

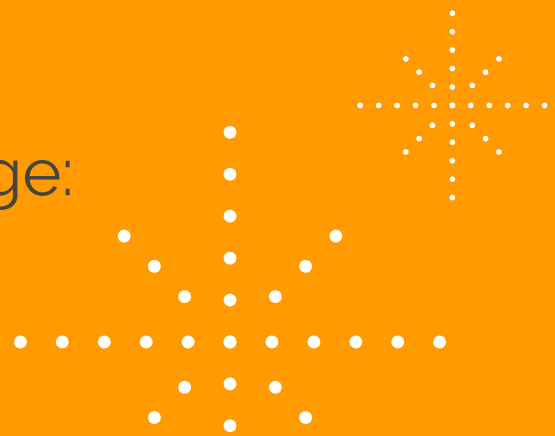


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2020

Women Leading Change:
Our Voices Matter
September 30, 2020





Program

5:45 Event begins with Music by Brooke Annibale and auction registration online

6:00 Welcome: Kelly Nevins, Executive Director

Gender Equity Champion Speaker:
Mary-dith Tuitt

Fund the Future Fundraising
Appeal and Live Auction

Gender Equity Awards

-Susan Farmer Advocacy
Award: Vanessa Volz

-WFRI Leadership Award: Arlene
Violet



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WERI Mission

The mission of the Women's Fund of Rhode Island is to invest in women and girls through research, advocacy, grant making and strategic partnerships designed to achieve gender equity through systemic change.



Through the Women's Policy Institute, we have trained almost 100 women across the state to draft legislation and advocate for policies that help make R.I. a more equitable place to live. The fellows come from all walks of life with many different levels of experience in policy work. Participants successfully advocated for paid family leave and pregnancy accommodations in the workplace. These policies have been signed into RI law. Several participants have successfully run for political office; others have stayed involved in advocating for community change through a variety of organizations and coalitions.

Gender Equity Champion Speaker



Mary-dith E. Tuitt, "Ms. Mary" graduated from Boston Technical High School in 1985 and entered the United States Navy after 1 year of delayed entry. Mary served fourteen (14) years as a [AD3] Navy Aviation Machinists Mate, first on active duty and then in the active and inactive Reserves. Mary reached out to the military archive to research women of color in the USN, and in 2010 she received information that as far as the archival research shows she might be the first African American female Aviation Machinist Mate (jet mechanic) in the Navy.

Mary served as former Chief of Staff for State Representative Gloria L. Fox MA beginning in 2009; she has worked as Constituent Services Coordinator for Boston City Councilor Charles Yancey, providing support to the underserved communities of Boston; and has worked on various political campaigns. Over the years Mary has always been involved and vested in her community. She has been active with organizations and groups that focus on Veteran's and Women's Issues. She presently serves as Commissioner and on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women; Executive Committee of the National Association of Commissions on Status of Women. She serves as Commander at the Wm. E. Carter American Legion Post 16 and the Organization of African American Veterans. She formerly served on The Boston Veterans Advisory Council and as an Associate Member of the Veterans of Foreign War post 1018.

Mary is a proud mother of two children, a daughter Mya and a son Maliek. She is a life-long believer in "giving back to the community" and uses her many skills to enrich, enhance and empower her Community.

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Gender Equity Awardees



WFRI Leadership Award

Arlene Violet is a native Rhode Islander. She completed her undergraduate studies at Salve Regina University, and received her Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School. She was a Sister of Mercy for twenty-three years, working on behalf of the poor. Violet was a public interest attorney practicing consumer law, environmental law and developmental disability law. She was elected the first female Attorney General in the United States. For almost eighteen years she has been a top talk show host, she was a member of the inaugural class inducted into the Rhode Island Radio Hall of Fame.



Susan Farmer Advocacy Award

Vanessa Volz has been the Executive Director of Sojourner House since 2011. During her tenure, the agency has developed new programming (including an immigration advocacy program, clinical program, rapid re-housing program, and shelter for victims of human trafficking), more than tripled its operational budget, and established an agency endowment fund. Volz previously served as a staff attorney at the Rhode Island Disability Law Center (recently re-named Disability Rights Rhode Island), and she has published articles in the UC Berkeley Reproductive Rights casebook and the Rutgers University Women's Rights Law Reporter. She teaches at Rhode Island College in their Gender and Women Studies Program, and she also periodically serves as a visiting professor at Wheaton College. She previously served as the Board President of the Women's Health and Education Fund (WHEF) in Rhode Island, which provides financial assistance to individuals seeking reproductive health care, and she is the current board President of the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless (RICH). She is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, Bard College, Leadership Rhode Island, and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program.

