



## *Reflecting on 2014 & Looking to the Future...*

*2014 has been a truly remarkable year and 2015 promises to be even more exciting, thanks to all of your great work, as mentors, innovators and entrepreneurs. You inspire us every day as women who care about other women. Thank you for taking the time to have a conversation with each other, learn together, inspire each other and impact the world together. You are making a difference, Dames. Best wishes, Sharon & Heather*

Announcing...

## The Great Dames Remarkable Ideas Community



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We were thrilled to receive so many outstanding ideas from you during our Remarkable Ideas Competition. We also noticed that you formed a bond and benefited from sharing your ideas during our workshops and events.

As such, we are forming the **Great Dames Remarkable Ideas Community** so you can continue to share your ideas with each other, gain access to valuable resources, mentors, and workshops, and execute your remarkable ideas.

Join the Great Dames Remarkable Ideas Community -- as an entrepreneur, mentor, innovator, or supporter.

***Be on the lookout for our Q1 2015 Remarkable Community Workshops!***

What's Your Idea?

*Answer this question, and we'll select the 5th and the 15th respondents to receive a pair of FREE tickets to a 2015 Great Dames event!*

## Announcing Our 2014 Remarkable Ideas Competition WINNER!

**Congratulations** to Tanya Whye, Founder & President of Delaware Green Mattress Dissassembling & Recycling ([www.dgreenmdr.com](http://www.dgreenmdr.com)) and WINNER of our premier 2014 Great Dames Remarkable Ideas Competition! [Read about Tanya's remarkable idea here.](#)



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[Click here for a list of all 41 Remarkable Contestants.](#)

## Spring 2015 Great Dames Series "Women Innovators"



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*Save these Dates!*

**Monday, March 9**

**Monday, April 13**

**Monday, May 11**

*(2nd Monday of each month)*

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Pizza by Elizabeths, Wilmington, DE



[Previous Great Dames "Powerful Conversations" Series](#)

## Thank you, Great Dames Community!

*As 2014 comes to a close, and we reflect upon the accomplishments of the Great Dames Community since our 2009 launch, we're pleased to present a summary of YOUR work. Thank you, Dames!*



The Great Dames  
Community  
**Accomplishments**

since our 2009 Launch!

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Photo by Joe Del Tufo

## Delaware Today Article Features Great Dames Great Dames CEO Looks Forward to Future Plans

by Drew Ostroski

[Read the full article here.](#)

# Experience the Power of Mentoring Join the Women in Action Mentoring Community



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Cohort IV of the **Women in Action Mentoring Program** launches this Spring 2015, and we're currently accepting applications. The program focuses on creating **powerful mentoring relationships** between aspiring and established women leaders in order to enhance their effectiveness as **leaders** in their personal, professional and community lives.

### Apply Today!

Mentor Application

Mentee Application

Cohort IV launches this Spring 2015  
Application Deadline: **Monday, March 2, 2015**

Info: [www.uwde.org/WomenInAction](http://www.uwde.org/WomenInAction)

"I loved the design of this program. It not only connected me with a mentor, but also put me in touch with a network of highly talented professionals and organizations thus giving me a very inspiring experience."  
- WIA Mentee

*The Muriel E. Gilman Women in Action Mentoring Program is sponsored by United Way of Delaware in collaboration with Great Dames, Inc.*

## Join us: 2015 SmartTalk Delaware Series



2015 series features singer **Linda Ronstadt**, journalist **Lara Logan** & others!  
[Click here](#) for details. Call box office #800.37.GRAND for **25% discount** on 2015 series tickets. Mention **Great Dames** when you call.

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## Nominate Women for Smart Talk Delaware "Hero of the Month"

It takes a Great Dame to know one! Nominate a woman hero who has made an impact in our community. If selected, she will be recognized at a 2015 Smart Talk event.

[Nominate here](#)



## Fifth Annual Great Winter Coat Collection

Martin Luther King Week  
Monday, January 19 - Friday, January 23

Please bring new or **nearly-new, clean** winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for men, women and children to one of the locations listed below.

*Please note location hours during MLK Week.*

### **The Friendship House (Clothing Bank of Delaware)**

1603 Jessup Street, Suite 3, Wilmington, DE (Gateway Industrial Center)

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday from 7 am to 3 pm

Contact: Rosalba Grant or Karen Johnson at #[302.654.1390](tel:302.654.1390)

### **Wilmington Senior Center "City Styles Shop"**

1901 N. Market St, Wilmington, DE

Hours: Tuesday - Friday from 9 am to 1 pm

Contact: Sue Getman at #[302.651.3400](tel:302.651.3400)

[Download and share our Flyer with family, friends, and colleagues.](#)

***"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,  
"What are you doing for others?"***

Martin Luther King Jr.

## With Appreciation

**Heather Cassey**, Great Dames Co-Founder & Director of Operations, will be taking a sabbatical and heading to Asia in 2015, where she will be traveling, teaching, and making an impact, which she always does. Great Dames has been able to accomplish so much because of Heather's focus on excellence and consistent approach to meeting the needs of our clients and the women and girls we serve. From the beginning, Heather has been designated the "Thoughtful Dame" -- the one who truly understands our mission, and who reminds us every day what we're about and what we are trying to achieve. Thank you, Heather, for everything you have created at Great Dames and for everything that you have taught us. You are a remarkable woman.



*With deep affection, your co-founder, Sharon & the entire Great Dames Community*



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