



## From the WRC Porch Women's Resource Center News and Events

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### Registration Open for WRC Financial Education Event February 24



### Financial Education Event .....



Do you seek more clarity and knowledge regarding your financial decision making?

Sponsored and hosted by the Mental Health and Addiction Ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Berwyn, this WRC Financial Education Event brings together experts from four fields: **divorce finance, retirement, credit repair and estate & wills.**

Event Panel Moderator: **Lindsay Dell Cook, Budget Babble**

#### Expert Panelists

Divorce Financial Analyst: **Regina Hess, Forge Wealth Management**

Retirement: **Patricia Davis, Northwestern Mutual**

Credit Repair: **Amy VanGelder-Witmer, Price Financial**

Estate & Wills: **Jean Moskow, Esq., Knight and Moskow, P.C.**

The event is **Saturday, February 24 from 9am - noon** (doors open at 8:30am) at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Berwyn, 640 Berwyn Avenue, Berwyn, PA, 19312. \$10 fee. Continental breakfast is provided and a limited number of childcare spots is available. Pre-registration is required **HERE**.

Attendees will be able to hear from all four panelists and then attend two in depth breakout sessions with two panelists of their choice.

This event is educational only and no products or services will be sold.

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Berwyn is accessible via the Paoli-Thorndale regional train line and bus line 106.

Thank you to Trinity Presbyterian Church for this event partnership!

**Pre-register for WRC's Financial Education Event**



## **My WHY and WRC** **Diane Perrymore, Volunteer**

WRC invites you to learn about the motivations of our supporters' commitment to our mission to help women and girls in need in our community.

**Diane Perrymore** is a retired senior HR executive and current volunteer with WRC's **Career Services**. She sums up her WHY and WRC as

**"Once I retired, I wanted to continue to use my skills and knew that the right place for me was giving back at WRC."**

### **On volunteering for WRC**

My background and experience have been in the HR field for over 25 years as a leader in the healthcare industry. My focus has always been on developing women in the workplace to achieve growth and success. I went back to school as a mature student to complete both my undergraduate and graduate degree while working and raising a family. I know the challenges that it takes and can apply that understanding while working with clients.

I connected with WRC many years ago as an intern and never forgot the wonderful work that they accomplished. Once I retired, I wanted to continue to use my skills and knew that the right place for me was giving back at WRC.

### **On prompting women to see their lives differently**

I am excited when I am working with my WRC clients and a lightbulb goes off as they achieve a goal and gain more confidence. I am thrilled when they make progress and reach their goal of obtaining a job and find financial stability.

WRC's Financial Stability program has developed the Career Services sector and brought on additional career coaches to build a team for client support. Our team now consists of five pro bono coaches, 3 retired HR Professionals and 2 working HR Professionals. Our team is very motivated and passionate about giving back to the clients who face many challenges in their lives today. We are passionate about giving back, focused, and interested in helping clients reach higher goals.

### **On building the Career Services at WRC**

I am very fortunate to be working with **Karen Chonofsky**, Program Manager of the **Financial Stability Program**, to build this program. We are entering our third year and offer many services from resume preparation to career counseling. Along with the additional coaches, we are setting up and adding a networking group so that clients can interact and connect in the community.

We have connected with over 60 clients this past year. The support for this program can be long term or short term, whatever meets the needs of the client. The clients have diverse needs and this team of professionals works diligently to meet each challenge.

### **On success for the women we serve**

The goal for success is seeing our clients focus on their needs, goals, and define what success means to them. We help them grow, gain confidence and motivation to take on their challenges, whether computer skills, reentry after a long absence from the workforce or just simple resume and skills training.

### **On volunteering her time and expertise**

WRC is an amazing program of women helping women. I am proud to be a volunteer with the organization. It is a true reward for me and I derive great satisfaction that I can use my professional skills to help clients make their lives better.

**Thank you, Diane, for your commitment to WRC and to the women in our community!**



## **WRC's Career Services and You**

Did you know...

