

# Empowering Women Energizing our Community

2023 Annual Report



### **Fundamental Pillars of Our Work**





### **Leadership Letter**

The theme of this year's report, "Empowering Women, Energizing our Community," encapsulates the impact of our work in 2023, the physical evolution of our organization, and our aspirational vision to create a culture of possibility where all women achieve their fullest potential.

The WNY Women's Foundation has experienced tremendous growth. We worked collaboratively to advocate for women's advancement, to amplify women's voices, to grow opportunities for women's leadership, and to empower women who face monumental barriers to economic stability.

In our Annual Report, you'll read more about how our organization:

- Impacted nearly 500 women through our mPower: From Education to Employment® college and workforce training programs
- Hosted our first-ever Women's Leadership Summit for over 400 aspiring, emerging, and experienced women leaders
- Led transformative advocacy efforts, ensuring over 100,000 New York families could be eligible for expanded financial support for child care

Furthermore, the foundation celebrated another milestone, as we opened our own office space for the first time in our history at our new downtown Buffalo headquarters located at 741 Main St.

As we look forward to celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2024, we also reflect on the profound contributions of so many women who brought us here, particularly our dear friend and co-founder, Gail Johnstone, who passed away this past November.



Our growth and impact are all thanks to your generous support of our important mission. Thank you for your continued dedication to uplifting women across WNY!

Teresa Bair

Chair, Board of Directors

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Sheri L. Scavone CEO



### Remembering Gail



In 2023, the WNY Women's Foundation lost a visionary, anchor, and one of our founders, Gail Johnstone. Gail was a guiding light that illuminated the path of positive change, and her impact will forever resonate in the fabric of Western New York.

Arlene Kaukus, Gail's dear friend and co-founder of the WNY Women's Foundation, recalls meeting Gail for the first time 25-plus years ago as members of a Buffalo women's group, and walking away thinking to herself, "That moment was special." She was right. A few years later, Gail and Arlene – two strong women leaders of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, respectively – discovered a mutual interest in creating a women's philanthropic giving circle. They decided to collaborate, each won the support of their Boards of Directors, and the WNY Women's Fund took shape in 1999.

"Our focus, from the very beginning, became addressing the foundational barriers to women's advancement in our community," Arlene explained. "A lot of that, I would attribute to Gail, because Gail was so strong in identifying the importance of working at long-term change that would transform the experience of women."



"Gail is mindful about uplifting women while still keeping in mind the movement's larger goal. Her thoughtful, warm, and clear-sighted leadership provided a model of how to be a well-rounded community leader."

- Alice Jacobs, WNYWF Board Member



Co-founders, Gail and Arlene

### Founder, Leader, Visionary

In Gail's work with the WNY Women's Foundation (as it became in 2010), as president/CEO for the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and in previous roles, Arlene said she always admired Gail for her commitment to her values.

She was one of the most grounded people I know. She knew what was important and could hone in on the right thing to do, even if it was the hardest thing to do," Arlene shared. "I thought that was very courageous, and I admired that." Beyond her numerous accomplishments and contributions to our community, her generous spirit, and kindness, Gail was known for her dedication to and love of her family.

She adored her husband, Bruce, children Cameron and Duncan, and grandchildren. Bruce, who served as president of SUNY Buffalo State and later SUNY chancellor, shared his admiration for Gail's ability to grow through multiple high-demand jobs while raising their two children.

"We are a very close family," Bruce described. "She would put in the hours of work, but still was able when the occasion arose, to see a play or a game or a kid's swim meet. She maintained just wonderful close ties to our children in that way, as well as being enormously supportive of my duties as president and then chancellor. Her multitasking was incredible. She was just a remarkable woman."

To honor a true friend, leader, and colleague, the WNY Women's Foundation will establish the Gail Johnstone Fund, empowering the next generation of leaders and changemakers, to create opportunities for each woman to learn, earn, lead, and thrive!





"Gail had a special mix of gentle persona, deep values, brilliance, passion, and an unwavering commitment to her causes. She had a whole lot of power packed into a petite frame! Her impact on Buffalo in her 43 years here is vast and deep."

- Sheri Scavone, WNYWF CEO





The WNY Women's Foundation educates and engages decision makers to advance policies and funding, accelerating the pace of change for issues impacting women.

Through our collaborative leadership with the Empire State Campaign for Child Care, a coalition of over 100 child care advocates, providers, and parents we achieved:

100,000

additional NY families eligible

as income eligibility raised to 85% SMI statewide

\$500M

retention grants

for child care workforce recruitment and retention as incremental steps to sustain women and minority owned, residential based child care centers

1%

#### family co-pays capped

at 1% of income over the federal poverty level statewide (down from 35% in 2021)



Members of Empire State Campaign for Child Care

### **CALL TO ACTION**

Activism delivered to your inbox once a month!

