

The Gratitude Report

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Driving Change, One Ride at a Time

For many job seekers, the greatest barrier to employment isn't finding the right opportunity, it's getting there.

Reliable transportation can mean the difference between missing an interview and beginning a new career. It can make it possible to attend a networking event or show up confidently on the first day of work. Yet for many of the people we serve, the cost of a bus fare or gas is enough to put those opportunities out of reach.



That's where your investment changes everything.

Through the generosity of donors like you, PA Women Work is able to provide bus passes, gas cards, and rideshare assistance when they're needed most. Your support removes barriers in real time, ensuring that transportation is never the reason someone has to put their future on hold.

**You made
411 bus
passes happen.**

Last year, your generosity provided **411 bus passes**, along with gas cards and rideshare assistance, helping job seekers take the next step toward employment, financial stability, and brighter futures.



"The last thing anyone needs who's trying to take the next step in their career is a barrier like transportation...That stress being alleviated allowed me to focus on what's most important."

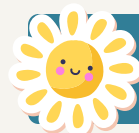
— Morgan Coles, gas card recipient

Coffee Club Members Gather To Connect



Members of PA Women Work's monthly giving circle, The Coffee Club, joined together on June 11 for a morning of coffee, conversation, and connection. **This was an opportunity to thank this incredible community for the difference they make through their ongoing generosity.**

Through The Coffee Club, their monthly gifts provide reliable support for our 3 Cups of Coffee mentorship program, connecting job seekers with volunteer mentors who help them:



Build
Confidence

Strengthen
Skills



Expand
Networks



Navigate
Employment

Every month, Coffee Club members help ensure that women have the encouragement, guidance, and support they need to move toward their career goals. Their generosity builds a community where we lift women up.



"For a modest monthly amount, I am able to contribute to the ongoing success of 3 Cups of Coffee. Knowing I am making a difference feels great."

— Cindy, Coffee Club member

Finding Her Path to Success: *Brooke's story*



When Brooke was finishing her master's degree, she wasn't quite sure where her next chapter would lead. While searching for rental assistance resources, she discovered PA Women Work.

"I looked through the website and really connected with what PA Women Work was about," Brooke shared. "I scheduled my career coaching session that same day."

Brooke enrolled in the New Choices program to sharpen her job search skills. "I knew my resume was okay," she said, "but I wanted it to be better than okay."



Through New Choices and one-on-one career coaching, Brooke refined her resume and learned how to better communicate her strengths and experience to employers. In the meantime, Brooke applied to the BH Fellows program, an educational loan repayment and training program for behavioral health workers, and leaned on the support of her career coach.



"During that process, I had regular check-ins with my career coach, Sheila. She was the one who encouraged me to apply to companies connected to the BH Fellows program."

— Brooke, program participant

That encouragement paid off. Today, Brooke is a Family-Based Mental Health Professional with Pressley Ridge and has been accepted into the newest BH Fellows cohort.

"PA Women Work helped me learn how to market myself, and I now have a resume I am proud of," she said.

Save the dates!

Critical Needs Campaign



Tuesday, August 4

Show your support for PA Women Work during this one-day fundraising event and help provide critical support to job seekers across our region.

Circle of Hope



Thursday, October 29

Mark your calendars for Circle of Hope on October 29 at the Fairmont Pittsburgh!

Tickets go on sale August 25.

Also, keep an eye out for a special pre-event raffle for a chance to win two tickets to the iconic *The Lion King*.

Stay in touch

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Donor Spotlight: *Jim Davis*



For over three decades, Jim Davis has helped PA Women Work create opportunities for job seekers to build brighter futures. In 1990, he and his colleagues at Development Dimensions International (DDI), a leadership development company, were looking for ways to support literacy efforts in the community.

"We met with PA Women Work's Executive Director at the time," said Jim. "We felt that we could support the organization's flagship New Choices program by donating classroom materials, facilitators, and curriculum."

This began a partnership that would span decades. Jim coordinated the relationship between DDI and New Choices, helping provide valuable resources and

expertise to support participants as they built the skills and confidence needed to find meaningful employment.

Over the years, Jim witnessed the impact of the program firsthand. Following his retirement in 2016, he became a regular donor. His generosity ensures that more individuals can access the support they need to achieve economic stability.



"Donations make a difference. More donations mean more individuals can be served and more programming can be offered. It feels good to be a part of something so valuable and so successful."

— Jim Davis, long-time donor

We're grateful for champions like Jim, whose 30-year partnership continues to open doors for job seekers today.