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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us at our 15th Annual — and first virtual — Making a Difference Luncheon!

There could not be a more critical time to recognize CCFWG’s leadership in uniting community partners and individuals around a shared commitment to Chester County’s women, girls and their families. For over 20 years, we have helped young women reach their potential as leaders, funded local non-profits serving the needs of women and girls, and educated about and advocated for equitable solutions to pressing issues. Our commitment to continue this legacy is stronger than ever.

In times of uncertainty, our family, friends, supporters and community members are our greatest assets. Your participation and support today is a wonderful reminder of this, and fuels us as we press on to create a healthier, brighter and safer future for women and girls.

Thank you for standing with us — we hope you continue to be part of our work in the community!

Most sincerely,

Engage with us (@ccwomenandgirls) on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn during the program using the hashtag #LuncheonGoesVirtual!
Dr. Janet Dewart Bell is a renowned speaker, social justice activist, and author of "Lighting the Fires of Freedom: African American Women in The Civil Rights Movement." Among her accomplishments are an Emmy® for outstanding individual achievement and programming for National Public Radio, honored with a Peabody award, considered the highest award in broadcasting. Dr. Bell has been a key strategist and senior executive at a number of national organizations. She is the founder and president of LEAD InterGenerational Solutions, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to developing intergenerational leaders as social change agents. Dr. Bell also established the Derrick Bell Lecture Series on Race in American Society, now in its 24th year, at the New York University School of Law. She serves on several national boards, including the board of the Women’s Media Center.
Patricia Yoder, RN, MSN, has dedicated over 30 years to caring for Chester County mothers and children in her role as the Chester County Health Department’s maternal-child health supervisor. Pat has established and led a wide spectrum of programs focused on health assessment and education. As a Registered Nurse (RN), she has played a critical role in minimizing barriers to care and connecting families to much needed resources. Pat is very well respected throughout PA for her work with women and children, and plays a leadership role in numerous local and statewide committees and advisory groups related to maternal child health. She has also been awarded the Outstanding National Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Administrator Award and the March of Dimes Women of Achievement Award for Health.
A Downingtown native and the daughter of CCFWG Board Member Mary Beth Morrissey, actress Mary Kate Morrissey stars in the national tour of Mean Girls. In the past, she also starred as Elphaba in the national tour of Wicked.

We are thrilled to have Mary Kate join us for some exciting live entertainment while she’s home in Chester County!
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Thank you to our essential workers and healthcare workers on the front lines. Your courage is inspiring.

Mary Lou Sterge
Bridge of Hope congratulates our friend and Board Member, **Pat Yoder**, on being honored with the Kitchen Table Award!

Pat, a long-time Bridge of Hope advisor and current Chester County Community Board member, has blessed us with her talents and we applaud this richly deserved recognition!
Congratulations to Pat Yoder - a respected colleague and partner in improving the lives of women, children and families.

Pam Bryer and Maryann Mesure

Congratulations to Pat Yoder and our deepest thanks to CCFWG for your impactful work.

Meghan McVety and Jason Alexander, Capacity for Change, LLC
Best wishes to the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls as you move forward in your efforts to support women and families in Chester County!

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Congratulations Pat. You are passionate about helping others and I am grateful for all you have done for Chester County.

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COVID-19 & WOMEN

Women disproportionately hold jobs such as nurses or service industry workers that put them on the front line or at higher risk for infection.

Women will face a large economic impact. With overrepresentation in industries that are less secure, their economic viability is particularly vulnerable.

Women face an increased risk of gender-based violence, particularly with stay-at-home orders in effect. For many, home is not a safe place to be.

Women face a potential loss of resources. During emergencies, resources are shifted away from routine, critical services such as women’s health care which may already be constrained.

