



## DESCRIPTION

The United Way of Pioneer Valley officially launched the Women's Leadership Council in FY 2013. Our mission is to help women become a powerful philanthropic force in the community, impacting the lives of women and girls for generations to come. The vision of the Women's Leadership Council is to be "the most recognized, esteemed and flourishing network of its kind, to maximize the contribution of women to the Council and their communities –locally, nationally and globally.

## ACCOMPLISHMENT

**What have we achieved? We've raised more than \$50,000 over the last three years to fund programs and services for girls and women throughout the Pioneer Valley.**

## GRANT MAKING

### 2014

- **S.T.E.M.** – Robotics Summer Camp for middle school students at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) - **\$7,000**

### 2015

- **Girl's Inc.** – Holyoke – "The Voya Investment Challenge" an Economic and Financial Literacy program for middle school girls. - **\$3,500**
- **YMCA Springfield** – YMCA Empower your Life – Financial literacy training for survivors of domestic violence increasing their ability to live independent of their abusers - **\$3,500**
- **Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts** – Credit for Life – Recruitment and training of adult volunteers to offer financial management and literacy programs for middle and high school girls in Hampden County – **\$3,500**

## 2016

- **Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts** – JA It's My Future – Career Exploration program for middle school girls through Hampden County - **\$2,500**
- **Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts** – Discovery Science Program for middle school girls. Program sponsored in collaboration with STCC - **\$2,500**
- **Catholic Charities** – Homecoming Plus program. Financial literacy and education for immigrant women in the Greater Springfield area. Each participant received up to \$500.00 for their micro-business enterprise - **\$2,500**
- **Nuestra Raices** – Support of five (5) women to participate in SPARK initiative through the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Women will develop a business plan, build financial management skills and repair their credit - **\$2,500**

## VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT/ DAY OF CARING

### 2015

- Girls Inc. of Holyoke – Painting and landscaping
- STEM Middle Academy – Painting and landscaping
- Springfield Boys and Girls Club – Stem and Financial Literacy Workshop for Girls

### 2016

- Dress for Success Store at Eastfield Mall

## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Annual Membership Contributions (tax deductible)
- Annual Wine, Beer and Food Tasting Gala (2014, 2016, & 2017)
- 1st Annual Celebrity Bartenders event in collaboration w/UWPV – 2016