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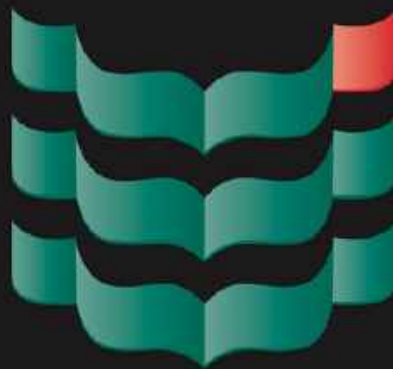


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Unpacking Privilege. At times, hearing feedback about privilege, race, and gender can sting. These important conversations can feel like attacks. Let's unpack some different areas of privilege:

White privilege, able-bodied privilege, civic privilege, and cisgender privilege. Let's learn how to receive feedback and be better allies. We'll learn from the personal experiences of people doing work to help others understand the privilege they may not even know that they possess.

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Live Auction #1

Tuscany



Italian Casa- **Two couples** can enjoy a 7-day vacation at one of the many Italian properties located in the ancient town of Manciano, which is known for their Sienese style fortress. The available houses are:

- Bambini features a large patio, two bedrooms, and two baths, with a kitchen/family room
- La Terrazza is in the "old town" surrounded by the medieval history of Manaciano
- Verdanda, located at the base of the castle Fiorella, with its ancient stone walls, just steps away.
- Bellavista located in our sister Etruscan hill town
- Pitigliano offers the most magnificent views.
- Casa Cantina is unique with stone walls.
- aRosavia, our newly restored 2 bedroom 2 bath house in a nearby hamlet, Poderi

Most feature two bedrooms, two baths, with showers, a kitchen, and a living room. All are charming homes created to enhance the joy of living the Tuscan Dream. The homes are an easy one hour by car from Rome airport and close to Siena and Firenze. Trips are scheduled either Saturday to Saturday, Thursday-Thursday or Friday-Friday depending on the unit selected. No expiration date.

\$4,550 Value

Live Auction #2

Board Select Wine Package



Add to your wine collection with 13 bottles hand-selected by WFRI board members

Anchor & Hope, Mendo Old Vine Red Wine, 2017

Kelley Fox Wines, Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Blanc, 2018

MacMurray Estate Vineyards, Sonoma County Pinot Noir, 2016

Mount Veeder Winery, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, 2016

Meiom, Pinot Noir, Vintage 2014

Michael David Winery, "Freakshow" Cabernet Sauvignon

Michael David Winery, Petite Sirah, 2017

Lambert de Seysse, Petit Royal Grand Vin Mousseux

Lohn, Seven Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon, 2017

Viña Zorzal, Graciano, 2015Cantine

Valpane, Rosa Ruske, 1898

Las Jaras Wines, Mendocino Country, Rosé, 2019

Las Jaras Wines, Mendocino Country, Red Wine 2018

Nashoba Valley Wines, Semi-Sweet Blueberry Wine
Napa Cellars, Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2016

\$450 Value

Live Auction #3
Wine/Cheese Tasting for 12
from Gracie's PVD



Host a Virtual Wine Tasting and Conversation with two of our sommeliers Elizabeth and John for your guests via zoom in their own homes. This package will include hand-delivered wine to your guests' home, link to the wine tasting, choose your own wine varietal, and an Artisan cheese sampling to accompany your wine.

\$900 Value

Live Auction #4

Mexico Getaway



The trip for two includes an 8-day and 7-night vacation in a five-star resort. Immerse yourself in the natural wonders, scenic ancient ruins, soaring cliffs, charming people, inspired art, superb food, tangy tequila, and parties along the playa in Mexico! Regardless of the destination you choose, you'll stay in a four- or five-star luxury hotel, replete with convenient amenities to make your stay everything you desire.

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