



women's network

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Gaby was nominated for her servant leadership and commitment to addressing critical welfare needs within Fort Wayne such as housing, clothing, medical care, and more. As a dedicated member of the Allen County Health Equity Coalition and Fort Wayne Women for Good, she actively contributes to initiatives aimed at women's equity and empowerment to foster a sense of belonging for all and celebration of our diverse community. Gaby also created a Facebook group devoted to supporting the Hispanic community, which has grown to a resource hub of nearly 25,000 members. Her actions serve as a beacon of inspiration, raising awareness of issues and amplifying voices of marginalized individuals, notably immigrants who often lack representation.



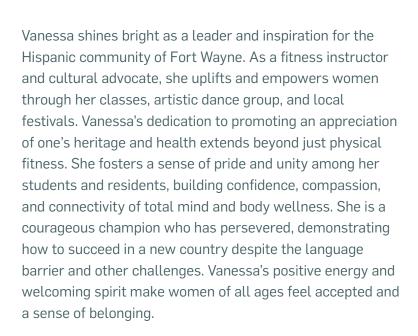
Amy was nominated for her mentorship of youth over the past three decades and notable impact in Fort Wayne's urban neighborhoods. Through her visionary leadership, Amy founded the RealTALK mentoring program that has reached over 1,000 young women – building consistency, trust, and relationships with caring adults and empowering individuals to obtain mental health services, meaningful employment, and higher education. Her collaborative spirit has enhanced partnerships with local school administrators, youth workers, and service providers to create a shared purpose of helping teens thrive. Through her own example of resilience and perseverance, Amy shows other women that obstacles can be overcome and barriers can be dismantled with unwavering determination and the support of others.



Tomi is a Champion of Change in our community who leads with unconditional love, grace, and passionate faith. Drawing from her own past struggles with addiction, she recognized the community's need for structured support for women re-entering society after incarceration. Her tireless efforts led to the establishment of Redemption House in 2012, providing a safe haven for women transitioning to sober living. Through her example, she instills hope in residents and extends support during their recovery journey. Her passion for empowering women and sharing her own story inspires others to overcome adversity and pursue positive change in their lives, even breaking generational cycles.



Ewelina Connolly demonstrates exceptional leadership and commitment to the immigrant and refugee community in Allen County. After personally having a positive experience moving to Fort Wayne from Poland, she is dedicated to paying that support forward to other newcomers and creating a sense of belonging for all. Ewelina prioritizes collaboration and sharing of resources with organizations and adapts to serve the community's real-time needs. As a mentor, she empowers women, especially those from minority backgrounds, fostering a culture of solidarity and equitable opportunities. Ewelina's advocacy extends beyond her organization, amplifying the voices of immigrant and refugee women in public forums and community events to achieve their fullest potential.







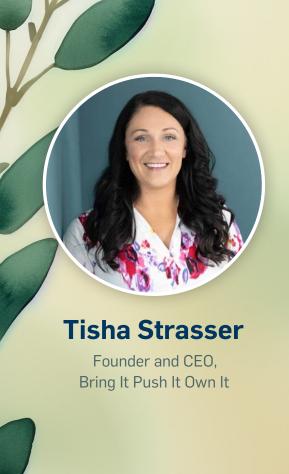




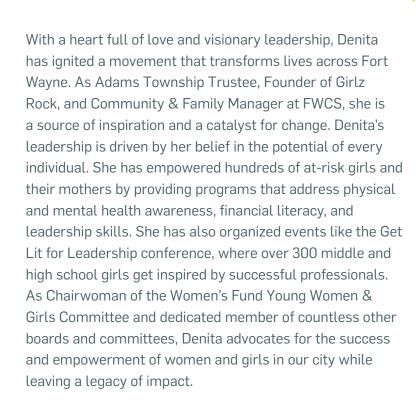
Brittany's leadership at the Fort Wayne Philharmonic showcases her dedication to innovation and community engagement. Since becoming President and CEO, she has spearheaded initiatives that have revitalized the orchestra's offerings and boosted ticket revenue, setting a national benchmark. As the first woman in this role. she champions gender equality and mentors women both within the organization and beyond. Brittany's commitment to empowering women is evident in her Executive Team and Board Leadership, where she advocates for diversity and inclusion. Her passion for music and community service embodies a spirit of positive change, making her a role model for aspiring leaders of all ages.