Every voice is pivotal in advancing gender equity. Let your voice be heard by subscribing to our virtual, grassroots Women in Action e-newsletter. Each month, you'll receive an email with simple, practical steps you can take to make a difference for women in our community. Use the QR code below to sign up for this impactful initiative.









### **Additional Advocacy Accomplishments**

Through collaboration and thought leadership, we successfully:

- Commissioned Cornell ILR in partnership with The John R. Oishei Foundation to develop a mapping tool that connects child care providers and employers, opening opportunities for expansion
- Brought thought leadership and collaboration to our partnership with the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Inc. to prioritize the importance of child care as an essential work force support and drive solutions for working parents
- Developed educational materials for employers looking to support child care
- Amplified expansion of NYS Breast-Feeding law policy to WNY employers
- Convened and educated employers about new NYS Salary Transparency Law including hosting an education session with representatives from NYS and US Department of Labor

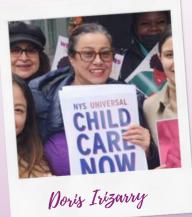
# **Collaborative Partnerships Elevate Critical Advocacy Efforts**

The WNY Women's Foundation serves on several influential state and federal campaigns, committees, and task forces to advocate for women's issues. Together with the Empire State Campaign for Child Care (ESCCC), the foundation successfully advocated in 2023 for expanded financial support to working families and child care businesses.

Shanita Bowen, co-chair of the steering committee for ESCCC and chief operating officer at ECE On The Move – a grassroots non-profit supporting child care providers in New York City – described the leadership position the WNY Women's Foundation fulfills in state-wide initiatives, like the Empire State Campaign for Child Care.

"The WNY Women's Foundation has been very instrumental in pushing our voice forward and equipping us with data to present to legislators," said Bowen. "With Sheri, (WNYWF CEO) we also always highlight the lived experiences of providers and parents. With the statistics to back that up, we're able to approach legislators with double-edged reasoning."

Doris Irizarry, a long-time child care educator, applauded the WNY Women's Foundation's work in advocating for family child care providers and center-based businesses, recognizing the essential need for family or in-home providers who offer night care and flexible schedules for working parents. "Sheri is a champion among the champions," Irizarry exclaimed, "She advocates for us to have a seat at the table, and that's important to us, because anytime we made recommendations previously, we were excluded. Now we're at the table."







The WNY Women's Foundation amplifies women's voices to advance gender equity though data-driven solutions.

**50** 



#### media hits and interviews

featured in more than 50 media hits including TV, radio, and podcasts informing thousands of audiences



1,343

new followers

gained 1,343 new followers across its social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Join us to amplify the issues! **25** 

#### committees

staff served on over 25 influential committees, giving voice to issues disproportionally impacting women



### **CALL TO ACTION**

Follow us on social media!

The WNY Women's Foundation is on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and LinkedIn. Follow us on each of these platforms for the latest news, advocacy updates, success stories, & opportunities to get involved.



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# WNY Women's Foundation CEO Invited to White House Forum

On Dec. 14, 2023, WNY Women's Foundation CEO, Sheri Scavone, and Buffalo Common Council Woman Zeneta Everhart traveled to Washington, D.C. to represent Western New York at a White House event called, Communities in Action: Building a Better New York.

The White House held the event as part of a series that featured local elected officials and community leaders working on behalf of their communities to create opportunities and improve people's everyday lives. The program also highlighted the Administration's investments and impacts in communities across New York.

Sheri delivered remarks and shared stories about the local impact of federal policy and stimulus dollars on child care for working women, child care small businesses, and on advancing intersectional gender equity.

"Child care is the single biggest issue holding women back from contributing even more to our economy, diversifying the workforce narrative, and allowing women to thrive," Sheri told the audience. "Billions of dollars in stimulus funding literally saved the sector from sinking. The administration threw a life jacket for parents and child care educators."

As one of only two Western New York representatives selected, Sheri said the event provided another boost for the WNY Women's Foundation's national profile.

"It's my hope our attendance served to highlight the positive results of federal action in regard to child care, and provoked more consideration for this issue," Sheri explained. "This national relationship building and giving voice to important issues is essential to driving attention to our region."

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- Sheri Scavone, CEO



The WNY Women's Foundation empowers women of all backgrounds and identities to achieve economic mobility by eliminating barriers and providing targeted support in education and workforce development.





