



University Women's Foundation
of Jefferson County

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION HISTORY

Look How Far We Have Come

1994-95—AAUW PT established UWF as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation to accomplish its philanthropic goals and to pursue its mission. The original investment was a \$7,566 seed grant from members and branch fundraisers like the Centrum Food Concession (1986-91), piano concerts, and theater events. The branch named its first Named Gift Honorees and UWF made a donation to AAUW National's Education Foundation.

1994-96—In 1994, an annual Academic Award was first granted to East Jefferson women returning to college. In 1995, an Expanding Your Horizons Conference was held in Chimacum to interest local girls in science and math careers. Career Day began for 8th graders in East Jefferson schools in 1996, and a 10-year pledge program started to grow the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Gay Eisenberger served as UWF president and later served AAUW-WA in several leadership roles, including president in 2002-04.

1996-98—The first Kitchen Tour was held in May 1998 as a major fundraiser for UWF projects. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$25,831 on 12/31/1997. Roberta Frissell served as president.

1998-2000—The branch and UWF voted to name the first scholarship from the Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of our branch leader Elmira K. Beyer. Donations in Elmira K. Beyer's honor helped to increase the Scholarship Endowment Fund to \$42,000 by November 1998. In 1999, non-endowed scholarships of \$500 were first given to a graduate from each East Jefferson high school. The scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$60,223 on 12/31/1999. Helen Brink served as president.

2000-02—The first Elmira K. Beyer Endowed Scholarship (\$4,500) was awarded in 2002, four years ahead of the planned schedule, to an East Jefferson woman returning to college. UWF sponsored a Parent Connection Event to help families explore college and vocational training options. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$84,824 on 12/31/2001. Valerie Parker served as president.

2002-03—STEM awards were first given to girls at East Jefferson high schools through the AAUW Washington Scholars Recognition Project. Scholarships of \$1000 were given to a graduate of each East Jefferson high school and the Elmira K. Beyer Endowed Scholarship was \$5,000. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$105,368 on 12/31/2003. Anne Schneider served as president.

2003-05—High School scholarships were raised to \$1,500 each in 2004. Non-endowed Academic Awards for women returning to college were reinstated, with the 2005 scholarship given in memory of Virginia Wolfe, branch leader. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$129,879 on 12/31/2005. Macy Galbreath served as president.

2005-07—In 2006, Chimacum Phonics and Grant Street backpack projects started for kindergarteners. Annual Appeal donations totaled \$5,845, with an additional \$435 coming from the sale of Kathy Constantine's picture cards. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$149,960 on 12/31/07. Carole Franklin served as president.

2007-09—The 2009 Silent Auction earned \$1269 with proceeds sent to AAUW National for the Education Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Named Gift Honoree. The 2009 Kitchen Tour netted more than \$11,000. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$195,148 on 12/31/09. Katherine Buchanan served as president.

2009-11--The kindergarten program at Grant Street expanded to include an after-school tutoring program. Math Competency projected started for 3rd graders in East Jefferson schools. The Community Projects Grant application was developed. The Elmira K. Beyer Endowed Scholarship was raised to \$7,500 in 2010, with additional funds from a holiday wreath project. The concept of a second endowed scholarship was started with the 5x5 Campaign (a pledge of \$500 for 5 years). The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$229,547 on 12/31/2011. Kay Goetz served as president.

2011-13—The first Tech Trek scholarships were awarded for incoming 7th grade girls to attend an AAUW-WA STEM 2013 summer camp. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$263,315 on June 30, 2013 following a change in fiscal year. Rodie Abrams served as president.

2013-2015—An Academic Endowed Scholarship was approved and awarded. A second named endowed scholarship was established for women studying, law, medicine or the arts, following a \$50,000 donation by Lisa T. Painter. UWF signed an affiliation agreement with AAUW National and re-wrote the bylaws to insure that any remaining endowment funds will remain in Jefferson County should AAUW PT dissolve. The total amount of scholarships awarded in 2015 was \$41,300. A donation of \$40,000 was received for the Endowment Fund from the Clarence Beyer Estate. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$402,249 on June 30 2015. Jeanie Glaspell served as president.

2015-17—Funds for a new scholarship, the UWF Environmental Scholarship were donated to UWF by Marcia Coleman. In 2017, Marcia awarded a second Environmental Scholarship also for \$3000. The total amount of scholarships awarded in 2016 was \$49,600. The total amount awarded in 2017 was \$54,800. Seven local 7th grade girls attended Tech Trek. The Scholarship Endowment Fund was valued at \$447,960 on June 30, 2017. Budgeted funds for projects totaled \$7405 and included

Career Days, Literacy Projects at Grant Street and Chimacum, Math projects at Grant Street and Chimacum. The bylaws were further modified at the behest of AAUW National. Michael Kubec served as president.

2017 -18 - Another Endowed scholarship, the Constance Anna Pash award, was created thanks to a \$50,000 donation from Virginia Thompson, for women planning to study science disciplines with special emphasis on maths. Two special awards of \$7,000 each were made from endowment earnings, in honor of the 70th anniversary of the founding of AAUW Port Townsend. A total of approximately \$75,000 in scholarships was awarded, including the Elmira K. Beyer scholarship now at \$11,000. The Endowment Fund was \$494,000 as of June 30 2018. UWF funded ten local girls to attend TechTrek. In expansion of AAUW/UWF's education mission, a new award for women undertaking technical or professional study at a Community or Technical college in Washington was offered for the first time. Carolyn Wasteneys served as President.