

WJF YEAR IN WRAPS: 2019-2020

HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER OF THE WOMEN'S
JOURNEY FOUNDATION

A Message from The WJF Family



We would like to preface this letter by expressing our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported the work of the WJF and participated in our empowering events and programs. The challenges we endured pushed us to be more creative and resourceful than ever before.

We wish you a Happy Holiday.
Stay safe and enjoy!



Making HERstory 2020



Our Accomplishments

2019-2020

We believe that the following accomplishments, along with many others, truly display the amount of passion, innovation, and creativity that the WJF harbors and encourages both within and outside of our community. It is our mission and deepest hope the events and programs we create instill a sense of empowerment in all involved.

Wise Place

The WJF continued to provide support to the local homeless community by providing monthly workshops for women, as well as providing food during the pandemic.

Virtual Conversations for Women

As the pandemic emerged, the organization created a safe virtual opportunity to connect with other women to provide support and discussions on important topics. This monthly virtual setting was created to empower and uplift women.

DIVAS Virtual Celebration

DIVAS is a celebration of great talent to raise funds for the, I CAN Girls' Program and the WJF on-going outreach. This year as the world faced a pandemic, these performers brought hope and musical inspiration to our community by creating our first Hybrid event.

Our Accomplishments (Cont.)

2019-2020

Creation of the Youth Ambassador Council (YAC)

In addition to successfully moving online, the WJF created an entirely new Youth Ambassador Council for teenage girls and young women who want a hands-on experience in a real, working foundation. This council actively creates content, learns new leadership skills, and is taught how to work better with others in job-like situations while working side-by-side with the WJF team.

WJF Advisory Council

This year the Advisory Council was expanded to improve, provide support, and growth to guide and enforce the WJF Board Members in leading the organization's mission to strengthen confidence and resilience in women and girls.

2020 Girls Virtual Conference

The Girls Conferences have been a monumental part of WJF history for 15 years. But, this year, there were a few challenges that were encountered, the most notable being the Coronavirus pandemic. Despite the pandemic, we were able to change our plans to fit online procedures. The conference took place virtually, and for the first time ever, the conference was able to go nationwide and reach girls in 12 different states!

Our Accomplishments (cont.)

2019-2020



Girls Gather- Virtual Connection Circles

Since the Girls Virtual Conference was completed, the WJF leadership team was empowered by the number of participants who were eager to attend the conference despite it being online. This empowerment spearheaded the formulation of a new plan. Thus, in order to provide extra support across the nation, the WJF Girls Gather Circles emerged. The Girls Gather Circles are small online groups consisting of young girls who meet monthly to experience new things and build new bonds.

Innovative Publishing

We are always seeking innovative ways to bring women's history to light for people of all ages such as books, card-decks and virtual journals. This year the YAC's Content Creation Team designed a virtual journal providing fun, educational and long-lasting activities. Our card-decks are educational tools that highlight powerful women in history.



Our Deepest Gratitude

2019-2020



We would like to express our deepest gratitude to...

WJF Advisory Council

WJF Board of Directors

Youth Ambassador Council

Amazing Volunteers

***Thank you all for your impact and contribution.
At the WJF, we are empowered by unity and
friendship.***



***Visit www.womensjourney.org to learn more
about our team,!***



Holiday Fun!

2019-2020

How do you celebrate the holidays?

What do you enjoy best about winter?

What are your goals for this year?

Holiday Wishlist



Homemade Apple Cider

- 8 cups fresh apple cider or apple juice
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon or 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1/8 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 4 whole cloves
- 1 orange, cut into slices
- 8 cinnamon stick
- 1 cup sweetened whipped cream



Step 1

Heat the cider, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and orange slices in a 3-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes or until the mixture is hot, stirring occasionally.

Step 2

Strain the cider into a heatproof pitcher or individual mugs. Garnish with cinnamon sticks and whipped cream, if desired.

Holiday Fun!