WRC has been offering no cost Career Services for the past several years. Expertise includes resume writing, interview prep, goal setting and LinkedIn profiles.

The WRC career counselors welcome women ready to make positive changes in their professional lives! In addition to the career expertise at WRC, WRC is also linked to a network of professionals willing to offer networking and career advice to clients. To sign up for WRC's Career Services or learn more, please call our Helpline at 701-314-4357 or email [info@womensrc.org](mailto:info@womensrc.org). For an in-depth description of WRC's Career Services, please click [HERE](#).

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**Breakthrough  
Breakfast  
Registration is  
Open**

**Kim Jensen**, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President, Raymond James Private Client Group will be featured in a fireside chat at our Breakthrough Breakfast **event** to be held **Thursday**, April 18 from 8:30am - 10:30am at the Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyne, PA. **Sponsorship opportunities** are available and **registration** is open!

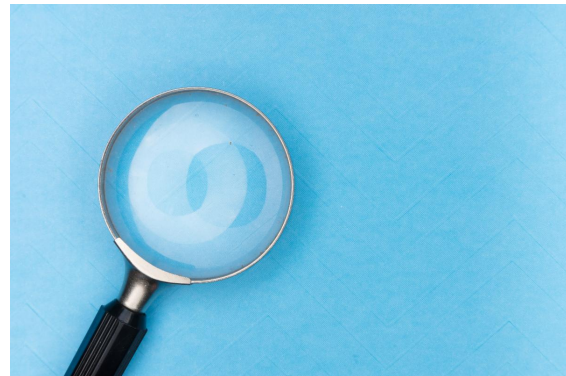


## WRC's FY23 Annual Report

Peruse our **Annual Report** for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) with its connections theme and discover more about our **impact** in the community.

## Debbie's Resource of the Month

Debbie's Dispatch has changed to become Debbie's Resource of the Month, in which Helpline Coordinator **Debbie Bell** highlights a timely and relevant resource in each month's newsletter. We hope you enjoy this focused feature.



## Cerebral Palsy Information

Cerebral Palsy is a developmental motor disability that affects movement and posture. It is caused by abnormal brain development or damage to the developing brain.

Cerebral Palsy Guide is a national support organization that is dedicated to educating individuals and families about cerebral palsy. They have a free guide to download on their website that gives information regarding diagnosis and prognosis, treatment and therapies, financial support through grants and government programs, and legal support that offers free case review.

## Contact Information

[www.cerebralpalsyguide.com](http://www.cerebralpalsyguide.com)

## Diversity Spotlight

### Black History Month

This year's Black History Month highlights the theme "Art as a Platform for Social Justice." Learn more about the celebration, Black artists, and educational resources on the website of the National Museum for African American History and Culture of the Smithsonian: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/initiatives/black-history-month-2024>



**Diversity Spotlight** is brought to you by our DEI Task Force Chair and Board Member Bridgett Battles.

## Sharing Client Feedback In Their Words

"I gained my children back...I have to release this hope and gratitude so that other women can see you can do it, but you can't do it by yourself...Do not give up hope!"

We were grateful to assist this client through our **Family Law Program**, which offers low cost legal consultations on divorce, custody and support.



**WRC**  
Women's Resource Center  
Serving Southwestern PA  
Support ■ Strengthen ■ Serve  
Information and Referral Helpline

## HELPLINE

Knowing which resources are available to you during a life transition or difficulty is important. WRC is

here to help. You can reach our Helpline at **701-314-HELP (4357)** or email the Helpline for resources at [info@womensrc.org](mailto:info@womensrc.org). **Helpline hours** are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:30am - 3:30pm and Wednesday, 9:30am - 12:30pm.

## WRC's Mission

The Women's Resource Center helps women and girls in the five counties of southeastern PA to successfully navigate life's transitions and inspire others to do the same. By providing resources, tools and support for today, we create hope for tomorrow.

Please consider a gift to WRC to help our programs continue to respond to the needs of women and girls in the community. Thank you!

Help Us Change Lives with Your  
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