



## Women's Initiative

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### October Meeting

Thank you to all the ladies who attended the October Meeting. We had a great turnout! A review of what POWER has done over the past eight months, what we have 'in the works' and what events activities and volunteer opportunities we have coming up. Fran Dembski from Longfellow Elementary spoke and educated the ladies on the makeup and culture of Longfellow and its student body. Dembski also commented on how Tutoring on Tuesdays and helping out with the Learning Lab once a month really helps engage the children, and shows them that learning is fun!

### Networking at the Nation

Thank you to all the ladies who joined us for Networking at the Nation at Brew Nation last Friday evening. The purpose of the event was to allow POWER ladies to get to know each other better. The simple act of socializing together for a few hours after work allowed ladies to fellowship, and exchange ideas and information that could help better the lives of children and families in our community. The next Networking at

the Nation date has been set for **Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, so mark your calendars now!

### Snooty Fox Bus Tour 4.17.16

The date has been set, and the second Snooty Fox Tour is set! For those of you who may not be aware, 'Snooty Fox' is a chain of upscale consignment shops in the greater Cincinnati area. The consignment chain provides high-quality fashions at reduced prices. The bus tours 5 locations in the Cincinnati area. During the tour, you will receive a discount on everything you purchase. The Mariemont location is having their 'Designer Discount Weekend' sale, so all designer purses, shoes and clothes will be marked down 50%! Refreshments are served all day, beginning with Mimosa's, coffee and Tim-Bits. Panera Bread boxed lunches and assorted snacks are available at other stops, with a special dessert at our last stop. The tour bus will depart from Sidney High School Memorial Stadium Parking Lot at approximately 8:30 am, and will return to the stadium at approximately 7:00 pm. 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. Once the seats are gone, they are gone, so purchase yours today!

### Appropriation of Funds Determined

At the November Advisory Committee meeting the Advisory Chairs discussed and voted on the appropriation of funds into programs, projects and initiatives that benefit children and their families in Shelby County. The following determinations were made:

Elizabeth's New Life Center: \$500 for the sponsoring of baby's first gift pack which is given to the expectant mother.

Salvation Army Angel Tree Project: \$1,000 to be used for the purchasing of new clothes, shoes, boots and coats.

Imagination Library: \$1,000 to the program to be used for the sponsoring of 40 children in our community to increase literacy.

These appropriations will be disbursed over the next several weeks, so keep an eye out for articles about POWER in the paper.

Do you have an idea for a program or project in our community that you feel fits within the POWER mission?

Submit a [POWER Inquiry Form](#), located on our [website](#).

### [2015 Campaign Finale](#)

The Campaign Finale took place November 5<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. In front of a crowd of partner agencies, community donors and leaders, and company representatives, we announced our results. We are thrilled to share that we are projecting the campaign totals of \$1,352,159 and still increasing, surpassing our goal of \$1,325,000. I would like to thank our campaign chair, Tom Martin, the division leaders and account volunteers for their service to the campaign. In addition, my sincere appreciation to all the donors, from retirees, to employees who pledge through payroll deduction, and the corporate gifts, collectively you have

made our goal a reality. Our efforts and results embody the campaign theme, "We're Better Together."

The Shelby County United Way has once again achieved goal, a tradition spanning decades. We will continue to fund strong partner agencies and programs, as well as award special project grants.

We will be great stewards of the community's dollars, striving for impact and outcomes and driving progress in Shelby County. We will continue to evaluate new programming and implement best

practice programming with data rich outcomes. Imagination Library has become a reality and a success in the past seven months. Today, 1,600 of the county's 3,400 children under the age of five (47%) are enrolled and receiving age appropriate books mailed monthly to their homes. This program will drive improved literacy



results towards kindergarten readiness. On behalf of the partner agencies and programs and the Shelby County United Way Board of Directors and Staff, we humbly say, "thank you."

### [Community Christmas Dinner](#)

**12.12.15** – The 34th Annual Community Christmas dinner will be Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Civil Defense Building, located on the south side of the Shelby County Fairgrounds. All POWER ladies are invited to attend. Over 2,000 meals will be served to city government officials, community leaders, seniors, homeless, and needy people in our community. Please watch the Sidney Daily News for further updates and information.

### [Help us Grow!](#)

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of POWER? A brochure is available at [www.shelbycounitedway.org](http://www.shelbycounitedway.org). Click on the POWER logo for links or contact Nicole Switzer at 937-492.2101