141
people graduated

from the Lineage Senior Care CNA mPower program (an 82% graduation rate) leading to family sustaining jobs

27 emergency scholarships

(about \$10,800) awarded through the Joan Joy Angel Fund to help women continue their education 356
women and single mothers

assisted through our mPower: From Education to Employment workforce development and college programs



## CALL TO ACTION

# Support our mPower: From Education to Employment students!

Help our mPower students by purchasing items from our Amazon wish list. Often, fulfilling simple needs can make the biggest difference. Our participants could use support with acquiring school supplies and other basic essentials. Scan the QR code to view our Amazon wish list. Your generosity helps the women in our program overcome the barriers to achieving economic self-sufficiency for themselves and their families.

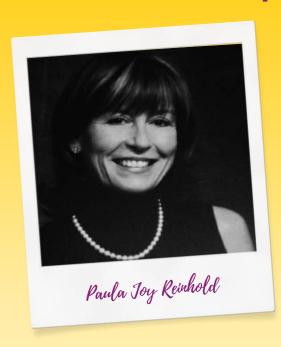








### Reach Back and Help the Woman Behind You



As the WNY Women's Foundation works to eliminate barriers to women's economic stability, the Joan Joy Angel Fund's emergency scholarships offer a vital lifeline to women in our mPower: From Education to Employment® programs.

Paula Joy Reinhold, chair of the Joy Family Foundation, remembers her mother, Joan, for her kindness, devotion to her family and generosity to causes supporting women and children.

"She once told me, 'Paula, when you put a few quarters together, you've got to turn around and take care of the woman behind you. You love babies so much, but you can't take care of every baby in the world. You've got to take care of their mothers so they can take care of their babies," Paula recalls.

Never forgetting her mother's lesson, Reinhold worked with the WNY Women's Foundation in 2021 to establish the emergency fund in her mother's name. In 2023 alone, the foundation distributed 27 scholarships to women facing challenges in continuing their education. Women enrolled in the foundation's mPower programs, who are at risk of dropping out of their education, can receive a \$500 grant to help pay for housing, food, car repairs, transportation, or any debt or cost impeding the completion of their education.

Reinhold says the fund epitomizes the essence of her mother's legacy of caring.

"She had stashed away cash in every purse she had, and she would reach into the lining – without asking questions, or without a big fanfare, and certainly without telling my father – and just put it in your pocket and say, 'Go take care of your car, go pay your rent, go buy your books. Go do whatever it is you have to do.' She was fabulous."



Paula and her mother, Joan Joy





The WNY Women's Foundation advances women's leadership and gender equity through employer education, individual mentorship, and elevating female entrepreneurs.



#### local companies particpated

in the employer pathway of our ALL IN initiative, a twoyear program that supports systems change and social responsibility using an intersectional lens

388

#### companies featured

in the Women-Owned Business Directory located on our website which serves as a valuable resource for goods and services supporting women entrepreneurs

#### more companies earned

the ALL IN P.O.W.E.R. Seal, Positioning Our Women for Every Role, affirming their commitment to gender equity and inclusion in their workplace bringing the total to 6 companies

#### P.O.W.E.R. Seal Recipients:



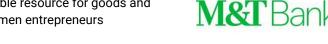














### CALL TO ACTION

In 2023, the WNY Women's Foundation, in collaboration with Women Who Lead, launched Ready, Set, Lead! - a mentorship program that facilitates career, personal, and community development for women with 0-5 years into their career.

#### Aspiring leaders will receive:

- Six months of structured mentorship from experienced community
- Four educational sessions focused on building leadership acumen
- Formal coaching
- Access to a diverse network of cohort colleagues

Would you or someone you know benefit from joining the next cohort of Ready, Set, Lead?

Email Sydney Flanagan, ALL IN Coordinator, at sydney@wnywfdn.org.



# CCNY & SUNY Buffalo State Confirm Commitment to Gender Equity, Earning ALL IN P.O.W.E.R. Seal



Congratulations to CCNY, Inc. and SUNY Buffalo State University, the newest P.O.W.E.R. (Positioning Our Women for Every Role) Seal awardees! The P.O.W.E.R. seal is a certification granted by the WNYWF that verifies the quality of a company's gender equity work. ALL IN Employer Partners work toward earning the P.O.W.E.R. seal over the course of two years through improvements in key metrics covering operations, workplace culture, policy, education, leadership development, and intersectionality. Through the ALL IN Employer Pathway, the WNY Women's Foundation engages employers in taking purposeful steps to move women and gender minorities into leadership positions and improve company culture.

