



Contact Women Blessing Women today to get involved!

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**The center is open Monday
through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm**

How You Can Help Give a Donation

Women Blessing Women is an independent 501(c)3 organization funded by individual, corporate, church/parish donations, grants, contracts and fundraising. There is no fee charged for the organization's services. Additional support is needed to maintain and expand our program in order to provide more opportunities for women to succeed. Your tax-deductible donation will be most appreciated. Contact us for the current wish list of items needed.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers are the heart of our program. They serve as instructors, tutors, coaches, mentors, leaders, board and committee members, financial, administrative and marketing consultants. Hours are flexible to fit your schedule. Contact us to request a volunteer opportunity that will match your skills and interests.

Mission

To serve, bless, and empower women to achieve their potential, obtain living wage jobs, and break the cycle of poverty.



GIVING HOPE



EMPOWERING WOMEN TO SUCCEED

Women Blessing Women is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization located in Toledo, Ohio, dedicated to empowering women living in poverty to achieve success, gain confidence and obtain living wage jobs.



What is Women Blessing Women's Empowerment and Job Program?

The comprehensive job readiness program addresses the root causes of poverty for women: lack of education, lack of job readiness skills and the need for behavior change through tutoring and group sessions.

- Job search
- Job preparation
- Career assessment
- Work ethics
- Basic computer skills
- G.E.D. (General Education Diploma)
- Learning positive behaviors
- Relationship skills
- Communication skills
- Conflict resolution
- Adapting to change
- Money management
- Self-esteem/self confidence
- Stress and anxiety reduction
- Goal setting
- Spiritual retreats
- Unpaid work experience

Who is eligible for the program?

Women 18 years and older living on a low income or in poverty are eligible. They may start the program at any time, set their own goals and work at their own pace. Services are offered without regard to ethnicity, race, or religion.

A Short History

Founded in 1998 by the Women Religious of the Catholic Diocese of Toledo, Women Blessing Women at first served women from area shelters. The program grew rapidly, opening its own site on La-grange St. in 2000. Women Blessing Women moved to 223 Page St. in 2003, a site that is home-like, warm and peaceful. In 2005 the G.E.D, Job Education and spiritual retreat programs, along with the empowerment workshops were merged into a new, more effective and comprehensive empowerment and job program. The organization continued to grow in 2006 with more than 400 women served. The Women Religious are active in support of Women Blessing Women.

Why an Empowerment and Job Program is Needed for Women

Recent statistics show that there is an overwhelming need in the Toledo area to assist women/mothers to break the cycle of poverty:

- Toledo ranks eighth among the 240 biggest metro areas that have the highest number of children living in poverty. -US census 2006. (These children have mothers who also are living in poverty.)
- Children whose parent/s are unemployed and who dropped out of school before graduating are five times more likely to drop out themselves before graduating. --National Center on Literacy
- 65 percent of female heads of households have not graduated from high school and are living in poverty. --US Census 2005
- No high school diploma, teenage pregnancy, welfare participant, generational poor are all measurement predictors to poverty.



Yes, I want to make a difference for Toledo women living in poverty!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Best time to contact me _____

Please accept my donation of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

I would like more information on:

In-kind donations needed (office and cleaning supplies, printing, copying, etc.)

Contact me about volunteer opportunities:

- Career coach
- Board of Trustees
- Basic computing/Microsoft Office coach
- GED coach
- Tutor in various subjects
- Job coach
- Website setup/maintenance
- Empowerment workshop leader
- Bookkeeping
- Fundraising
- Advertising/marketing/PR
- Community development
- IT Services/computer technology
- Human resources consultant
- Grant research
- Other _____

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