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Winter Word Search

Y	C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	I	O	N	E	L
P	S	T	G	G	J	Y	A	E	F	G	L	C	S
E	N	A	R	G	O	F	O	Y	N	L	A	L	A
A	O	L	A	N	L	N	L	J	I	R	U	T	G
C	I	O	T	O	L	N	O	W	E	K	G	S	R
E	T	C	E	G	Y	A	D	J	Y	E	H	E	E
P	A	O	F	O	T	O	O	S	Y	E	T	K	E
R	R	H	U	T	O	I	H	R	E	C	E	A	T
E	O	C	L	G	C	N	O	C	A	A	R	L	I
S	C	T	A	E	P	S	P	U	G	R	R	F	N
E	E	O	M	I	T	T	E	N	S	O	C	W	G
N	D	H	N	W	I	N	T	E	R	L	R	O	S
T	C	A	N	D	Y	C	A	N	E	O	G	N	R
S	C	A	R	F	T	O	Y	R	R	E	M	S	L

SCARF
GOODWILL
PEACE
CAROL
CELEBRATION
GRATEFUL
CANDY CANE
HOT CHOCOLATE
REJOICE
JOLLY
LAUGHTER
JOY
GREETINGS
WINTER
DECORATIONS
SNOWFLAKES
EGGNOG
MERRY
PRESENTS
HOPE
MITTENS



Draw an image that shows how you celebrate the holidays (decorations, tradition, family...)!



The Year Ahead

2019-2020

Thank you for supporting the WJF and participating in our special WJF YAC events in 2020!

Join us in 2021 for these fun, educational and empowering events:



DIVAS Virtual/Hybrid Celebration 2020



DIVAS Virtual/Hybrid Celebration 2020

- **Making HERstory:** March 20, 2021
- **Virtual Conversational Circles for Women:** Third Wednesday of the Month (6 pm PST)
- **Girls Gather Connection Circles for Girls (10-18):** Third Thursday of the Month (4 pm PST)
- **DIVAS Concert:** Summer 2021
- **I CAN Girls Conference:** October 2021

2019-2020

Do you want to make a difference in your community serving Women and Youth?



The WJF offers many great opportunities at different levels of commitment such as: Becoming a Board Member, Youth Ambassador, Sponsor, Donor and as a Volunteer. For those in college, we offer internships and volunteer opportunities from two hours to multiple years.

*As you can see, there is an opportunity for everyone!
Email us at info@womensjourney.org for more details.*

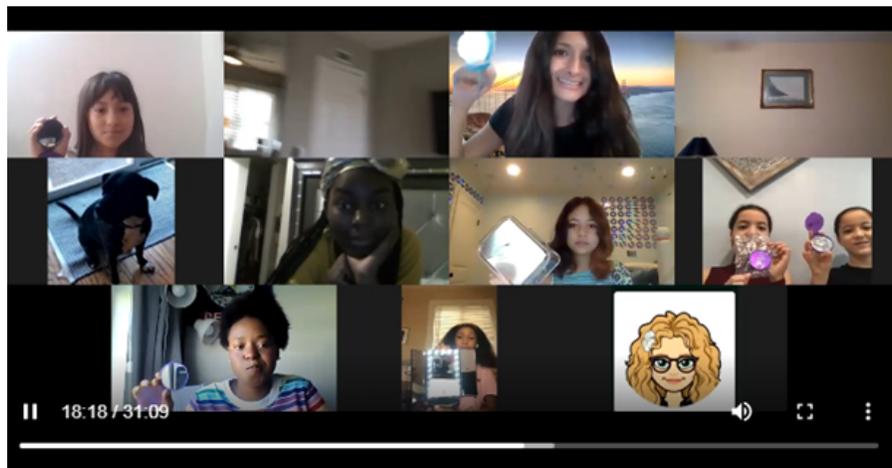
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I CAN Girls' Virtual Conference 2020