Heidi Milch, executive director of CCNY, Inc. and Lisa Fronckowiak, J.D., interim chief diversity officer at SUNY Buffalo State University, each shared their perspective on the value of ALL IN to their organization:

**Heidi Milch**Executive Director
CCNY, Inc.

### Broadly, how did ALL IN benefit your organization?

With other programs, we found either straight educational concepts or action plans. ALL IN combined these two, so we took actionable steps, but also understood why so we could work to holistically change the culture of the organization.

#### Describe one accomplishment.

Before we started the program, our board composition was 11% female. Now, we're just over 45%. Women's voices on the board have definitely impacted how the board operates and bring a whole other perspective.

#### What do you say to others considering ALL IN?

It's a wonderful program for anyone who has the opportunity to participate. It can only improve your organization's culture.

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- Heidi Milch, CCNY, Inc.

### Lisa Fronckowiak

Interim Chief Diversity Officer SUNY Buffalo State University



### Broadly, how did ALL IN benefit your organization?

As a state institution, we were already doing a lot to support gender equity. This project motivated us to take stock of everything, in every department, and intentionally catalog our efforts.

#### Describe one accomplishment.

At Buffalo State, we value diversity and work hard to support our very diverse community. It is important to make sure that you are up to date with current best practices, and that includes gender inclusive language. As a direct result of working with ALL IN, we developed a guide to gender inclusive language to help build an environment of respect and appreciation for gender inclusivity and diversity.

#### What do you say to others considering ALL IN?

It's nice to have someone to work with to help you figure out your path and address your organization's specific needs, and ALL IN provided that for us.

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### Women's Leadership Summit

On Sept. 22, 2023, The WNY Women's Foundation hosted its first in-person Women's Leadership Summit. More than 400 participants came out to the University at Buffalo's Alumni Arena to engage in a series of workshops and panel discussions led by established leaders.





Participants had the opportunity to select either the aspiring leader pathway (those 0-5 years into their career) or emerging leader pathway (those 6+ years into their career) to tailor their summit experience to their professional lives.

Topics covered during panel discussions included transitioning from academia to the workforce, leading through our differences, redefining systems for gender equity, and networking 101.





The program included a speed networking session with more than 50 experienced leaders engaging with young professionals.

### Join Us!

#### Scan the QR Code to Register for 2024 Women's Leadership Summit!



University at Buffalo

May 31, 2024, 12:30-5:30pm
University at Buffalo Alumni Arena
Ed Wright Practice Facility
No-Cost Parking



# Young Professionals Give Back to Make a BIG Impact

The WNY Women's Foundation (WNYWF) actively engages in community partnerships to strengthen its mission. Collaborating with organizations and individuals provides valuable resources, support, and expertise to help achieve common goals. In 2023, WNYWF began working with Natalie Wasieczko, co-founder of Queen City Revival, a volunteer organization for young professionals.

With a passion for volunteering since high school, Natalie and a friend from the University at Buffalo started Queen City Revival - Young Professional Volunteer Group in 2018. Since then, the group has worked with over 100 volunteers and more than 50 organizations to make a positive difference in their community.

"While volunteering with my high school government class, I found such joy in helping others, meeting new people through the experience, and making a positive impact," Natalie recalled. "Volunteering became a passion of mine that will always stick in my heart."

Natalie and her team reached out to the WNY Women's Foundation after researching organizations to support during Women's History Month. Since their initial meeting, Queen City Revival has hosted several successful "Happy Hour with a Cause" events to benefit the Foundation. Through their fundraising and collaborative efforts, the group has been able to support our Lineage Senior Care Certified Nursing Assistant mPower students by procuring hundreds of medical scrubs, donated by Kristen Uniforms and Scrubs in Amherst, NY, as well as welcome bags, in partnership with Wegmans.





Queen City Revival Volunteers at Happy Hour With a Cause

"We feel the WNY Women's Foundation is the leader in elevating women in our community," explained Natalie. "They inspire change through their advocacy work at the state and federal levels and break down the barriers to women's success through their mPower: From Education to Employment initiative. Their work aligns with our mission to help meet the needs of the WNY community and we would like to support them in any way possible."

Queen City Revival engages young professionals in a range of volunteer and fundraising activities throughout the year. To learn more, visit their Facebook page or reach out to Natalie at queencityrevivalyp@gmail.com.



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### What She's Made Of 2023: Your Health. Your Community. YOU!

May 22, 2023 at Highmark Stadium

Honorary Co-Chair: Alice Jacobs, Esq.

Event Co-Chairs: Anne Joynt, Esq., Gretchen Geitter, and Liz McPhail, Esq.

More than 250 attendees joined us for an upscale evening, highlighted by an interactive and thoughtful discussion featuring women in medicine. Dr. Keyani Davis, Dr. Myra Mathis, and Dr. Jennifer Roberts engaged in an inspirational conversation about women's well-being and barriers to wellness, particularly for women of color.

