



Women helping women to become self-reliant and self-empowered

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Founders' Scholarship 2017

LCWF's Annual Founders' Scholarship is given each year in recognition of a distinguished supporter of the LCWF mission. In honoring a supporter each year, LCWF acknowledges the supporter's own accomplishments within his/her profession, community or family.

This year, we are honoring Paula Myers. Paula states that her connection to LCWF is through Kathy Chase, her dear friend. Over the past 10 years or so, Paula was happy to do whatever was needed to assist with mailings, printing, copying, etc. When she was a girl, Paula states that she could have used the assistance of LCWF and appreciates all that LCWF does for women who need a helping hand.



PAULA MYERS

Paula grew up in Dorchester in Saint Mark's Parish, lost her mother at the age of 13 and spent the next four years attending Cardinal Cushing High School and helping to raise her siblings since she was the oldest girl.

There was no time for after school events. Paula needed to be home to help prepare dinner. Her six siblings were age 15 to age 3 when her mother died. College was never an option for Paula as

it was too much money and she needed to go to work to pay her own way. After graduation, Paula worked at Catholic Charities on Derne Street in Boston, behind the State House for two years. That's where Paula started giving back. She participated in many Parpavulus (For the Little Ones) functions, the charity run by Catholic

Charities at the time. Paula was always amazed at women's dedication and efforts for their charity. It was natural then that once married and living in Bridgewater that she would join the local service club, the Bridgewater Academy Lions, once her kids were a little older. Over the years Paula served as President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and many other Lions board positions and has been honored by this club with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, which is the highest honor in Lions in

recognition of humanitarian work. Paula learned early in her life that education and self-esteem was important for young women to further themselves in life. Paula has advised and worked with her extended family to empower each young woman in her life.

On the personal side, Paula is a wife, mother of 3 and grandmother to 4 beautiful grandchil-

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UPDATE!



Blanca Gomez, our 2016 Founders' Scholarship Awardee has graduated from Bunker Hill Community College and plans to continue her education at Lesley College in the Fall. Congratulations Blanca! We are so very proud of you!

Celebration and Silent Auction

Last December, LCWF held our second annual silent auction at Steel & Rye in Milton. While the guests enjoyed light refreshments, they leisurely looked over the silent auction items, some of which included:

- New England Patriots Julian Edelman Auto-graphed Football, NE Patriots
- A Round of Golf for four at Wellesley College Nehoidden Golf Club
- A Case of Red Spanish Wine from Atlas Liquors, Quincy
- Gift Certificate from Cedar Grove Gardens, Dorchester
- Simpson Spring Co., Easton
- Nicole Miller Weekend Carry-on Size Bag
- Ralph Lauren Pocketbook
- The Paper Store Gift Basket, Hingham
- Candles from the Gift Garden, Milton
- Gowells Candy, Brockton
- The Fruit Center, Milton
- Fitness Unlimited 2-month membership
- Ann Taylor Black Tote Bag

- Waterman Expert Oriental Red & Gold Trim Fountain Pen
- Paper Back Junction, Easton
- Women's Wellness Baskets
- Winston Flowers Gift Certificate
- Eclipse Hair Design Gift Certificate, Weymouth
- Oral-B Pro Power Toothbrush Kit including Whitening System
- Gift Certificate from A New You, Milton
- Restaurant Gift Certificates from:
 - Abbey Park, Milton
 - Ashmont Grill, Dorchester
 - Burke's Seafood, Quincy
 - Ester Restaurant, Lower Mills
 - Grill 23, Boston
 - Novara Restaurant, Milton
 - Tavolo Ristorante, Dorchester

There were over 40 quality items to bid on throughout the afternoon. A special thank you goes out to all of our donors who made our Silent Auction a success!

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You make our auction special with your fabulous donations! Special getaways, tickets to sporting events, fine dining or a weekend stay for 2... Please consider offering something special for our auction today! Contact us and we will arrange to have your donation picked up!

“NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD – IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.”
MARGARET MEAD

Founders' Scholarship 2017 *Continued*

dren. Currently she is living in Florida with her husband of 48 years and has been looking to see where her talents can be best used in Florida to continue to giving back.

This year the Lost Coin Board of Directors decided to award two deserving recipients of the Founders' Scholarship. The first recipient is Assunta Blain. Assunta is a 24 year old international student from an impoverished community in Haiti. Following the death of her mother, Assunta secured the support of her Haitian parish two years ago to travel to Massachusetts where she was accepted as a student at Massasoit Community College. She intends to attend nursing



school and return to her country to help provide improved health care to her community.

Since her arrival here, Assunta has overcome many serious personal and financial obstacles to achieve her educational goals. She is a determined and bright student and has achieved high marks in her course work. However, after a year, her parish in Haiti was no longer able to provide her with any financial support. Because she is an international student, she does not qualify for typical student financial aid and she is required to pay out-of-state tuition. Assunta solely relies now on her income from her part-time job in the MCC cafeteria. Almost all her income is used for tuition, leaving her with little funds for personal essentials. Although originally able to reside with extended family in the Brockton area, Assunta since has endured an unstable housing situation resulting in multiple moves. Despite her worries,

Assunta remains highly committed to her studies at Massasoit and to her Brockton parish. She relies heavily on her faith to see her through each day.

The second recipient of the Founders' Scholarship is Danielle Baldassari. Danielle Baldassari grew up in South Boston and this spring is finishing up her first year at Northeastern University. Danielle loves mathematics and is considering a future career as a Certified Public Accountant. When she graduates, she will be the first girl in her family to have a college degree. In her youth, Danielle was teased and made fun of by peers and even family members for being so interested in learning, but Danielle persevered, found comfort in school, and came to accept herself. In the words of her Guidance Counselor at Boston Latin Academy, Danielle is a “strong student with a great mind.”



In high school, Danielle continually challenged herself with advanced placement and honors level classes. She also was very involved with athletics, playing varsity hockey and softball and captaining the hockey team her senior year. Danielle's high level of achievement has continued at Northeastern. She finished her first semester on the Dean's List with a 3.6 GPA, also playing club hockey and intramural basketball. Danielle describes her opportunities and experiences at Northeastern as amazing, and the Lost Coin Women's Fund board is delighted to award her a Founder's Scholarship so she can continue her studies there.

Lost Coin Board of Directors Increases Awards to \$2,000!

We are very excited to announce that at its meeting last month, the Board of Directors determined it was time to increase the amount of our awards to up to \$2,000. This topic had been brought up many times in the past but it was finally voted on and made official at the May, 2017 meeting!



If you are interested in donating your time for the good of helping women become strong, self-reliant and successful individuals, please email us at LostCoinWFIInc@gmail.com. We welcome any individual who shares the same passion and desire to help women succeed!