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# Women's Fund

Transforming our community by investing in women and girls



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## Pathways to Progress

### The Funders of *Pathways to Progress*

In January the WNY Women's Fund and the UB Regional Institute unveiled the findings of their 18-month study, *Pathways to Progress*. It is the **first region-wide assessment** of the status of women and girls in our community. *Pathways to Progress* establishes a baseline of understanding across the issue of economic security, education, wellness, safety and leadership by reviewing existing data and collecting new insights from hundreds of conversations with women and girls. It is a call to action for the Fund and our community to create a more vital, sustainable and competitive region.

We will be highlighting each of the five pathways in our newsletters. The metaphor of a pathway is used to show how a person's health, economic status, education and civic engagement are all intertwined. The report shows roadblocks, intervention points, best practices and points of advocacy.

Over the last few months, *Pathways to Progress* has been presented to hundreds of people in more than twenty different settings from the Junior League of Buffalo to the Buffalo Public Schools District Meeting of Principles and Supervisors to the New York State Women's Legislative Caucus.

*Pathways to Progress* is an initiative of the WNY Women's Fund, and was developed and produced by the University at Buffalo Regional Institute. Additional support was provided by eight generous foundations and companies. The Executive Summary, the Full Report, and a compelling new video generously produced and underwritten by Delaware North Companies, are available on-line at [www.wnywomensfund.org](http://www.wnywomensfund.org).

If you are affiliated with a group or organization that would like to learn more about *Pathways to Progress* please contact our office.

#### The WNY Women's Fund acknowledges the following for their generous support of *Pathways to Progress*:

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## Spring/Summer 2010

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### WHAT SHE'S MADE OF

Join us for an Evening with Emmy Award Winning Congressional Correspondent and best-selling author, **Cokie Roberts**

Wednesday, July 21, 2010  
 6:00 p.m.

Kleinhans Music Hall

(see page 7 for more information)

At this premiere fundraiser, the Women's Fund is proud to feature as keynote speaker a woman who has pioneered the voices of women in broadcast journalism, championed the role of women in politics and highlighted the importance of mothers, daughters and sisters in the shaping of America.

For additional information or to make reservations for this event, please contact our office at 716.887.2621 or [www.whatsheismadeof.org](http://www.whatsheismadeof.org).

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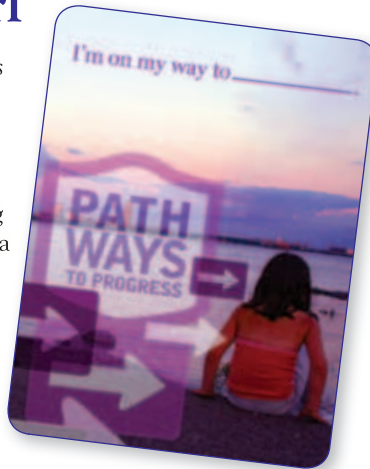
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# Pathways to Progress – Maria – A middle school aged girl

We will be highlighting one of the five profiles in *Pathways to Progress* in each of our newsletters. For each pathway, the report identifies roadblocks and leverage points where we can invest to help each woman or girl overcome those roadblocks. The full report is available on our website at [www.wnywomensfund.org](http://www.wnywomensfund.org). This month, we will be looking at Maria, one of 35,000 adolescent girls in Erie and Niagara Counties.

As an adolescent, Maria is navigating this confusing and often difficult transition for girls. Her Pathway to Progress requires a foundation in a strong education, the information and guidance to make smart choices about sex, and a healthy body and mind.



## Roadblocks to Strong Academic Foundations:

- WNY girls' academic performance drops across the board between 4th and 8th grade, especially in urban districts
- By 8th grade, at least 2,000 girls are not meeting standards in major subject areas
- Buffalo's annual high school dropout rate is nearly triple the regional average, and even exceeds the dropout average for the state's five largest city school districts

## Roadblocks to Smart Choices About Relationships and Sex:

- Teen pregnancy in WNY is concentrated where poverty levels are high and single-parent households predominate; for example 14201, 14203 and 14301 zip codes.

## Roadblocks to Good Health, Confidence and Freedom from Violence:

- Physical activity levels are lower for girls than boys in Upstate NY both in scheduled activities and sports
- 1 in 5 Elementary Students in Upstate NY are overweight or obese
- Approximately 9% of teen girls in WNY, ages 15-19, have had chlamydia or gonorrhea

## The good news is that there are ways that these roadblocks can be removed, including several important leverage points:

- **Leverage Point #1:** Provide quality afterschool and summer programs and mentoring opportunities
- **Leverage Point #2:** Expose girls to career and technical education and academic enrichment, particularly in gender nontraditional fields
- **Leverage Point #3:** Broaden access to comprehensive sex education, targeting at-risk districts
- **Leverage Point #4:** Support increased physical activity levels among girls

Investing in girls is investing in the future of WNY. Supporting academic success for girls gives them a fair chance at life, preparing them for college, training and a career. It is cultivating the region's next generation of leaders, community activists, scientists, athletes and parents. Stronger, smarter, healthier and happier girls build financial security for women and families and support sustainable communities. Investing in girls makes economic sense.