Encouraged to wear cocktail attire with comfortable sneakers, guests mingled and enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Delaware North, all while taking in breathtaking views of the stadium and small-group tours of the Bills locker room.

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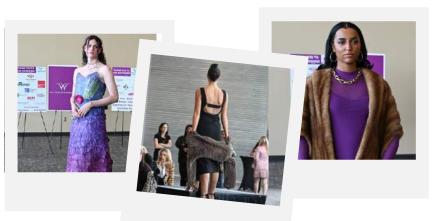
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### Fall in Fashion 2023

November 3, 2023 at The Powerhouse at Buffalo Color Park **Event Co-Chairs:** Breauna Crumpler and Erin Habes

At Fall in Fashion, we celebrated the beauty, diversity, and power of all women with a mission-driven, high-fashion runway show. We engaged several local boutiques and designers in a glittering display of the immense fashion talent in Buffalo, and also celebrated up-and-coming talent from SUNY Buffalo State's Fashion & Textile Technology Program. More than 240 attendees enjoyed the show, our luxury-item auction, gourmet luncheon, and chic cocktail reception.





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### Building a strong foundation for future generations

Founding Board Member Patricia Garman recognized the importance and need for the Foundation's work now and in the future. She affirmed her commitment to the WNY Women's Foundation (WNYWF) and our mission through a generous legacy gift. Joined by other WNYWF Founding Board Members, the Patricia Garman Torch Circle was created.

By naming the WNY Women's Foundation as the beneficiary of a planned gift, you will leave a lasting legacy in support of gender equity, while remaining in control of your assets during your lifetime.

To learn more about legacy giving opportunities, contact the WNY Women's Foundation by phone at **716-217-9056** or via email at **wnywfdn@wnywfdn.org**.

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WNYWF Board Member, Dr. Allison Brashear receives ATHENA Award





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WNYWF CEO receives Woman in Leadership Award from our partner, NYS Women Inc.



Buffalo Bandits supporting WNYWF at Give716 Launch Party



WNYWF Committee Member, Cynthia Bass gives keynote speech at mPower graduation



WNYWF Board Celebrates Emeritae Member, Dr. Katherine Conway-Turner's retirement, **Buffalo State University** 



Buffalo Bills Foundation



WNYWF gives back at Emergency Preparedness event in collaboration with Buffalo Bills Foundation, Erie County Legislator April Baskin, and Erie County Department of Health

#### 2023 Financial Statement

For the twelve months ending 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

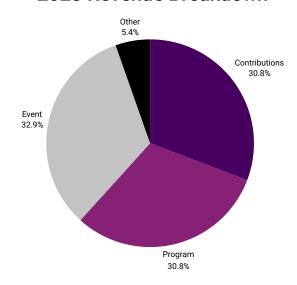
Preliminary Unaudited Financials*	
Statement of Profit and Loss	Jan - Dec 2023
Revenue:	
Contributions	\$175,290
Program Revenue**	\$175,530
Endowment Revenue	\$750
Event Revenue	\$187,342
Other Revenue	\$30,687
Total Revenue	
Gross Profit	\$569,599
Expenses:	
Salaries, Benefits and Taxes	\$479,477
Contract Services	\$55,807
Awards and Grants	\$39,653
Other Expenses	\$103,372
Total Expenses	\$678,291
Operating Income	\$(108,691)
Net (appreciate) depreciation on investments	\$231,931
IRS Tax Credit	\$105,376
Other expenses	\$17,201
Non-Operating Income (Gain)	\$320,106
Net Income (Gain)	\$211,414

<sup>\*</sup>Pending subject to external audit review

<sup>\*\*</sup> Program/grant revenue and expenses may be reflected across multiple years.



#### 2023 Revenue Breakdown



For the most up to date WNY Women's Foundation financials, scan the QR code.



#### **Balance Sheet**

**Total Liabilities & Equity** 

For the period ending December 31, 2023

Preliminary Unaudited Financials*	
Assets:	As of Dec 31, 2023
Cash	\$1,608,498
Receivables	\$34,679
Other Current Assets	\$20,777
Fixed Assets	\$14,212
Statement of Profit and Loss	Jan - Dec 2023
Endowment	\$ 2,103,774
Total Assets	\$ 3,781,940
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and acrued expenses	\$ 50,596
Equity:	
Opening Balance Equity	\$1,564,853
Temporary Restricted Net Assets	\$510,093
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,144,982
Net Income (Loss)	(\$211,414)
Total Equity	\$3,731,343

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