The 18th Annual
Making a Difference Luncheon

Friday, May 5, 2023
The Desmond Hotel, Malvern
We're honoring Margaret "Peg" Scholl, a long-time supporter of The Fund, who was a well-loved community builder and a great connector.
Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining The Fund for Women and Girls at our 18th Annual Making a Difference Luncheon: Past. Present. Funding Our Future. Each year we gather, inspired by our joint commitment to advance women and girls in Chester County. Each year, we walk away from this event renewed and energized to ignite even more change in our community!

Today we are thrilled to honor Kitchen Table Award winner Loretta Perna for her tireless work to motivate, equip, and transition high school students to post-secondary education and adulthood. Her work transforms individuals, families, and communities. We cannot wait to celebrate her incredible impact on so many lives.

We also want to extend our deep gratitude to all of YOU. Thank you for joining us in our fight for a future that is safe and equitable for all. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment will propel this community forward!

Most sincerely,

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To Luncheon Committee Members
Maxine Cuffe and Sonal Gandhi
This year's dynamic guest speaker is Yasmine Mustafa, who grew up in Royersford, PA. She will unite and inspire attendees in her keynote talk about her local roots, her path to adulthood, and her tech career.

Yasmine Mustafa is fueled by a passion to leverage technology for good. She is a social entrepreneur, activist, and the founder of ROAR for Good @roarforgood, a company that creates wearable technology for personal safety. She is also the co-founder of Girl Develop It, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable technology classes to help women learn how to code in a safe, judgment-free zone. Mustafa has been recognized for her work by numerous organizations, including Forbes, CNN, and Philadelphia Magazine.

Dedicated to fostering inclusive opportunities in business and education, Yasmine draws upon her own experiences as an immigrant and woman in tech to create a platform for conversation and igniting change. In addition to ROAR, Yasmine launched the Philadelphia chapter of Girl Develop It (a non-profit providing affordable opportunities for women to learn software development) and serves on the board of Coded by Kids (a non-profit providing free tech education to inner-city youth).
Loretta Perna has worked tirelessly for two decades to motivate, equip, and transition high school students to post-secondary education and adulthood. Through the Walk In kNowledge (WIN) program, Loretta provides extra support to students at Kennett High School, which enables them to perform their best academically, become more involved in their school and community, and prepare for their futures.

Through WIN, Loretta prepares these young individuals for college and provides them with the confidence and leadership skills needed to thrive. A critical component of Loretta’s success is the mentorship she gives to all of the students she works with, but especially to Latina girls. Loretta builds strong, trusting relationships with the girls and their families, guiding them through the college application process and into their post-secondary education. Loretta celebrates the accomplishments of her students with a deep conviction that anything is possible with a little guidance, a lot of hard work, and a creative outlook.

The Fund for Women and Girls is thrilled to celebrate and uplift the accomplishments of Loretta Perna. She is an incredible advocate for girls and all young people in our Chester County community.
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Congrats to The Fund on their 18th annual ‘Making a Difference’ Luncheon, and to all of you who make a difference. Though these efforts make noticeable impact on our Chester County Community, we are reminded by the Blueprint Report that there is still much to be done.

Today we are missing Peg’s infectious smile and warm welcome. Let us unite in her loving spirit and passion to continue making a difference.

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- Serena Williams

We are proud to support the 18th Annual Making A Difference Luncheon. Thank you to the Fund for Women and Girls for ensuring that women and girls have opportunities to thrive.
Congratulations to this year’s Kitchen Table Award winner Loretta Perna! Your dedication and hard work are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for your tireless work supporting the youth of Chester County!

We are proud to support The Fund for Women and Girls as it creates opportunities and empowers women and girls in the community.

Pattie & Mike Diggin
Congratulations to Loretta Perna on receiving the Kitchen Table Award.

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We are delighted to join The Fund for Women & Girls in celebrating Loretta Perna for the contributions she has made to strengthening our community.
Loretta,

Thank you for your amazing contributions to the lives of so many young people in our community!

Christina Norland and Ben Horine
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