

Spring 2016 Update

Announcing our 2015/16 grants:

Following our discussion as a group in February, we are pleased to announce that a grant was made in March from the W4C fund to the Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club. This will support the provision and evaluation of a mix of programs for girls 9-12 years old, and also help create opportunities for W4C to further achieve our mission.

See Mark Your Calendars to learn more.

In addition, we have reserved approximately \$10,000 for responding to other opportunities that are identified.

Interested in taking a 'Deeper Dive'?

Beginning this spring, we are offering an opportunity for contributors to delve more deeply into an area of particular interest to them. An online survey will be sent in May to explore your interests. Building on discussions over the past year, we are thinking about possible 'Deeper Dive' opportunities in these and other areas of interest:

- Mentoring
- Driving system level change
- Younger women's philanthropy
- Supporting Aboriginal girls
- Engaging parents of middle-school aged children

Stay tuned!

Mark your calendars!

Join us for a site visit and meet our new community agency partner - Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club.

Thursday, May 26
4:30-6:30pm

Learn more about the organization and programs on offer, as well as learning from the Canadian Women's Foundation who have been involved for the past 9 years, and hear from the girls themselves.

Register online [here](#) or call us.

RSVP deadline: Friday, May 20.

Let us know, too, if you would like to meet up with others for dinner after.

Coming soon..

Watch for the date of our Summer Social.

Please let us know if you would be interested in hosting this year.

Snapshot of our W4C initiative and fund

As at March 31, 2016:

Contributors:

60 in total
(50 over 35 years of age; 10 under 35 years of age)

Financials:

\$67,267 endowed in Women 4 Change fund at HCF
\$10,471 to support W4C educational programs, research,
November breakfast and other activities of the giving circle

7 grants to date:

2013/14 -	\$10,000	Girls ONLY program, HWDSB
2014/15 -	\$ 5,000 \$ 5,500 + \$3,247 \$ 3,000 \$ 5,000	FAB Queen Victoria School St. Joseph's IWC Liberty for Youth
2015/16	\$35,000	Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club

Total granting to date from W4C fund: \$66,747

Together we are making a greater difference.



Image taken at the recent ABACUS celebration with the Governor General

Women's philanthropy takes the stage at national conference in Banff

Beth Webel and Sheree Meredith presented a workshop titled *'The Changing Face of Philanthropy: Working With Female Donors'* to 50 participants at the recent annual conference of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, held in Banff. Participants were very interested in the W4C model and how they could replicate in their communities.

Learn more about ABACUS: HCF's new education initiative

As some of you may know, HCF recently launched the ABACUS initiative - our commitment to advancing access to post-secondary education in Hamilton.

Through mentoring, goal-setting and supporting the educational success of students, as well as bringing Hamilton's education stakeholders together, we are seeking to increase prosperity for individuals and our city. This past fall alone saw a \$1.9M granting round, and we look forward to continuing to implement this important initiative with our community partners. For more information, please visit abacusathcf.ca.

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