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Letter from the President



Gratitude

Thanksgiving always seems to remind us why we have so many reasons to be thankful. We are grateful to the many extraordinary Great Dames who have inspired us as we build our company. We are grateful for the opportunities we've had to work with talented women leaders to help them on their personal and professional journey as Great Dames. We are grateful to the women and men who are actively co-mentoring each other so that wisdom and skills spread and flourish. We are grateful that community and public service is becoming such an important priority that we have made it an integral part of our "Inspired Leadership" process.

We have been touched by the many women and men who marshal their talents, resources, and time to focus on the needs of others. Everything from checking in on a lonely friend, to sponsoring a food drive for families in their communities, to starting a non-profit to address a critical health issue. We've met people who have dedicated their entire lives to serving the needs of others. And, they have moved mountains and changed lives, as a result. What a legacy... and how humbling it has been to be around them. These women truly define Great Dames. They are kindred spirits with purpose.

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Events

Check out our new [events page](#) for information and resources on programs, workshops and community events.

Survey

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Blog:

[Look](#) for entries from other Great Dames on **Gratitude** - - one of our favorite topics.

Recent entry:

Some things are done better together

"I was inspired by a [speech](#) I read the other day one given by, then Senator, Barack Obama and loved this quote about community..."

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In lieu of sending holiday cards this year, we are making a donation on behalf of all Great Dames to [Girls, Inc. of Delaware](#) -- a place where girls are encouraged to Explore, Learn and Grow in order to Achieve their Full Potential.

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