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The 19th Annual

Making a Difference

LUNCHEON

Building an Equitable Future

Friday, May 3rd, 2024
The Desmond Hotel, Malvern

AGENDA

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration Opens

Networking, Learning, and Fun!

- Meet The Fund's grantee partners and learn more about The Fund.
- Visit the **WSFS Cares Foundation *Building an Equitable Future Wall*** to share how YOU want to build brighter future!

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Lunch is served!

- After lunch enjoy ***Sweet Support*** provided by **West Pharmaceuticals!**

Building an Equitable Future

- Panel Discussion: **The Power of We in Building an Equitable Future.**
- Kitchen Table Award ceremony, honoring **Daicy Cañas.**



Dear Friends,

We are so excited to celebrate our collective work together at the 19th Annual Making A Difference Luncheon. We are proud to feature incredible community members who work tirelessly to improve the lives of women, girls, and individuals with lived female experiences.

Over the past 28 years, The Fund has donated almost \$4.5 million to over 95 organizations in Chester County. These organizations provide critically needed direct support and it is an honor to partner with them, and highlight their work during this celebration.

This event could not occur without the hard work of many, for whom we are grateful. We appreciate your ongoing support, and look forward to many more incredible years together.



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU
to
The Engagement Committee
Dawn Pratt, Erin Rafter,
Natalia Santiago-Vasquez,
Harriet Mobley, and Gabrielle E.



KITCHEN TABLE AWARD WINNER

Daicy Cañas

Daicy's journey from Guanajuato, Mexico, to Pennsylvania at the age of 10 has been marked by resilience, compassion, and a deep commitment to giving back. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology from West Chester University, Daicy felt a strong calling to support her community, having experienced firsthand the challenges of navigating a new country.

Driven by her passion for empowering young women, Daicy joined YoungMoms, an organization dedicated to providing support, resources, and skills to pregnant and parenting young women in Kennett Square. Over the course of seven years, the last four as Program Director, Daicy worked tirelessly to ensure that every young mom received the assistance they needed to overcome obstacles and build a better future for themselves and their families.

Under Daicy's leadership, YoungMoms flourished, becoming a beacon of hope and opportunity for countless young women in the community. Her dedication and commitment have transformed the lives of many, inspiring them to pursue their dreams and achieve their goals.

Daicy's unwavering dedication to improve the lives of women and girls in Chester County embodies the spirit of the Kitchen Table Award. Her tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals, exemplifying the mission of The Fund for Women and Girls.



PANEL OF EXPERTS

The Power of We in Building an Equitable Future

Our diverse panel of experts will delve into the intersection of maternal and caregiver health, the care economy, and social justice. Together, we'll explore the challenges faced by women and girls of all backgrounds and discuss innovative solutions to create a more inclusive and supportive environment.



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The WSFS CARES Foundation sees every chance to support a local nonprofit as an opportunity to grow and enrich our Community. We're honored to support the positive impact made by the **The Fund For Women & Girls - 19th Annual Making a Difference Luncheon.**





Congrats to The Fund on their 19th annual 'Making a Difference' Luncheon, and to all of you who make a difference. Though these efforts make a noticeable impact on our Chester County Community, we are reminded by the Blueprint Report that there is still much to be done.

Let us join together to find ways to build a more equitable future in our community!

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-Pam Bryer



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**We wish to extend our heartfelt
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Daicy Cañas

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