



Women's Initiative

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Welcome

Welcome to the POWER newsletter! This monthly newsletter will keep you informed about meetings, mentoring, volunteer opportunities and volunteer project activities. Please contact Nicole Switzer, SCUW Enhanced Giving Coordinator at 937.492.2101 with questions or to volunteer.

Membership Renewal

Just a reminder, membership renewal for POWER follows the United Way fiscal budget, which is July 1st to June 30th. For those who have not paid for this upcoming year, billing statements will be coming out shortly. Please look for this statement and remit payment. Your continued support allows POWER to support programming, projects, and initiatives that benefit Shelby County children and their families. We are looking forward to this upcoming year, the continued involvement of our ladies, and the positive impact they are making.

Special Olympics

4.25.15 – The Shelby County Special Olympics needs your help! The Olympics will be held



at the Sidney Middle School on Saturday, April 25th from 12 noon until approximately 4pm. A minimum of ten POWER Volunteers are needed to do a wide variety of jobs from chaperoning athletes, to helping with events and awarding medals. We currently have 8 volunteers, but still need 2 more. 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. To volunteer for this event contact Mary Beth Monnier at:

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Imagination Library

On Thursday, March 29th, a community celebration took place at the Amos Memorial Library to celebrate the launch of Imagination Library in Shelby County. Shelby County families with children under the age of 5 can go to imaginationlibrary.com to enroll their child at no cost. Within 6-8 weeks an age appropriate book will be mailed monthly up to the child's 5th birthday. This national program created by Dolly Parton has made significant impact in the areas of kindergarten readiness, increased vocabulary, visits to local libraries, and more engagement with the child and their care



givers. Currently, 636 children, representing 19% of the county's under 5 year old population are already enrolled!

May Meeting



5.22.15 – Our next meeting will be at the Alpha Community Center, 330 E. Court Street, Sidney from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We will discuss many things at this meeting, but will focus on the Community Center Garden. The garden is tended and cultivated by juvenile offenders, juvenile officers and staff and teaches the youth hard work, responsibility, and rewards. The support POWER members gave to the garden last year greatly helped contribute to its success. We will be collecting items and donations for the garden at the meeting. Following is a list of needed items: Peat Moss, Vegetable Plant Fertilizer, Insect Dust for Vegetable Plants, Tomato Cages, Row Markers & String, Heavy Duty Gardening Gloves, and Vegetable Plants & Seeds such as: Green Beans, Onions, Peppers, Tomatoes, and Corn. Please bring any item(s) you wish to donate to the meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, donations will be accepted at the United Way office.