our programs. We're particularly pleased that our first project affects all students on campus: a \$250,000 pledge to the Division of Student Affairs, divided into several endowments to support a variety of programs. We know the very special nature of our residential campus provides transformational life lessons for OHIO students. WIP is working hard so the support for Student Affairs matches the caliber of the incredible new Baker University Center. Our work goes beyond donating money, as we work with students, administrators, alumni, donors and faculty to help provide excellent programming.

As I think about the past year, so many wonderful images flash through my mind. At a summer gathering of young recent grads in Washington, DC, a very polished and enthusiastic young woman walked in the room, arms flung wide, exclaiming, "I LOVE WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY!" It took a moment for me to recognize Heather Foss, from her student days when she had a work/study job that would often have her working with WIP members. I was delighted she had learned that giving with other women was a creative, important, and fun endeavor. How gratifying to know she is now a professional fundraiser and is interested in sharing her talents to get our WIP New Leaders group organized.

Another image that makes me smile is remembering the pleasure of honoring Jody Galbreath Phillips, BSEd '46, as the second honoree for the Leona Hughes Inspiration Award in February. Jody's love of athletics was celebrated that weekend when current members of her sorority, as well as members of several women's athletic teams, greeted her at a women's basketball game in the Convo. She was recognized at half-time and was determined she would get up from her wheelchair to walk to center court. Her delight in being hugged by Rufus the Bobcat illuminated what I've noticed through all the years I've volunteered with fellow alumni – staying engaged with Ohio University keeps you young at heart!

I thank you for your interest and support of Women in Philanthropy of Ohio University. It has been a good year, and even while I'm mindful of the challenging economy, I can say with confidence that our future looks dazzling!

WIP Executive Committee Elected

During the Pittsburgh, PA WIP meeting, Nominating Committee Chair, Arlene Greenfield, announced the slate of officers nominated. A written ballot was taken from voting Giving Circle members and the new slate was elected as follows:

Chair:
Barbara Strom Thompson

Vice Chair:
Charlotte Eufinger

Treasurer:
Sheila McHale

Secretary:
Dorothy Schey



Charlotte Eufinger, David Hostetler and Carolyn Balogh

WIP Gathering at Susan and David Hostetler's Home

It was a gorgeous, sunny day for the Fall Gathering for WIP, on November 6, at the beautiful home of David and Susan Hostetler in rural Athens. Susan Hostetler explained the luscious food she prepared for a fabulous luncheon buffet and then everyone enjoyed eating in the Hostetler's living room amongst David's statues and other artwork. Following the meal, Dr. Kent Smith spoke about the exciting things that are happening in Student Affairs. He

also introduced two new additions to his staff, Dr. Ryan Lombardi, Dean of Students and Sujit Chemburkar, Executive Director, Baker University Center & University Events.

Barbara Strom Thompson, WIP Chair, spoke about the many things that WIP does for OHIO as well as the differences in the way women give. She invited those first time attendees to this WIP meeting/event to come to future WIP activities, as she knows women like to "test the waters" and find out about our work. Part of the WIP mission is to expand the ways women can connect and engage with the OHIO community.

Gwen Hubach the WIP LeaderShape tuition recipient shared with us about her phenomenal ex-

perience at the Salt Fork State Park location of the six day LeaderShape workshop where she learned things about herself that she never knew, as well as learned how to work with others and other aspects of leadership. She said it was a life changing experience and she is very thankful to WIP for providing her the opportunity to attend the August 2008 workshop.

"LeaderShape is truly a life changing experience. It is by far one of the best experiences I have had at Ohio University."

~ Gwen Hubach

Susan & David Hostetler are offering a 10% discount on David's artwork for WIP members.

The Hostetlers will match the discounted amount and make a donation to WIP. Please mention the "WIP discount" when making a purchase.

The Hostetler website is: www.hostetlersculpture.com

Susan Hostetler speaks to the WIP group at her home



Women's Athletics Giving Circle Launched

The first WIP member-initiated, launched Giving Circle has received its first donations. Stacia Taylor, WIP Founder's Circle member, is working hard with Assistant Director of Development for Athletics, Maura Murphy, to move the WIP Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle forward for women's athletics. Stacia attended OHIO on a softball scholarship and this project meets a long-time goal of hers to give back to athletics in a special way.

Jody Galbreath Phillips was a long-time, loyal supporter of Ohio Athletics. In recognition of her dedication and commitment to Bobcat Athletics, the endowment for women's athletics was named in her honor - the Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle to Support Women's Athletics.