## What If: We Cut in Half the Number of Teen Pregnancies in a Year?

- There would be 550 fewer teen moms
- 550 girls would likely stay in school, leading to 360 who may earn a bachelor's degree, with about one-quarter going on to earn a graduate degree. 190 girls will attend a two-year college or obtain career and technical training with at least a living wage.
- Armed with college degrees and marketable training, they would earn \$7.7 million more every year, an average of \$15,000 each, than if they had dropped out of school or stopped their education at a high school diploma or GED.

# Letter from the Executive Director

What an exciting time to be a part of the WNY Women's Fund! The release of *Pathways to Progress* in January has been a catalyst for increased discussion and focus on the issues affecting women and girls. I have spoken to more than 20 organizations and groups on findings from *Pathways to Progress*. It is now time to bring our recommendations to life through convenings, investing and advocacy. The former grants committee will be reestablished as Pathways for Impact committee and will be charged with implementing the leverage points the Fund will lead:



Brigid Doherty

- **Maria:** Quality afterschool and summer programs and mentoring opportunities
- **Maria:** Expose girls to career and technical education and academic enrichment, particularly in gender nontraditional fields
- **Gina:** Provide educational and vocational training toward career pathways
- **Gina:** Support child care affordability, quality and accessibility

There continue to be more opportunities to get involved with the Fund and our grantee partners, please contact us if you are interested.

On April 1, 2010, **Tricia Semmelhack** ends her three year term as Board President. Tricia's passion, drive, and strategic thinking have allowed the Women's Fund to reach new heights. On a personal note, Tricia has been a fantastic mentor and friend. I thank her for her leadership. I would also like to thank **Alice Kryzan, Jayne Rand, and Anne Saldanha**, three Board Members whose terms have ended. Each has provided extraordinary service on behalf of the Women's Fund and the women and girls in our community.

**Please contact the Fund's  
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the mailing list.**



Bridgid Doherty, Elizabeth Marks and Laurie Dann



Breakfast attendee

## Women's History Month and Much More!

On March 4, the WNY Women's Fund co-presented a day-long celebration to kick-off Women's History Month and the collaboration around *Pathways to Progress*. Over fifteen organizations hosted tables in the afternoon at the Buffalo & Erie County Central Library providing information about their services to the public. A Press Conference was held announcing that 12 Women's organizations are supporting *Pathways to Progress* through convening, conversations, and investments in specific leverage points. Also the Women's History Month calendar was presented highlighting local activities and performances during the month of March around the community.

Following the press conference, the Junior League of Buffalo and WNY Women's Fund hosted a cupcake and champagne reception. The cupcakes, generously donated by Butterwood Desserts, were a huge hit. The day provided an opportunity for women's organizations to recognize the women who came before us and the future endeavors that will build a stronger community.

### Thank you to the following organizations for their commitment to the WNY Women's Fund and Pathways to Progress:

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# Breakfast Series 2010

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, the WNY Women's Fund, in collaboration with Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, presented our first installment of the 2010 Breakfast Series entitled, *How To Raise a Philanthropist*.

A three person panel moderated by Clotilde Dedecker, CEO of Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, addressed ways in which philanthropy can be embraced by young people and become part of a family's culture. Panelists were Laurie Dann, Elizabeth Marks and Brigid Doherty. Each had a different approach to engaging their family.

Laurie Dann set aside an amount of money for her four nieces and nephews, age 6 to 21 to allocate to one of six charities after they each visited and analyzed the organizations. Ms. Dann recommended the book, "Wealth in Families" by Charles W. Collier, which is available on Amazon.com.

The Marks family participates in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund sponsored by Community Foundation. Elizabeth Marks explained that as a member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund, an individual or group is able to cast a vote to decide which pre-selected not-for-profit agency will receive a \$100,000 grant from the Foundation.

Brigid Doherty demonstrated the way in which a "moon jar" introduced her young children to the concept of fiscal responsibility as well as philanthropy. The moon jar has three compartments –one for saving, one for sharing and one for spending. An effective way to get children involved in philanthropy at a very young age, the moon jars are available for purchase through [www.moonjar.com](http://www.moonjar.com).

