The Checks Are Due -- We Need Your Help

The Dec. 31 membership deadline is getting closer! If you haven't already, dig through that stack of papers and mail in your $1,000 to be part of the Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis grants to be awarded in June, 2008. (If you are feeling even more generous, you can add an extra $100 to your check to help cover administrative costs for the group.) As you write your check, remind your friends to do so also.

Our membership drive is well underway with many members hosting coffees to help recruitment. Just spread the word about Impact 100, and the program sells itself. The membership committee does need everyone’s help! Membership materials are available on the web site, www.impact100indy.org. In addition, a copy of the brochure for your use is included in this newsletter. Contact Karen Glaser, kkglaser@aol.com, 848-0225, with questions, suggestions, or if you would like to host a coffee.

Last year we had 205 members-our goal is 300 for this year. That means three grants of $100,000 each to worthwhile Greater Indianapolis nonprofit programs! We can do it! Remember our motto-The Power of Women Giving as One!

Here Are Our Early Bird Members

Our total number of members so far is 88. We have commitments to renew from 70 other women who have not yet paid. There are over 150 former members who we haven't heard from yet and haven't renewed. It will take all of those members to renew and more in order to reach our goal of 300.

Beth Ann Applegate* Katheryn Esterline* Sarah McNaught* Betty Sterrett* Sue Beesley* Molly Fenneman* Debbie Mennel* Judy Strain* Janet Belden* Ann GaIvin* Shelia Milliken* Barbara Taylor* Liz Berg* Dorothea Genetos* Sally Bindley Millman* Beth Thomas* Barbara Blickman* Mary Grein* Clare Morrison* Susan Tolbert* Laurie Boyd* Janet Grube* Terry Mumford* Sue Webber* Becky Brammer* Tracy Haddad* Peggy Myers* Susan Welch* Gina Bremner* Lisa Harris* Katherine Nagler* Jean Welch* Gayla
What tremendous support we receive from the Welch family: mother Jean, daughter Sarah McNaught and daughter-in-law Susan! Thank you all.

Our Grant Work

As reported in our last newsletter, the pharmacy at the Pecar Health Center is now open and providing needed medications to an at-risk population. Wishard Memorial Foundation was the recipient of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis' first grant, with the money to be used to help fund the Pecar pharmacy. Since the pharmacy opened in June, a total of 1,883 individuals (through Oct. 15) have benefited from the pharmacy services. They have filled about 4500 prescriptions for patients that otherwise would have had to travel to another location or pay higher prices at an outside pharmacy. Wishard's final report on the use of the grant money told these heart warming stories.

One woman told one of our doctors that the opening of the pharmacy "changed her life" because transportation was always a big barrier for her family. The second woman, who was newly diagnosed as a diabetic, was leaving the center around 4:55 p.m., and she asked the doctor if the pharmacy would stay open for her. The pharmacist said, "Sure, come on down right now!"

Message From Donna Oklak

Hello! We have been asked by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and their team of researchers to participate in a short survey (10 minutes max) to help understand the growing giving circle movement. Researchers want to know what happens when women get together, pool their money and give it away.

We hope you will participate in this electronic survey when it is sent to you later this week. You will be able to opt out if you choose. The data will help the researchers, but it will also be
shared with us as well. By participating we will give insight into motivations on giving and tell more about our Impact model. The goal is for all past and current Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis members to participate.

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me at 254-8220 or ddoklak@yahoo.com. You can also reach Dr. Angela Eikenberry directly at (402) 554-3488 or aeikenberry@mail.unomaha.edu who prepared the survey.

**Thank you for helping us with this study. By giving together we are creating a better community.**

Donna Oklak, President