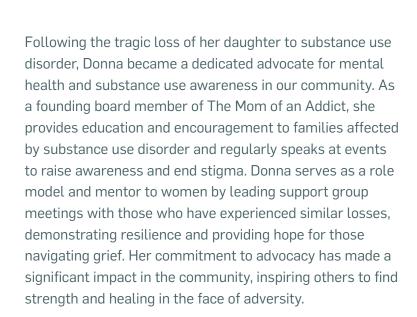
Diane sets herself apart in the community by providing competitive financial services with a focus on increasing financial literacy and stability, particularly in underserved areas of Southeast Fort Wayne. As one of a few African American female CEOs managing a nationally regulated credit union, she inspires others, particularly women and minorities, to attain senior roles of responsibility and achieve their professional goals. Diane personally engages with members, offering tailored financial coaching and counseling to improve their financial well-being and access to non-predatory financial products. Her leadership has led to significant grant wins and loan distributions benefiting the community and positioning Urban Beginnings Choice as a vital resource for financial empowerment.



Tisha embodies authenticity and dedicates herself wholeheartedly to empowering young women in the community. She serves as a role model and mentor to countless young women, sharing her personal stories of struggle to inspire inner strength and resilience. Tisha's commitment to empowerment extends to innovative programs, working with organizations like Pave the Path and Allen County Juvenile Center, aimed at promoting physical and mental awareness among young women. As a female entrepreneur, she demonstrates unwavering dedication to mentoring women from all backgrounds and advocating for the success of fellow nonprofit leaders in our community.











to improving healthcare access in the community. Under her tenure at Neighborhood Health, the organization has expanded its service lines and facilities, including the addition of behavioral health, optometry, chiropractic care, and the development of a new clinic in southeast Fort Wayne. Angie's mentorship and advocacy for women are evident in her leadership of an organization where 86% of the workforce is comprised of women, with many in key leadership positions. She actively participates in community initiatives addressing maternal healthcare and infant mortality, exemplifying her dedication to women's health issues and serving as a role model for other female leaders





Whitney has dedicated her career to investing in and growing our community's leaders and positively influencing workplace culture. Through her coaching sessions and speaker engagements, she meets women exactly where they are, seeks to understand, and challenges them in a safe and supportive environment. As a recovering attorney, she is an advocate for women's advancement in industries and positions historically dominated by men. She is an organizational architect, change agent, and connector who is passionate about nonprofit leadership and governance, promoting and supporting women, and ally for underserved populations including those living in poverty and people with disabilities.



Lanitra demonstrates an unwavering commitment to empowering women in our community through her philanthropic service and civic engagement. As the board president of Believe in a Dream and secretary for the Pave the Path Youth Leadership Program, Lanitra has dedicated herself to nurturing the growth and success of young women, particularly those enrolled in Historical Black Colleges & Universities. Through her roles at Vera Bradley, Fort Wayne League of Women's Voters, and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, she has created inclusive environments where all individuals can thrive and make their voice heard. Lanitra is a super connector that builds authentic relationships, an advocate for women and minorities in the workplace, and mentor to our next generation of leaders.



Britney's leadership shines through her active involvement in various boards and committees while advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion in Allen County. She actively works to amplify the voices of marginalized groups, especially women and people of color. As a branding expert, Britney helps businesses refine their messaging and increase their impact, showcasing her commitment to building a stronger, more inclusive community. Serving as a mentor and role model for women, Britney shares her knowledge generously and empowers others to achieve their goals with courage and integrity. Britney strives to create spaces where everyone can thrive, both professionally and personally, and unlock their full potential.





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Grayce's leadership shines through her bakery, where she not only makes delicious treats but advocates for mothers who have experienced child loss, offers support groups, and raises mental health awareness. As a mentor, Grayce spotlights women-owned businesses, provides business advice, and nurtures her team's skills and talents. In addition to managing her bakery's operations, she prioritizes her family, never missing important events for her children. Grayce's dedication to uplifting women and fostering a supportive community makes her an inspiring role model and leader in Fort Wayne.



