



WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY





HISTORICALLY, women have been underestimated in society, but over the last several decades, they've progressed in leaps and bounds. They didn't just break through the glass ceiling—they shattered it. Women in today's society are just as powerful as men, serving as heads of corporations, presidents of globally recognized foundations, and leaders in their various fields. These women are at the top of their game, setting an example on how to make the world a better place.

In the upper reaches of the philanthropic world are women who embody the leadership skills, humility, and a sense of determination to lead their teams to success. They have worked hard to improve the world, whether it be by contributing to charities, funding education, heading businesses that create positive impact, or establishing foundations whose resources have the potential to make a significant difference to society and its troubles. These women are key leaders who understand that their position of success can benefit people around the world.

The women included in this inaugural Women in Philanthropy issue dedicate their time and resources to ensure a better tomorrow. Acting as catalysts, their missions have changed the lives of countless people around the world, and their actions demonstrate how creating positive opportunities leads to societal change.

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Angie Janssen

Angie Janssen was inspired to start helping her community when she couldn't find anyone to tell her how. She had wanted to donate her guest room to someone who needed it, but she didn't know how to go about doing it. She called women's shelters and group homes to find someone to connect her to a family in need, but no one could help her. As a result, Janssen founded Donii—a website that cleans up the chaos of mass donation by connecting goods and services to those who are most in need of them. Whether it is an employment program that needs blazers to give to people before interviews, or foster homes needing children's winter coats, Donii sifts through everything to make sure things are going where they are needed. Janssen's app—which is still being developed—will allow donors to find local charities that need the specific items they are looking to give away. She even has ensured the company has an incentive program: Donors receive a tax receipt from Donii and earn rewards points that can be redeemed for exclusive prizes.

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Noella Coursaris Musunka

Born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Noella Coursaris Musunka created a modeling career for herself that took her to New York. It was there that she started Malaika (formerly the Georges Malaika Foundation) to empower young girls through education. The foundation operates a free school in the village of Kalebuka, DRC, and covers uniforms, supplies, and tuition. It is there that Malaika gives the best education possible to more than 200 local girls, providing them with greater choices and opportunities. This in turn has a lasting impact on their country. Through her organization, Musunka has also funded a community center in Kalebuka and a sponsorship program that supports an orphanage; she has supplied much-needed medical equipment to the region's hospitals as well.



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