In the end, everyone agreed that benefits of being charitable were as great for the giver as for the receiver. As special thanks to WNY Women's Fund Board Member, Margery Nobel, for underwriting the Breakfast Series.

### Resources for Family Giving:

<http://learningtogive.org>  
<http://www.2164.net>  
<http://www.greatschools.org/parenting/teaching-values/family-volunteer-opportunities.gs?content=159>  
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**– Anthony Foti, M.D. and Kelly Foti, member of the WNY Women's Fund's Donor  
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BlueCross BlueShield has long advocated for broader access to affordable care, and we are committed to offering health care programs that provide coverage for low-income individuals and families such as HealthyNY, Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus. In addition, we have an experienced, committed and caring staff that works one-on-one to help people enroll, taking the anxiety out of obtaining coverage.

BlueCross BlueShield also supports initiatives that bring hands-on care to more people, such as the Emerson Young Medical Clinic at the Commodore Perry Housing Complex. Through this partnership with Sheehan Health Services, thousands of people receive low-to-no cost care, including preventive and well-child care. And through our Online Care program launching in 2010, we will be the first health plan in Western New York to provide access to doctors, online or telephonically, when and where people need care.

We have also led the fight against problems debilitating to Western New York's women and children, with solutions that go well beyond our membership.

Our Right Start prenatal care program – targeted to reducing the incidence of low birth-weight babies among low-income women in

our region – provides comprehensive prenatal and neo-natal care for mothers and babies in need. And our Wipe Out Lead campaign – in partnership with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo – aims to eradicate lead poisoning in our children, particularly those in low-income urban neighborhoods where the risk is greatest. In less than a year, more than 650 children have been tested and 100 homes

have been remediated. BlueCross BlueShield has also initiated programs in conjunction with our health care providers to increase immunization against childhood diseases.

Through health and education partnerships with groups like the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo and with our adopted school, Public School 89, we're supporting literacy and math skills as well as fitness and nutrition programs to more holistically treat the challenges children and their caregivers face.

And BlueCross BlueShield partners with the Buffalo Public Schools and charitable organizations around the region to provide opportunities for children and adults of all backgrounds to improve literacy and health, as the two go hand-in-hand.

We also regularly meet with community groups to educate children and adults on topics of day-today concern like bicycle safety and ways to prevent or end tobacco use. And our employees spend thousands of hours volunteering and raising funds to help people in the communities around us.

BlueCross BlueShield couldn't have been the region's leading health plan for nearly 75 years without our community's support, and we are proud to give back to the place we call home.

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## Fall In Fashion 2009

One of Buffalo's most highly-anticipated events, **Fall In Fashion** brings nearly 300 women to the Buffalo Club each fall for fun and high fashion! The luncheon, which is consistently sold out, was highlighted in 2009 by an incredible auction of designer clothing and accessories, and luxurious services. The most successful Fall In Fashion to date, the 2009 event raised more than \$33,000. Special thanks to the dedicated event planning committee, lead by co-chairs Kate Foley, Lisa Friedman and Jody Ulrich.

Fall In Fashion 2010 will be co-chaired by Alison Keane, Michele Lee and Kristin Somers. Please join us!

Thank you to the 2010 Co-chairs: Jodie Ulrich, Kate Foley and Lisa Friedman.

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Transforming our community by investing in women and girls

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The mission of the WNY Women's Fund is to be a leader in identifying, communicating and funding innovative, effective solutions that improve the lives of women and girls in Western New York.

The Fund is a collaborative effort between the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Tara Singer-Blumberg was finishing her second term as Board member of the WNY Law Center when she heard about the WNY Women's Fund from Executive Director, Brigid Doherty. She was looking for a new volunteer opportunity and liked everything she had heard about the Fund, so she decided to join the Signature Event Committee (now known as the "What She's Made Of" Committee).

Tara says the thing she finds most compelling about the WNY Women's Fund is the fact that, unlike most charities, the Fund goes beyond simply giving out money to women in need. The fact that the Fund works to make systemic changes, so that women can get to the point where they can prosper on their own, was the most compelling draw for her.

A labor relations specialist for New York State United Teachers, Tara is truly disheartened by the statistics of the number of women living below poverty, raising children in single-family homes. To that end, Tara says, "I hope that over time, and with all the great work that the Women's Fund does, that we can change those statistics, and instead, some day, draw attention to the number of accomplished, self supporting, successful women in our community".

The WNY Women's Fund is growing, and so is our volunteer base! If you would like more information on how to get involved, please visit our website at [www.wnywomensfund.org](http://www.wnywomensfund.org) or call 716.887.2621.



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