Kassee's leadership shines through her extensive community service including the board of First Fridays Fort Wayne, where she shapes the content and direction of transformational presentations, fostering growth within the community. Her passion for personal and community development is evident as she actively seeks opportunities to enhance her leadership skills and connect with others, making a positive impact on everyone she meets. As a role model and mentor to women. Kassee champions for others through her participation in local events and panel discussions. As a mother, she is also a pillar of encouragement for her daughter by demonstrating resilience, ambition, and a commitment to growing each day. Kassee's eagerness to learn and desire to make a difference is the definition of a Champion of Change.



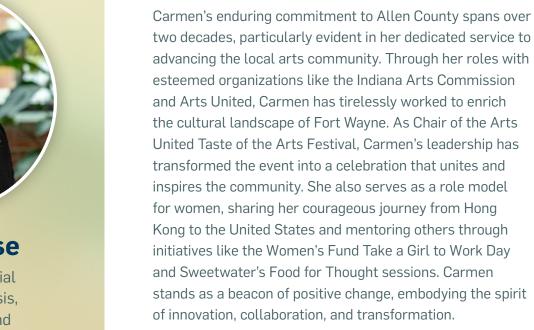
Kathy possesses a keen intellect, relentless work ethic, and unique ability to foster dynamic relationships. Through her family business, she prioritized hiring and promoting women while actively training their leadership skills. In her current role at KB Search Team, an all-women search firm, she continues to advocate for women's success by mentoring, coaching, and preparing female candidates for job opportunities. Her dedication to female empowerment extends beyond her professional endeavors, as she volunteers in schools, assists with interviewing skills, and mentors young leaders through programs like the Parkview Mentoring Program. Through her leadership in various board positions and industry associations, Kathy has made significant contributions to advancing women in both the workforce and the community.



Gwen exemplifies outstanding leadership through her diverse professional background and extensive community involvement. Her service in organizations and programs like The Luger Series, Lead Her Forward, Ambassador Institute for Civic Engagement, and the GFW Inc. Women's Network, she has served as a mentor and advocate for women aspiring to achieve personal and professional goals. As an investment advisor, Gwen utilizes her skills to support women in securing their financial futures and those of their families. Because of her dedication to enhancing the relational health and vitality of women, our community is a better place to live, worship, and work.



Over her 25-year tenure at Franklin Electric, Amy has demonstrated remarkable leadership and dedication women, notably through her establishment of the Franklin Women's Network. She has served as a mentor and role model to numerous women, providing personalized guidance and support for their professional development and success. Her commitment to empowering women extends to creating a supportive and inclusive workplace culture, where team members feel comfortable prioritizing family events and emergencies without judgment. Amy's pioneering vision has led to the network's significant success and expansion, with a focus on fostering growth and opportunities for future generations within the organization and the community at large.





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Stephanie was nominated for her passionate leadership and advocacy for women in Fort Wayne / Allen County. While actively serving with many nonprofit organizations and running for Fort Wayne City Council and Mayor, she has demonstrated her commitment to empowering women by promoting supportive workplace benefits and policies, and equitable compensation. In her current role, she provides strategic counsel on matters related to all levels of government to achieve legislative, administrative, and community goals that benefit local residents. Through her strategic counsel and civic engagement, Stephanie works tirelessly to advance women's economic wellbeing and make Fort Wayne a city where all can thrive.



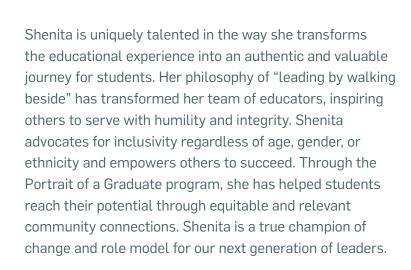




CAPT Ashlee Lowe

Maintenance Director of Operations, 122nd Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard In her role with the 122nd Fighter Wing, CAPT Lowe oversees aircraft maintenance operations and ensures F-16 aircraft is combat-ready. With a passion for inclusivity and diversity, she actively recruits and advocates for women to join the Air National Guard, fostering an environment where everyone has a voice and can reach their fullest potential. As a mentor, she supports women seeking guidance and advancement opportunities, including those transitioning from enlisted to officer ranks, advocating for equal opportunities and representation. CAPT Lowe is committed to collaboration and supporting her team, encouraging the sharing of struggles and successes to normalize experiences and strengthen bonds. Through her involvement in local councils and advocacy efforts, she ensures that women's voices are heard on important issues, making significant contributions to empowering and advancing women in the military community.





