



# Power of the Purse Women's Giving Circle

*"Connecting Women Who Care With Causes That Matter."*

## Next Event...

### Fourth Annual Power of the Purse Gala Tuesday, Dec 8, 2009!

Please join us for an evening of fun festivities. This is your opportunity for a little "me" time before the rush of the holiday season. We will celebrate a great year of fun charitable giving by awarding the 2009 POP grant to the organization that received the most votes in September. Our entertainment includes The Lakota East Jazz Ensemble Eastside Music Company, our popular purse raffle, including a special Coach purse raffle, raffles for 2010 members and some other surprises you don't want to miss!



Scenes from our September meeting. Join us for a night of holiday cheer on December 8th at 6:00 p.m.



### EVENT SPECIFICS

#### DATE

December 8, 2009

#### TIME

6:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Wetherington CC  
7337 Country Club Lane  
West Chester, Ohio 45069

#### COST

\$40 per person/cash bar  
(Write POP on all checks)

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### Advisory Council

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### 2010 Meeting Dates

April 20th  
September 14th  
November 30th

## 2010 Membership Drive

Thank you for all you do in supporting our community. Because of your commitment and desire to invest in others, POP has been successful in making a significant difference in many lives of those in need. By joining on or before Dec 8th's meeting, you

will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win:

- ◆ A pearl necklace from Eddie Lane's Diamond Showroom of West Chester
- ◆ \$100 Village Spa Gift Certificate

Our 2009 grant recipient will be announced at the December Gala. Our finalists were:

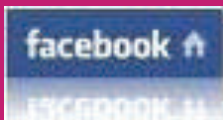
- ◆ Angel Fund
- ◆ Circle Tail
- ◆ Companions on a Journey
- ◆ Healthy Visions

Attend the Gala and discover which of these great organizations we voted to support in 2010. Join now for 2010 to vote at our April meeting.

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## Girls on the Run

The following article written by Lindsey Hilty, Cox Publishing, was published in the Fairfield Echo in October 2009. Girls on the Run received POP’s 2007 grant.

### **For girls at Fairfield’s Central Elementary School, running has become a passion.**

“It’s going to help me get healthy and make new friends,” said fourth-grader Secret Hughes, 10, who joined the first Girls on the Run program in the district. “I meet new people and learn other stuff about respect.”

Girls On the Run is a nonprofit group that encourages preteens to develop self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through running. While 23 girls applied for the Fairfield program, it was limited to 12 who meet twice a week for practice that is enhanced by curriculum on self-esteem and positive social, emotional, mental, spiritual and physical development. The selected participants talk about life issues such as gossiping as they train for a 3.1 mile running event.

“I wanted to join because I like to run and I want to be like a runner,” said fourth-grader MacKenzie Anderson, 9. “I really like when we run and we don’t stop. We aren’t giving up on ourselves.”

Fourth-grader Lexi Thompson, 9, said because of the program, she may join the track team when she gets older. “I really like running,” she said. “It’s just really fun. It just keeps you energetic and fit.” Her goal is to run at least half of the 5K race in November as she paces her way to the finish line with her new teammates.

“Everyone’s nice and generous, and when we run, we do it with grace,” she said.

Scholarships for the program were provided by The Power of the Purse, a women’s group in West Chester Twp. Each girl received a pair of running shoes, a water bottle, race entry and snacks.

They are coached by volunteer girls cross country runners from the high school and adult mentors Megan Murray, Mattie Shepherd, Anne McKinney, Jennifer Costello and Jamie Hassler.

Murray, who brought the program to Fairfield, said her goal is to see other elementary schools start groups. “The girls are really learning some great lessons,” she said.

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