



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

GRADUATE RESOURCE ORGANIZATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Few communities in our nation benefit from an organization such as Sisters GRO, yet in the Sisters Community anything is possible because so many citizens support the efforts and aspirations of our youth. As co-founder and out-going Chair, I am proud to report that Sisters GRO Board witnessed incredible results in the advancement of our mission this past fiscal year.

Eight new scholarships were established in 2017; Dentists of Sisters, Enterprising Spirit, Intel Retirees, KLM, Outlaw Health Professionals, Sisters Community Church, Sisters Confucius Chinese Classroom, and Sisters Quilt Show Scholarships. Thanks to the generosity of these new scholarship donors and those citizens supporting pre-existing scholarships, a total of 105 scholarship awards amounting to over \$200,000 were presented at Senior Celebration in May. These awards will provide needed support to 54 SHS graduates continuing their education this fall.

The Roundhouse Foundation has entrusted Sisters GRO with management of its Enrichment Experience Scholarships since 2014, having awarded \$30,000 thus far. We are delighted to administer this scholarship as it aligns with our mission to encourage students to envision and plan their future paths. Originally these "enrichment experience" scholarship opportunities were offered to all students (grades 9-12) enrolled at Sisters High School. Since 2014, The Roundhouse Foundation has expanded the availability of these awards to Sisters Middle School students and beginning this year will include Sisters Elementary School students. Details of The Roundhouse Foundation Enrichment Experience Scholarships, along with approximately 90 total Sisters GRO administered scholarships offered to Sisters students can be found on our website at SistersGRO.org.

With the unparalleled generosity of this community combined with support of dedicated and insightful Sisters GRO Board and committee members, and a host of steadfast ASPIRE mentors, we can continue to successfully advance the goal of opening doors of possibilities for all SHS graduates. If you would be interested in joining our cause, contact us at info@SistersGRO.org. We particularly could use public relations, bookkeeping and legal expertise going forward so we would appreciate hearing from you.

With great optimism I enthusiastically pass the helm of Sisters GRO leadership this September to incoming chair, Tim Ross. As an Intel retiree with an impressive set of management skills, an ASPIRE volunteer mentor with a heart for assisting students with facilitating their future dreams and aspirations, and with his interest and dedication to Sisters GRO, he will undoubtedly steer our organization on a course directed at accomplishing its mission. I look forward to serving with Tim and each of the dedicated Board directors during this important transition year.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen Hensley

Sisters Graduate Resource Organization recognizes that a vibrant community fosters the dreams, ambitions and goals of its young people.

We are dedicated to the growth of our community's future by championing post-high school education through scholarships and graduate support programs. By investing in Sisters graduates, we invest in our community.

Thank you for your support!

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 inspiring them to *give back by becoming more.*



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