

The Gratitude Report

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Two new events this year! Successful thanks to all of you...



This year, we introduced not one...but two new events, and the turn-out and response from our community was beyond our expectations.

On March 1, we hosted our first-ever 3 Cups of Coffee Meet & Mingle Breakfast at the LeMont Restaurant. More than 80 women joined us to celebrate the power of mentorship through networking, conversation, and inspirational testimonials and stories. The event began with coffee and mingling, and was followed by lively table discussions led by some of our incredible volunteers. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event a success!

Next, we gathered for Working 9-to-5 Bingo on May 11. More than 150 of you joined us for our 1970's themed event where we honored the trailblazing women who started the work we continue today. We danced, we laughed, we celebrated, and most of all, we raised funds to support local job-seeking women. A special thank you to CentiMark Corporation, our 'We can do it!' sponsor.

We're excited to go out with a bang this year at our annual Circle of Hope Awards Dinner celebrating 30 years of PA Women Work. Mark your calendars for October 12 - we hope to see you there!

Impact Report: The Coffee Club

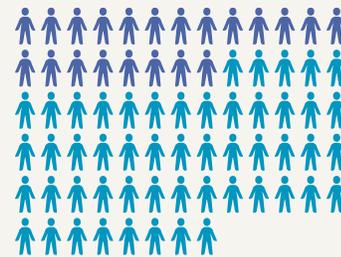
The Coffee Club, PA Women Work's monthly giving program, empowers our 3 Cups of Coffee clients with the tools and connections to find meaningful and quality employment.



"Making an automated monthly donation is an easy way to support PA Women Work's clients and to make space for something that is close to my heart."

Amanda Cole, founding member of The Coffee Club and PA Women Work board member.

73 members



Earlier this year, 21 new members joined The Coffee Club and 7 increased their contributions. Now, 73 people are making monthly contributions.

\$15,000

During this year's campaign, our members helped us unlock a \$5,000 challenge gift. Annually, The Coffee Club members contribute over \$15,000.



40% increase



3 Cups of Coffee serves more than 125 people annually. On average, completers earn 40% more than their pre-program salaries.

To find out more and see a list of The Coffee Club members who make our life-changing 3 Cups of Coffee program possible, visit www.pawomenwork.org/the-coffee-club.

Job-seekers build confidence at Career Kick-Start



At PA Women Work, we offer flexible career development opportunities to meet the needs and schedules of every job seeker. Last year, we introduced our Career Kick-Start program, a one-day career development event where job-seekers learn job-search skills, finesse or create their resume, participate in mock interviews, and get immediate one-on-one career coaching.

In May, we teamed up with Senator Camera Bartolotta to bring this program to Washington County. More than a dozen job-seekers joined us to build their job application skills, work on their resume, and meet with other local providers and employers.

"I would like to thank PA Women Work for working with me at Career Kick-Start. You shared a lot of valuable feedback, and I truly appreciate it. I look forward to continuing my journey with the organization," said Terri, an attendee at the event.

We will continue providing Career Kick-Start events across Southwestern PA to better meet the needs of our community and support individuals on their path to career success. A special thank you to the EQT Foundation for making this program possible!

Save the date



Mark your calendars! On October 12, 2023, we are celebrating 30 years of PA Women Work at this year's Circle of Hope Awards Dinner. Stay tuned for more details and ticket information.

We moved

We are excited to grow our reach and partnerships in a new space and location in the East End of Pittsburgh. Please make note of our new address below.

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Volunteer Spotlight: *Judy & Sharon*



Photographs: (Left) Judy Upholster and Events & Development Specialist, Brooke Fussner, at Working 9-to-5 Bingo; (right) Sharon Kolarac Hein with fellow volunteer, Lisa Hart, at 2022 Circle of Hope

Our inaugural spring fundraising event, Working 9-to-5 BINGO, was a huge success thanks to our attendees, staff, volunteers, but most importantly, our two event co-chairs, Judy Upholster and Sharon Kolarac Hein.

Judy and Sharon were an integral part of nearly every aspect of event planning and execution - from strategy meetings to venue walkthroughs, event registration and prize committees.

"It was fun to visualize how everything would play out," said Sharon. "The volunteers I had the opportunity to work with that night were amazing."

Judy and Sharon are both longtime volunteers with PA Women Work. They are always eager to support the mission and the organization's needs.

"I am very passionate about empowering women to achieve their goals, maximize their value and find meaningful employment," said Judy. "To do this you need to be confident and believe in yourself, and PA Women Work provides many opportunities with their services and programs to achieve that."

Thank you Sharon and Judy for your time and commitment to our organization!