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Join us for Networking at the Nation!

Our next Networking at the Nation event is Friday, May 6th, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Stop in after work and wine down with us, you will be happy you did!



Meet our Volunteer and Mentoring Chair, Jana Potts

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

This quote by Margaret Mead had significant meaning when I think back to July 2013 when twenty-one women established the POWER Charter Group. The concept of a Women's Initiative for the Shelby County United Way was the result of strategic planning several years prior. While working at the United Way I had the opportunity, along with Cindy Helman, who was on the board at the time, to share this vision with other women in the community. After very positive feedback; the concept was born, the Charter Group began and POWER was created. I have been involved with the Shelby County United Way for 25 years. I was a campaign volunteer for several campaigns and I had the honor of calling the United Way my employer for almost 15 years. However, the opportunity to be a part of POWER is beyond measure. The POWER Mission Statement begins "...to build a powerful force of women philanthropists..." we have easily accomplished that and so much more! In closing I would like to remind POWER members that your input is invaluable - it is your input that will take us where we need to go!

Blessings,

Jana

2016 Annual Have a Heart Luncheon Recap

One of the things our ladies are known for is providing good, constructive feedback to help steer POWER in the direction that can provide the

best impact. When I asked one of our charter members what she thought of this year's meeting, she said "I have lived in this community for thirty years and never knew all the things they did at Elizabeth's New Life Center. I was humbled after attending the (annual membership) meeting. I wasn't expecting to actually learn something new. It's nice to know there is such a beacon of hope for expectant mothers in our community."

What our member said resonated with me. It is never too late to learn something new, and her statement was a bit inspiring. It brought to light that knowing about organizations and issues in our community is not the same as understanding them. This is why we encourage you to fill out the POWER inquiry form, which is on our webpage. POWER wants to become involved in matters in Shelby County that can benefit the children and families of our community. As a member, this is probably part of the reason you joined! To conclude, there is a famous quote that drives our topic home. The origins are either a Chinese Proverb, or a quote from Benjamin Franklin. The true source cannot be verified. For the sake of patriotism, we will say it's from Franklin;

"Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I will remember, involve me and I will understand."

If there are any programs, projects or needs that you are involved with or know of that involve children or families, please fill out POWER inquiry form, or send an email to NSwitzer@ShelbyCoUnitedWay.Org POWER advocates in many ways, and needs your input and insight on ways to help our community.

Spring message from our Advisory Chair, Shelly Ginter

SPRING into some new wardrobe pieces during our upcoming POWER - Snooty Fox bus tour. This is a great way to add new items to your closet and help to raise funds towards POWER projects and programming. We have 12 seats available and we need to sell them all. As members, it is important

to help with fund raisers in order to carry out our mission, so grab your friend, sister, mother, grandmother, or neighbor and join us on April 17th for a wonderful 'Girls' day. You do not need to be a member to join this shopping trip. The only requirement is that participants need to be 21 years of age or better. Profits from this event will go towards POWER programming. Tickets are \$45, and are on sale now. To ensure you get a seat on the bus, mail or drop off your payment to the Shelby County United Way office at 232 S. Ohio Avenue, Sidney, P.O. Box 751, OH 45365.



Save the date for the Special Olympics!

4.30.16 – The Shelby County Special Olympics will be held at the Sidney Middle School on Saturday, April 30th. More details are to follow. Last year, nine ladies volunteered for the event and were extremely pleased to show support for this program that has such a positive impact in the lives of so many. We need ten POWER Volunteers for this event. If you have the date free, please rsvp to Nicole Switzer, by calling 492-2101. Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing year-round training and competitions to more than 4.4 million athletes in 170 countries.



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