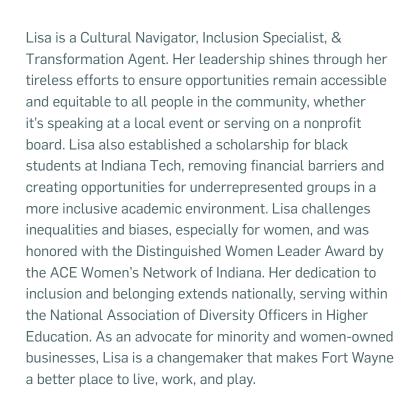




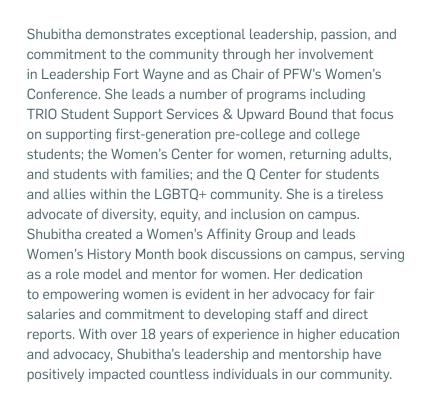
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Dr. Fincannon's impactful leadership at Indiana Tech has reshaped academic landscapes and empowered students to achieve greatness. Through her inclusive leadership style, she fosters collaboration and creates a nurturing environment where diverse perspectives are valued. Angie actively advocates for gender equality and inclusivity, supporting organizations and programs that empower women economically, socially, and politically. As a mentor, she leads by example, demonstrating integrity, empathy, and resilience. Angie inspires women to overcome obstacles and is a driving force for positive change in our community.



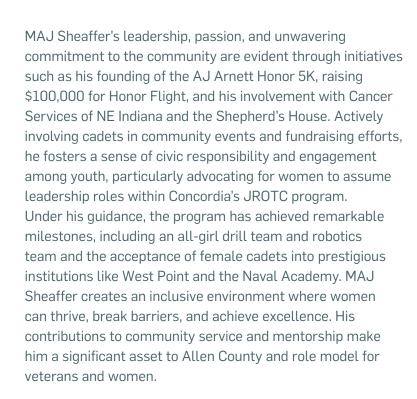




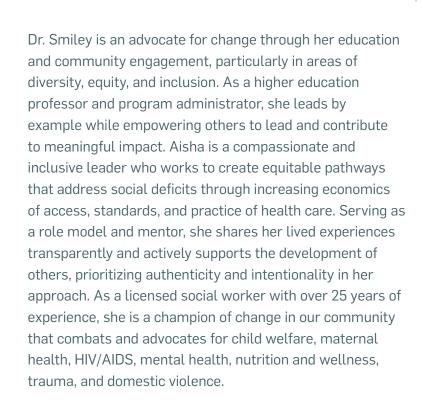




Sarah LeBlanc was nominated for her devotion to empowering women, specifically through menstrual education and combatting period poverty. Built on her research around period equity and the effects of menstruation on teen's mental health, she works with various organizations and the statehouse to champion for tax elimination on menstrual products and provision of free products in schools. In her role at PFW, she engages students in initiatives like Trunk n' Treats and health fairs. to educate others about period tracking, preparedness, and more. Sarah serves as a role model and mentor to young people with uteruses, helping them strengthen their voice around menstrual health and making the community more comfortable discussing an issue that is often ignored.









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ABOUT THE WOMEN'S NETWORK

MISSION

Greater Fort Wayne Inc.'s Women's Network exists to connect, inspire, and empower women. We do this by convening programs and events that encourage career enrichment and professional development.

VISION

We strive to embrace and unite the many individuals and organizations that support the diversity of our community. We look forward to connecting the individuals, networks, and organizations that support women in our great community, helping us to build a nationally recognized economy in Allen County.

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