



United Way of Greater Houston

# POWER OF WOMEN

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2009-2010 WOMEN'S INITIATIVE

**Do something about it.**



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The United Way Women's Initiative is a group of community-minded women who come together to make Houston a better place to live and work. These philanthropic leaders are a powerful force of change in our community. Women's Initiative members set a strong example for others to follow and help shape the future of our community.

In 2008-09, 597 Women's Initiative members made personal gifts of \$2,500 or more contributing a total of \$3.5 million, a nine percent increase over the previous year.

United Way Women's Initiative members believe in the work of United Way and encourage giving back to the community. By leveraging skills, relationships and resources in support of United Way of Greater Houston, they make a profound difference in individual lives and the quality of life we all enjoy.

## Our Goals

- To lead the way and be a catalyst for change in our community
- To involve our community's most powerful women by engaging women in the workplace, business leaders and community volunteers

**Join Us** Our members are generous and dedicated supporters of United Way of Greater Houston. We invite women who share our commitment to *do something about it* for our community to join the Women's Initiative.

- Alexis de Tocqueville Society (\$10,000 plus)
- Leadership Circle (\$5,000 to \$9,999)
- Chairman's Club Gold (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

United Way Women's Initiative members know the difference their gift makes in our community. Members have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational, social and networking events.

If you would like to learn more about United Way of Greater Houston and the Women's Initiative contact, Jordan Wiggins at 713-685-2324 or visit [www.unitedwayhouston.org](http://www.unitedwayhouston.org).



"The power of women, the power of friendship, the power of improving our community and a whole lot of fun—that's what the Women's Initiative of the United Way is all about."

**LYNNE LIBERATO**, PARTNER AND MEMBER OF THE FIRM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HAYNES AND BOONE LLP



"Joining together with other women in our community provides not only networking opportunities but a chance to make a positive philanthropic impact."

**LYNN MATHRE**, PRESIDENT, ASSET MANAGEMENT ADVISORS

"Women's Initiative allows professionals of different backgrounds the opportunity to learn more about the needs of Houston and how they can make a positive impact through philanthropic giving."

**SHARON MICHAEL OWENS**, VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, CENTERPOINT ENERGY



"Women working together can make significant contributions to Houston's future. The Women's Initiative allows us to do that while expanding our friendships and networking opportunities."

**DIANA M. HUDSON**, COMMUNITY AND ALUMNI RELATIONS PARTNER, ANDREWS KURTH LLP

"The United Way Women's Initiative is a group of empowered women doing what empowered people do—reaching out to others, and having a fun and heartfelt time doing it."

**ANN E. DEATON**, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, INVESTMENTS, UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.



"By our nature as women, we are creators, nurturers and givers. The Women's Initiative of the United Way gives us an opportunity to help our community by doing what we do best. I am proud of us."

**TRINIDAD MENDENHALL SOSA**, TRINI & OC MENDENHALL FOUNDATION

"It is important to help fund solutions to make the community thrive. The United Way is the best way to address so many of the needs in Houston. The giving complete—it is the essence of a social service network—what a network!"

**JOYCELYN MAREK**, PRESIDENT, MAREKSOLUTIONS



"The Houston community has seen the power of women working together as the Women's Initiative has grown. We share a passion for giving back to our community and to each other."

**ANNE TAYLOR**, VICE CHAIRMAN AND REGIONAL MANAGING PARTNER MID-AMERICA, DELOITTE AND TOUCHE USA LLP

"The outreach of these women members—outstanding and selfless—is remarkable to witness, and I am proud to be a small part of this great effort. The Women's Initiative is making a positive difference in the lives of those in need in our great city."

**PAULA W. HINTON**, PARTNER, VINSON AND ELKINS LLP



"The Women's Initiative is a way for community-minded women in Houston to join together in philanthropy, volunteerism and form a wonderful network throughout a diverse women's business environment."

**SUE PAYNE**, MANAGER, GEOSCIENCE RESOURCES, EXXONMOBIL EXPLORATION COMPANY



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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

**MARGARET MEAD**

When you give to United Way, you can be sure that your donations help those who need it most and keep our social safety net strong. United Way is our community's leader and trusted partner when it comes to the social service issues that touch our lives and shape our families' futures.

As a leader who cares about our community, we invite you to *do something about it*. Please join this group of like-minded, philanthropic women today to impact even greater change in Houston...the United Way!

FOR CHILDREN  
FOR FAMILIES  
FOR SENIORS  
FOR LIVES  
**FOR HOUSTON**