To date \$20,580 of the \$50,000 goal has been pledged. (see website)

Leona Hughes Inspiration Award

On February 14, 2008, Jody Galbreath Phillips was honored at a dinner award ceremony as the second LHIA recipient. Leona Hughes was awarded the first honor on November 2, 2006. This was an historical evening as Jody had done extraordinary work for Ohio University, including serving as the university's first woman chair of the Board of Trustees.

Jody is the largest contributor to Ohio University Athletics in the history of giving to Ohio University. Her family was present to hear the loving words spoken by Jody's daughter and WIP Founder's Circle member, Debbie Phillips Bower. Dr. Roderick McDavis fittingly called Jody our valentine as the event occurred on Valentine's Day.

Barbara Schoonover Awarded Honor

WIP Leveraging Leadership Giving Circle member, Barbara Schoonover, was awarded the prestigious 2008 Alumna of the Year at the September 26, Alumni Association Annual Awards Gala held on the Athens campus.

Barbara Schoonover is a Registered Nurse and owner/president of Fitness World in Shreveport, Louisiana. Fitness World is a state

of the art fitness facility that offers personal fitness through a variety of activities. At Ohio University, she has participated in Women in Philanthropy, spoken to students in a "Career Search Strategies" class and in 2006, was a panelist for the Scripps College of Communication "Women Leaders in Communication" workshop.

The Schoonover Foundation spon-

Almost to Goal!

Part of the Leveraging Leadership Giving Circle Pledge to the Division of Student Affairs includes \$100,000 for student-initiated programs in Baker Center.

WIP only lacks raising \$16,899.

Ohio University students are looking forward to the spending allocation from this endowment so they may move forward on their programming ideas. **Your year-end gift could take us to our goal!**



Dr. Roderick McDavis and Jody Galbreath Phillips

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Dr. Roderick McDavis, Barbara Schoonover, Graham Stewart, Asst. V.P. for Alumni Relations

July 10, 2008 WIP Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA



Barbara Strom Thompson, Charlotte Enfinger and Pat Ackerman

We had a well attended meeting at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, on July 10, 2008. It was encouraging to see the growth that is happening with WIP.

Learning from Webinar

A group of WIP women gathered at the McGuffey Hall conference room, at Ohio University, to listen to Marjorie Houston, Director of Gift Planning at Wheaton College, enlighten them about the various differences between women in different generations and how that affects their giving. Discussion about the webinar and our WIP program as well as other women's programs ensued after the formal presentation.

OHIO is a Member

Ohio University is a partner of the Women's Philanthropy Institute. The Women's Philanthropy Institute furthers the understanding of women's philanthropy through research, education, and knowledge dissemination.

Debbie Phillips Bower spoke about how she and her family appreciated how Women in Philanthropy honored her mother, Jody Galbreath Phillips, with the Leona Hughes Inspiration Award.

Dr. Kent Smith, V.P. for Student Affairs, informed the group about the Leadership Initiatives that are happening within Student Affairs, a partner in WIP's work.

A Comprehensive Leadership Plan Committee is discussing how to work across areas at Ohio University.

July 17, 2008 New Leader Event

Women in Philanthropy is excited about our New Leader initiative which focuses on engaging women who have recently graduated (within 15 years from their graduation day) to join us in our WIP mission.

These New Leaders are encouraged to join at the Giving Circle level for \$1,000 over two years.

Any amount is accepted for the *Count Me In* category to help WIP's mission from New Leaders and others.

On Thursday, July 17, 2008, at the Hotel Tabard Inn in Washington, D.C., WIP Chair Barbara Strom Thompson, hosted Ohio University women alumni, both New Leaders and a few WIP members in the D.C. area for a social "Meet

The Women in Philanthropy Amanda J. Cunningham Leadership Center Endowment will provide funds for leadership programs, resources and various leadership training to enhance student life at Ohio University.

WIP attendees were also invited to a reception with Pittsburgh area Ohio University alumni, Foundation Board and Emeriti Trustees.

and Greet". The ambiance was cozy for women to gather and discuss Ohio University in a unique Victorian setting.

Barbara gave a short synopsis about WIP's mission and New Leader Co-Chair, Kenyatta Albeny, spoke about her recent involvement with WIP. Kenyatta works in the DC Mayor's office and is working on her Ph.D.



