

# Summer News Flash

PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN WORK

## Thought Leadership Blog



Giving back helps your community, but it can also impact your own well-being! [Check out this month's thought leadership blog](#) by Amber Deemer, Director, Community Engagement, Clearview Federal Credit Union.

## Save the date!

## Kicking off summer with impact

We are keeping busy over here at PA Women Work. We kicked off our summer programming in May and are excited to share what we've been up to.

### Career Kick-Start



Our line-up of career development events began with our Career Kick-Start program on May 21. In partnership with Senator Camera Bartolotta for a third year in a row, 15 job-seekers joined us to build

their job search skills, practice interviewing, get a free professional headshot, meet with local employers, and have their resumes reviewed.

*A special thank you to the employer partners who joined us at the event, and to the EQT Foundation for funding the Career Kick-Start program.*

### Power Up Connections

On June 7, PA Women Work participants, along with local employers and training providers, joined us for meaningful conversations

save the date

# CIRCLE OF HOPE

THURSDAY  
OCT. 17

THE CIRCUIT CENTER  
5 Hot Metal Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Join us for Pennsylvania Women Work's 22nd Annual Circle of Hope Awards Dinner to celebrate what we can achieve *when women lead*.

*Interested in volunteering with this year's Circle of Hope Committee?* Email

[bfussner@pawomenwork.org](mailto:bfussner@pawomenwork.org) to join. The first meeting will take place at the end of June.

**Nominate PA Women Work for Best of the PGH!**



Every year, Pittsburgh City Paper hosts their "Best Of Pittsburgh" to celebrate local businesses and people doing great things around the city. Will you help Pennsylvania Women Work get on this year's official ballot? Follow the steps below to nominate us daily until June 21!

1. [Click here.](#)
2. Click the "Go to Ballot" button.
3. Click "Business and Services."



and networking. Our Power Up Connections event provides a space for us to celebrate our program participants and offer an opportunity for them to engage and network with

local employers and training providers.

*Special thank you to Commonwealth Charter Academy for hosting us, and to G.C. Murphy Company Foundation for providing funding that allows us to bring programming to the Mon Valley.*

## Empowerment in the Workplace



Our third Empowerment in the Workplace event was another success.

Participants joined us on June 8 at the Mt. Lebanon Library to build their leadership skills, learn negotiation tactics,

and grow together. This program is for people currently working who are looking to advance in their careers.

## Communicating for Success

Last but not least, we're expecting a full class for our Saturday, June 15, Communicating for Success. In partnership with DDI, our career coaches will support attendees with helpful strategies for workplace communication, relationship building and conflict resolution.

*Special thank you to the PNC Foundation for funding our Communicating for Success program.*

## Putting the 'fun' in fundraising at Working 9-to-5 Bingo

4. Scan down to "Best Nonprofit"
5. Nominate Pennsylvania Women Work!
6. Share this with your friends, family, volunteers and social community to get more nominations!



## Thank you to our Board of Directors

PA Women Work's Board of Directors is instrumental to the success of our organization. Not only do board members attend our events and bring in family, friends, and colleagues to expand our impact and reach, they advise us on our most important decisions, provide critical strategic oversight, and offer their expertise in countless ways.

As this fiscal year comes to an end, we say goodbye to four of our board members, all of whom served on committees, donated generously and made a difference here at PA Women Work. *We want to extend a special thank you to Amanda Cole, Dawna Fisher, Marcia Oglan, and Julie Wiles for your time and dedication.*

We had plenty of winners at this year's Working 9-to-5 Bingo! An event full of excitement and fun, attendees joined us on May 9 dressed in their best 1970s attire. Throughout the night, guests vigorously checked their cards waiting for a bingo, while participating in other chances to win, such as our libations auction and 50/50 raffle. The excitement and energy were palpable as people danced the night away and celebrated as winners shouted BINGO!

Our second annual Working 9-to-5 Bingo left us grateful and filled with joy. Thanks to our attendees and sponsors - CentiMark, Pittsburgh Regional Transit and Olympus Energy - we raised nearly \$25,000 to support our region's job-seeking women as they work toward achieving their career goals. *To see photos from the event, [check out our Facebook album.](#)*

## An opportunity for a career change: *Danelle's story*

### Upcoming classes



#### New Choices

July 8 - 12, M-F  
9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

July 22 - 26, M-F  
6 - 8:45 p.m.

August 6 - 10, M-F  
9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

August 19 - 23, M-F  
6 - 8:45 p.m.



"I don't think I'm your typical PA Women Work participant," said Danelle Connor. "I have a doctorate and all this experience, but I needed to reach out for help."

When Danelle's employer closed their doors, she was left in a unique position to shift her career trajectory.

With two decades of experience and a doctorate in education, Danelle was eager to have a fresh start and seek new opportunities within the nonprofit sector.

In her 40s, it had been over a decade since Danelle navigated the job market. Knowing she wanted to expand her career to new areas, she sought out resources that could help. When an internet search landed Danelle on PA Women Work's website, she immediately signed up to

September 9 - 13, M-F  
9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

### **Client Support Services**

Already a current or former PA Women Work client? You're eligible to [participate in the following virtual workshops](#) to help continue on your path to success.

#### **A Closer Look**

Tuesday, June 18

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Presence as a Path to a Powerful Career

Tuesday, July 16

10 - 11:30 a.m.

AI Tools for Stellar Resumes

[If you're a current client, sign up for the above client services here.](#)

## **Thank you, funders!**

Thank you to the **Pitcairn-Crabbe Foundation** for funding our Road To Work Bus Pass program. Transportation and transportation costs often play a role in determining whether a job-seeker can accept a position, and it can impact an individual's success at their workplace.

With support from the Pitcairn-Crabbe Foundation, 93 of our clients have received free bus passes which expanded their professional opportunities and reduced their transportation burden.

Thank you Pitcairn-Crabbe Foundation! Your generosity and partnership helps us continue to support the working and job-seeking individuals of our region.

meet with a career coach, who encouraged her to participate in New Choices.

"I left New Choices feeling like I could write an effective resume, and I learned that you need to personalize your resume based on the position you are applying for," Danelle said.

Next, Danelle connected with a professional mentor through 3 Cups of Coffee. During their three meetings, Danelle and her mentor, Sarah, focused on strengthening her resume even more.

"My mentor was hugely helpful," said Danelle. "She took the time to review my resume and help me pair down all my experience to the most relevant skills for the positions I was applying for. "

Shortly after, Danelle accepted a position as the Lead Strategic Implementation Consultant for The Learning Loft where she evaluates the curriculum and instruction to students.

"Up until my employer closed, I had a very successful and impactful career, working with vulnerable communities," said Danelle. "It's really important to me that my skills are benefiting communities in need, and I feel like I am getting that from my work at The Learning Loft."

Danelle remains eager to share the resources that supported her career change with organizations and friends.

"I feel like there are a lot of women in their 40s, a lot of women like me, that are asking 'what's next for me?'" said Danelle. "In my moment of chaos it was nice to be able to have an organization to reach out to."

## **FedEx volunteers jumped in for Bingo**



Our organization relies on a large community of corporate and individual volunteers to support our mission goals and serve the job-seekers of our region.

During this quarter, volunteers from FedEx raised their hands to support Working 9-to-5 Bingo. A team of 5 FedEx employees supported our registration table, marked off our Bingo boards, and helped set up and tear down for the event. Their support helped make this event a huge success!

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