

2010 Our Year of DISCOVERY



WHAT WE discovered.

"I discovered that women have the power, and the strong desire, to bring out the best in each other. We are truly kindred spirits."

Sharon Hake, President & CEO

"This year, I discovered once again the incredible power of women and their ability to pull hearts and heads together to change their worlds and change themselves."

Kathy Palokoff, Director of Marketing

"My greatest discovery this year occurred when, surrounded by a circle of brilliant women, I gained a greater respect for the value in continually pushing yourself to view the world through a new perspective."

Heather Hake, Director of Operations

happy HOLIDAYS!

In lieu of holiday gifts and cards, Great Dames will be making a contribution to Girls, Inc. of Delaware, where girls discover their full potential. We wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season.



IDEAS WE shared.

- Find time to record special stories and memoirs sooner than later.
- Stop buying black. Find the right color to show who you are, and you will always look your best.
- Use fun prompts like, describe your hair, to jumpstart your writing.
- Searching for your inner artist is a life-long journey.
- Looking great is about confidence.
- Make opportunities every day to create, write and share.
- Hanging out with other Dames is fun!

CAUSES WE supported.

Wings for Success

First Person Arts

DE Breast Cancer Coalition

Kuumba Academy

Friendship House

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2011 PREVIEW.

2011 Great Winter Coat Collection

Great Dames, Inc. is collaborating with Americorps VISTA to host a **Great Winter Coat Collection**, on MLK Day on January 17. Please donate your gently used, warm winter coats, hats, scarves to folks who need them. [Learn more here.](#)

Discovery Circles: Spring 2011 Series

The inaugural series of Great Dames Discovery Circles was sold out, thanks to you. Your support enabled us to contribute to several worthy causes. Our 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. [Discover more here.](#)

Financial Empowerment for Women

The Financial Empowerment Partnership is underway and picking up great momentum. We are working with the State of Delaware and the United Way of Delaware to engage and empower individuals to greater financial stability. We are mobilizing the Great Dames Community to volunteer as Financial Coaches. If you would like to be part of the Financial Empowerment Movement, please [contact us.](#)



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

2010 HIGHLIGHTS.

Explored fascinating topics and engaged more than 50 inspiring women in the inaugural series of Great Dames Discovery Circles.

Managed the development of a best in class financial coaching initiative, **Stand By Me**, to change the way we inspire financial empowerment.

Collaborated with Delaware First Lady, Carla Markell, on a "Year of Service" Initiative.

Spent a weekend with the nation's governors' spouses 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 nearly 6000 articles of career clothing, and contributed to several worthy organizations, to help thousands of people in need during our "Great Closet Clean Out".

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