OUR RESPONSE

- CCFWG penned an op-ed about the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on women and girls in our communities.
- We remain responsive and nimble in our support of our grantees and the women and girls they serve. In addition to the nearly $200,000 granted to nonprofits through Girls Advisory Board and Core Grants this fiscal year, CCFWG is also committing nearly $20,000 in Impact Grants toward response efforts to COVID-19 that are focused on women and girls.
- We adjusted our educational programming, namely our recent Girls in Action Summit, to educate and inform future leaders about the impacts of COVID-19 on our communities and how to take action.
- CCFWG partnered with our colleagues from the Women’s Funding Collaborative on an article outlining ways to center women of color in the response to COVID-19.

We have been here for over 20 years and we’ll be here for another 20 and beyond, supporting our non-profit partners, educating the community about the needs of women and girls, and advocating for equitable solutions to pressing issues. Support us at donate-now.networkforgood.org/551071.
For over 20 years, CCFWG has raised awareness about the critical needs of women and girls, and has awarded over $3.3 million to 75 local non-profit organizations*. Here’s a list of our current grantee partner organizations:

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Bianca Nikol Merge with Mercy Foundation
Black Women of Chester County in Action
ChesPenn Health Services
Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)
Chester County Women’s Commission
The Clinic
Coatesville Youth Initiative
Community Volunteers in Medicine
Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County, Inc.
Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Family Promise of Southern Chester County
Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children
The Garage Community and Youth Center
Gateway Horseworks
Home of the Sparrow
La Comunidad Hispana
Legal Aid of Southeastern PA
Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation
Maternal and Child Health Consortium
Mighty Writers
North Star of Chester County
Parkesburg Point
Unite for HER
Wings for Success
Women’s Resource Center of the Delaware Valley
YoungMoms

*See the full list of our grantee partners to date on the grantee page of our website.
GIRLS GIVE BACK

A few members of our Girls Advisory Board (GAB) and GirlGov Chester County programs have been paying it forward during the pandemic.

**BECKY SCHWARTZ**
GirlGov Member

“I came up with an outreach program at my synagogue. We’ve got lots of dedicated volunteers calling all the members of our synagogue to see who needs help getting groceries, using Zoom, or even just someone to talk to during these unprecedented times. It’s been very rewarding to stay involved even if we can’t leave our houses.”

**MONICA DOLAN**
GAB Member

“Throughout this time, my family and I have been cutting t-shirts to be made into masks for hospitals. Many friends have donated old shirts for us to cut!”
GAB ALUMNA GIVE BACK

A few former members of our Girls Advisory Board (GAB) program have been on the front lines of the pandemic as healthcare workers.

**DR. EMILY BRYER**  
GAB Class of ’08

Dr. Bryer is in her final year of residency and is currently assigned to help COVID-19 patients at Pennsylvania hospital in Philadelphia. To get through her grueling 12-hour shifts, she has reflected on an MLK Jr. quote: “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

**LINDSAY FLANAGAN**  
GAB Class of ’09

Lindsay just finished a four-week nursing stint at a hospital in NJ caring for COVID-19 patients. She spent time reflecting on this Mr. Rogers quote: “When I was a boy and I would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’” Lindsay felt it a privilege to stand alongside other frontline workers.
At the polls last November, CCFWG kicked off our celebration of the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote by asking Chester County residents why they vote. Here’s what they had to say.

Why do you vote? Share with us on social media @ccwomenandgirls during and after the program using the hashtag #LuncheonGoesVirtual!
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Please take a few minutes to fill out our brief survey - we’d love to hear your feedback about today’s virtual Luncheon program. The survey link will be sent to you via email shortly after today’s program, so please stay tuned!

And if you were inspired by our program today, please consider making a gift to help support our current and future efforts to uplift and empower local women and girls.
OUR MISSION

The Chester County Fund for Women and Girls leads and unites the community through philanthropy and advocacy to ensure that women and girls have the resources and opportunities to thrive.

OUR VISION

Women and girls will have equality and security, making our communities stronger and more vibrant for everyone. CCFWG will be seen as a vital partner and leader, known for our boldness, connectivity and creativity as we bring together and support individuals and organizations around a shared commitment to the well-being and self-determination of women and girls.

Visit us at www.ccwomenandgirls.org to sign up for email updates.

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