



**Women's Giving Circle
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Dear Supporter,

Since 2006, the Community Foundation of North Central Florida's Women's Giving Circle has been on the forefront of supporting women and girls in our community by funding programs that enhance lives and create opportunities for success. Since its inception, the Circle has awarded more than \$1.3 million in grants to local organizations including Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Girls Club of Alachua County, Displaced Homemaker Program, Take Stock in Children, Peaceful Paths, Catholic Charities and PACE Center for Girls. To launch our seventeenth year, we are hosting our **Women's Symposium: From Transactional to Transformational Philanthropy**.

The Symposium will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2023, at the Hotel Indigo. The event will feature keynote speaker, Wendy Steele, Founder and Chief Executive of Impact 100 Global Council, who will speak to the role of philanthropy in empowering women. Other speakers will include Katrina Rolle, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of North Florida, and Samantha Hopkins, Senior Vice President – UBS SageView Partners Wealth Management.

Created with the simple idea that collectively we are stronger, the Women's Giving Circle is a network of leaders with a shared passion – to make a difference, to give back and to create real change in issues that affect the quality of life in our community. By pooling the charitable gifts of our members, we leverage the power of every dollar to create real and sustainable change by funding programs and services that address issues of women and children in Gainesville.

We are asking you to become a sponsor of the Women's Symposium. Enclosed is a sponsorship form outlining the benefits. A member of our Leadership Team will be following up with you in the next couple of weeks, but please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at office@cfncf.org.

Thank you in advance for supporting the women and girls in our area who benefit from our efforts.

Sincerely,

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