



POWER

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Pictured: "Have a Heart" 2015 Annual Membership Luncheon

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.

Annual Membership Luncheon

Thank you to all the ladies who attended our Annual Membership Luncheon! The POWER ladies in the audience had the opportunity to hear speaker Kim Horton encourage us to live into our gifts and talents. By living into our given gifts we can be a leader, an inspiration to others and have a positive impact in our community and lives of others.

Suzanne Cline talked about Imagination Library and how POWER has sponsored the program. Ladies were given cards to sponsor an Imagination Library child, were educated on the responsibilities of different POWER chair committees, and given the chance to join a committee.

If you were unable to attend, and would like to sponsor an Imagination Library child, or are interested in signing up for a committee, please email:

NSwitzer@ShelbyCoUnitedWay.org

The Snooty Fox Bus Tour



4.19.14 –The 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. 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 8:00 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. Please reserve your spot as soon as possible, they are selling fast!

Volunteer Opportunities

Big Brothers Big Sisters is having a volunteer recruitment challenge. There are more than 12 children in our community who are looking for someone to be a positive influence in their life. Big sisters get to spend time with their assigned child (little) two times per month. Outings focus on enhancing the child emotionally, socially, and/or academically. Of the children in this program that have a 'Big':

- * 64% of students developed more positive attitudes towards school
- * 58% achieved higher grades in social studies, languages and math
- * 60% improved in relationships with adults and 56% improved relationships with peers
- * 55% were better able to express their feelings
- * 64% developed higher levels of self-confidence
- * 62% were more likely to trust their teachers



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Shelby & Darke County

Contact Executive Director, Jenny Bruns at 937-492-7611 or e-mail to: info@bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org

A volunteer leads list with resources on how to become involved as a volunteer may be found online at the POWER webpage. Do you have a volunteer or program idea? Visit <http://shelbycounitedway.org/pdf/files/POWER%20Project%20Questions.pdf> and fill out a POWER Inquiry form.

Imagination Library

Did you know, when students start off reading far behind, it is nearly impossible for them to catch up? Literacy scores of children behind in reading remain significantly below average through the course of their education. Poor literacy places severe strain on our education system, and limits a child's opportunities for advancement and growth.

Imagination Library is a program that promotes literacy. Through the program,

children are mailed age appropriate books on a monthly basis until they reach their 5th birthday.

The books encourage reading and discussion between caregivers and children. The cost is \$25.00 per child per year for 12 books (\$2.08/book). The organizers are tentatively planning on launching Imagination Library in March. For more information on Imagination Library, visit: <http://usa.imaginationlibrary.com/resources>