Natalie Steens, Barbara Strom Thompson and Heather Foss

SCORE Grants

The original SCORE (Student Community Outreach Resource Endowment) grant was \$1200 in 2004-2005. This past year, spending allocation from the Center for Community Service Endowment/WIP reached \$4,982 and 13 grants to OHIO Student Service Organizations were awarded. This program helps meet WIP's mission to train the next generation of philanthropists.

Bylaws adopted

Charlotte Eufinger chaired the ad-hoc WIP committee to prepare some guidelines for WIP. Bylaws adopted in February, discuss that the three meetings a year will be run by general consensus. In the event a vote is necessary, Giving Circle level voting members will make the decision with a vote.

The bylaws are quite unique for an organization and were skill-

fully crafted to reflect WIP's working style.

Someone noted, that WIP does not follow Robert's Rules of Order, it follows Bob's Rules or should we say the feminine of Bob—Bobbi's Rules?



Financial Literacy Seminar



Sylvia Crawley, OHIO Women's Head Basketball Coach

Approximately 22 students attended an informative evening session on April 22, 2008, in Baker Center Ballroom.

Sylvia Crawley, Ohio University Head Women's Basketball Coach, spoke about her financial ups and downs during her career. She talked about her experiences in the European Women's Basketball League, which folded; and the lesson she learned about not putting "all your eggs in one basket."

She went on to say things worked out for her because she was able

to obtain a position in the WNBA even with all the competition from other players from the defunct European League, so she survived. However, at that point in her life she decided to diversify.

In addition to her coaching she now designs clothes, and owns, and publishes a magazine, titled Monarch, based in Columbus, Ohio. (Note: shortly after speaking at the Seminar, Sylvia took a position with Boston College as their Head Women's Basketball Coach).

Natalie Chieffe, WIP Financial Literacy Chair, Ohio University Associate Professor of Finance for 14 years and advisor for the Ohio University Student Equity Management Group, showed a power point about financial literacy and moderated a panel of experts who expanded on various points. The panel consisted of: George Smalley, V.P. and Residential

Lending Manager of Peoples Bank in Athens and Ohio University (MS 1996) graduate; Dr. Shirley Love, Ohio University Professor of Finance; Sylvia Crawley, OHIO Women's Head Basketball Coach; Mark Barath, Ohio Student Equity Management Group Board Member and Ohio University sophomore in the College of Business; and Kevin Smith, Leadership Director of Campus Life, Ohio University.

"If [students] learned only one thing, I think all of us on the panel would like it to be that the only way to reach financial goals is by saving money."

~ Natalie Chieffe, panel moderator

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Mission:

Women in Philanthropy of Ohio University will foster a powerful tradition of giving and support for the University and its departments, activities and facilities. It will aspire to increase the number of women who give to Ohio University by providing advocacy about women's philanthropic issues and by training future generations of Ohio University donors.

WIP has TLC

Women in Philanthropy is comprised of dynamic women who are working toward transformational change. Women embody different things, but often we women want to “test the waters” before we jump in and give to a cause. We want to find out the details about things and check out the various options that are available.

Also women are usually inherently compassionate and nurturing. We are traditionally known as the nurturing sex that emanates TLC, commonly known as Tender Loving Care. To help us all remember our mission in a more succinct way, we want to turn TLC into our catchphrase for WIP. Think of the TLC way in which we focus on the needs of Ohio University Students while we raise funds to help them in reaching their potential.

Train future generations to give back

Lead by example and leverage gifts

Connect with Ohio University and each other



WIP OHIO Women Making a Difference Conference, April 13, 2009



Dr. Sandra
Steingraber

WIP Programming Chair, Tiffany Hill-Smith, and her committee are busy working on this exciting conference that is forthcoming. Plan on coming to Ath-

ens, Ohio to hear alumni, faculty and students speak about a wide variety of topics. OHIO First Lady

Deborah McDavis will welcome everyone to the lunch in the Baker University Center Ballroom followed by an interesting talk show on philanthropy. The Ohio University Women's Singing Group, Title IX will perform at the evening dinner in Walter Hall Rotunda, followed by the Kennedy Lecture Series Speaker, Dr. Sandra Steingraber, ecologist, author and resilient cancer survivor.

Mark your calendar!

Upcoming WIP gathering:

February 5, 2009

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

OHIO Women Making a Difference Conference:

April 13, 2009

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

Check our website for updates and details!



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