



REFLECTIONS FROM **year one.**

"This month marks the first anniversary of Great Dames, Inc. It has been an extraordinary year of discovery -- for each of us at Great Dames and for the women and men in the Great Dames community who have rediscovered their power and sense of purpose.

We've had the opportunity to work with and learn from some amazing people this year. And we've made some wonderful new friendships with kindred spirits along the way. My thanks to those of you who reached out, took a chance, made a connection, and discovered something that changed your life -- and perhaps someone else's life. We look forward to many more opportunities for discovery in the future. There's nothing stopping us now!"

Sharon Hake, President & CEO

"Every day I hear someone talk about living in tough times. It's so easy to get caught in the negative.

Fortunately, I have the honor of being part of Great Dames. That means that every day I experience the power of kindred spirits with purpose. Every day I am inspired by people who believe in change, commitment, community and connection. Every day I get to make my life and those around me richer through ideas and idealism.

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So for me this year of tough times has been filled with optimism and joy. I celebrate Great Dames and look forward with wonder to Year 2!"

Kathy Palokoff, Director of Marketing

"This past year has been one amazing and unforgettable journey. As someone who has always been a pretty big fan of journeys of all sorts, and who has been on many journeys in her life, I can say without a doubt that my Great Dames Journey takes the cake.

The greatest part of this year has been the wonderful opportunity to learn from some amazingly brilliant and purposeful women. I continue to be humbled and inspired every single day by the multitude of talents we Dames contribute to the world. I know what we have here is powerful, because I have experienced it firsthand.

Here's to the future of Great Dames!"

Heather Hake, Director of Operations

JOIN US FOR THE **fun** IN YEAR TWO.

Financial Empowerment

The Financial Empowerment Project in Delaware is currently underway and picking up great momentum. A collaboration between the United Way of Delaware and the State of Delaware, and joined by a diverse array of community agencies and advocates, we're working towards engaging and empowering individuals to greater financial stability. We are currently developing programming, curriculum, and opportunities to mobilize the Great Dames Community. If you would like to be part of the Financial Empowerment Movement, please [contact us](#).

Discovery Circles

Great Dames understand the power of women getting together to inspire each other. Great Dames Discovery Circles are supportive and creative circles of women looking at different aspects of the world around them. Learn from one another, forge meaningful friendships, discover your inner dame. This fall, Great Dames will be hosting a series of Discovery Circles on themes that matter to you most. Stay tuned for more information.

Inspired Leadership

Great Dames helps leaders enhance their personal and professional leadership abilities. Our vision is to be the best investment leaders can make to leave their mark on the world. We offer workshops, consulting and coaching to individuals and organizations, customizing our process to meet their specific needs and goals. Please [contact us](#) about bringing Inspired Leadership to your organization.



Year one **accomplishments.**

Spent a weekend with the nation's governors' spouses and Dr. Oz talking about revitalization by focusing on achieving your purpose.

Held Inspired Leadership Workshops throughout the Delaware Valley, engaging hundreds of men and women in a more purposeful style of leadership.

Collected more than 5600 articles of career clothing, and contributed to three worthy organizations, to help thousands of people in need during our "Great Closet Clean Out".

Trained and collaborated with dozens of volunteers, social workers, and coaches from a variety of community agencies in a movement to change the way we look at financial empowerment in Delaware.

Designed and distributed hundreds of Great Dames Inspirational Note Cards, whose proceeds will go towards supporting the dreams of aspiring Great Dames.

Hosted a "Fill the Need" Event to support young Women at Girls, Inc. of Delaware.

Attended several national conferences to develop a broader appreciation for the needs of women leaders globally.

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The Great Dames Video Challenge

Calling all amateur filmmakers! (Whip out your iPhone, Blackberry, or Flip Cam...)

It is YOUR turn to tell US: **What makes a Great Dame?**

These are just a few of the things that are happening at Great Dames.
Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

We want to see.. interviews
of the Great Dames in your life,
observations of what makes
a Great Dame, **captured**
moments of women acting as
Great Dames... **Be creative!**

The best videos will be
featured on the
Great Dames website.

Stay tuned for more details.

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