

# Second Anniversary Edition!



## Women Concerned About Mark They Leave on World

**400 women participating in Great Dames groups voice concern about legacy, time and fulfillment**

Women engaged Great Dames events during the past two years consistently expressed concern about their legacy and impact. They wanted answers to questions like: "What kind of world am I leaving to my children? What kind of impact do I have? How am I living my purpose?"

When asked what they did to address these questions, women responded that they didn't have time to deal with them. They also wanted easier access and more flexible ways to incorporate their legacy into their everyday lives.



### Top 10 Ways to Create Your Legacy Now

1. Reconnect to something you love to do and invite your friends to join you.
2. Start a brown bag lunch series at work. Invite community artists, activists, and other leaders for a group discussion.
3. Better yet, invite your co-workers to talk at lunch. You'll learn about what really matters to them.
4. Find a cause that your whole family cares about and dedicate one Saturday morning a month to make a difference.
5. Reach out to a co-worker who is new to the area and invite her into your circle of friends.
6. Convert your book club into a Legacy Circle focused on a cause. Start by reading books about the topic to get people charged up.
7. Organize a clothing drive by setting a date for you and your colleagues to clean out your closets. Win-win. Shelters get much needed clothing and you get a clean closet.
8. Ask a trusted friend what your best asset is. Brainstorm ways to use more of it in your job, in relationships and in life.



9. Always assume positive intent. Indira Nooyi was right when she said, "Whatever anybody says or does, assume positive intent. You will be amazed at how your whole approach to a person or problem becomes very different."

10. Write it down. Every legacy begins with a purpose, and your purpose will turn into action if you write it down and read it frequently.

## Year Two Accomplishments:

Launched Great Dames Discovery Circles as a way to connect women to their passion, purpose and kindred spirits



Along with Governor Markell, the State of Delaware and United Way of Delaware, launched the \$tand By Me(TM) program to coach people toward financial empowerment

Collected more than 500 coats for Delawareans in need -- and one coat was VP Joe Biden's!

Collected a HUGE amount of supplies for a business school in Moshi, Africa that empowers women to be independent

Hosted a think-tank of women leaders to mentor aspiring women through the World Academy for the Future of Women

Organized a state-wide career clothing drive, including eight satellite locations, for women in transition



Led several high-impact personal leadership branding workshops

Collaborated with top-notch women leaders at the Harvard Kennedy School

Worked with Delaware First Lady Carla Markell on a campaign to revitalize the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware

Supported dozens of nonprofit organizations locally and globally

Engaged Women Entrepreneurs at the Fox Business School at Temple

## Coming this Fall 2011!

### Great Dames Discovery Circles: The Artist's Way Series

Whether you're just getting started on your path to a more creative self or seeking to refresh your artistic spirit, [The Artist's Way](#) will take you on a journey of discovery. This world-renowned program, developed by Julia Cameron, has enabled millions to realize their creative dreams.

#### Kickoff Workshop

September 2011 in Kennett Square, PA (firm date TBD)

#### Monthly Circles: Discovering Your Creativity

[www.Great-Dames.com](http://www.Great-Dames.com)

First Wednesday Evening of the Month  
October 5, November 2, December 7, 2011

Learn more [online!](#)

### Join the Great Dames Discovery Circle Facilitator Community!

Here is an [opportunity](#) to share your story and expertise with the Great Dames Community. We are currently looking for facilitators and topics for our Fall 2011 & Spring 2012 calendars. Programs should be interactive and discussion-based. All topics will be considered, but especially those that promote the growth of women.



[Click here](#) to download the RFP.

### Cool Tools & Inspiration

[Get Inspired](#) by the young women at Girls Inc. of Delaware (video created by Zach Philips at The Kitchen)

Turbocharge Your [LinkedIn Profile](#) with this great advice from Chip Hartman at MeridiaSystems.com, LLC

Eight small ways to [Give Back](#)

### Great Organizations We Support:

Women Thrive Worldwide

[DE Breast Cancer Coalition](#)

Give a Heart to Africa

[Delaware Clothing Bank](#)

World Academy for the Future of Women

[Jefferson Awards for Public Service](#)

Boys and Girls Club of Delaware

[Girls Inc. of Delaware](#)

Delaware Girls Initiative

[Delaware Financial Empowerment Partnership](#)

Kumba Academy

[United Way of Delaware](#)

Shoes to Share

[Wings for Success](#)

First Person Arts

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