



Celebrating Women In Our Partner Network

We have a long line of strong women leaders who share their love and talents with our most vulnerable populations. We celebrate these women in our network as they are making history in the present day. Take a moment to join us in celebrating exceptional women in leadership!

[Meet the women](#)

Sports are in full swing!



The Larry Libertore Youth Sports Scholarship continues to give young disadvantaged athletes an opportunity to stay off the streets, learn life skills, develop game skills, and set future goals.

This was a note from a mom of two boys who received the scholarship to play travel basketball. It has my name, but it's a thank you meant for all of you that made this happen for her boys.

“Omg, thank you so much Mrs. LANA. You and your organization are truly God-sent and my boys and I are so grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.” Laquesha

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Gratitude in Giving, Growing Philanthropic Givers

Charity is a learned behavior,” says Aaron Hanson, Director of Development at Shriners for Children Medical Center. “The developmental milestone of putting others before oneself is significant and can be a predictor of greater generosity, positivity, perseverance, and altruism later in life.”

Nurturing generosity develops the spirit of giving and promotes the feeling of happiness when giving to help others. “The positive reinforcement a child receives when giving is an integral factor in the cognitive-behavioral connection that children need to become healthy, caring adults,” says Hanson.

[Read the full article](#)

Down syndrome Day Observed

World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) March 21st, is a global awareness day that has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

Down syndrome (or Trisomy 21) is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always been a part of the human condition, being universally present across racial, gender, or socioeconomic lines in approximately 1 in 800 live births, although there is considerable variation worldwide. Down syndrome usually causes varying degrees of intellectual and physical disability and associated medical issues.

Want to learn more about Down Syndrome? Get answers from the experts, people with Down Syndrome at <https://cdss.ca/down-syndrome-answers/>.

The State of Giving

“During 2018-2020, the largest organizations had an overall fundraising increase of 7.4%, meaning this year’s take didn’t mark as much of a year-over-year increase as previous years. Medium-sized nonprofits saw their increases slow from 5.3% over the three-year period, while the smallest nonprofits, which had an overall decline of 4.6% in fundraising revenue, saw their rate of revenue drop increase.”

Read more about [nonprofit giving trends here](#).

