

GREETINGS FROM THE FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



With warmer weather and longer days on the horizon, I welcome the month of March because for me, spring represents "promise and new beginnings." We have several graduating seniors who are looking forward to their *new beginning* as they prepare to transition from high school to their post secondary experience. We are confident that our members are well-prepared for the next phase of their journey. This year, our members selected **Girl P.O.W.E.R.** (Preparing Outstanding Women to Embrace Their Radiance) as the theme, with each activity intentionally selected to build confidence, character, creativity, and compassion. I feel so blessed to be able to live out my dream of empowering young girls and supporting them with finding and accomplishing *their* dreams. I am also grateful for our dedicated mentors, volunteers, community partners, and generous donors who continue to support our work. I am entering the spring season full of expectation and with a reminder to our girls to dream BIG because they definitely have the P.O.W.E.R.

~Sandy

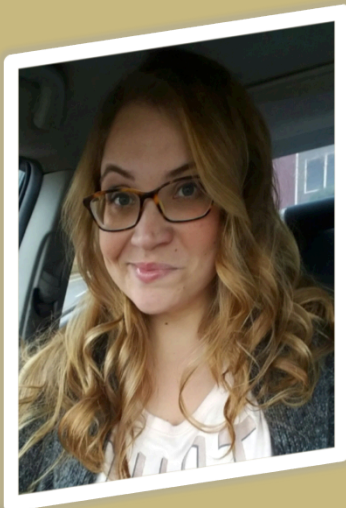
CHEERS & RECOGNITIONS



In December, we raised more \$1500 during the **Giving Tuesday Campaign!** Funds raised during campaigns and donations from our donors make a HUGE impact. Over the last 17 years, Fertile Ground has mentored more than 250 young women with more than 85% of our graduating seniors entering college and 100% receiving collegiate scholarships.

In January, we partnered with Atlar'd State in Perimeter Mall for their Mission Monday Campaign. The company donated 10% of their proceeds on every Monday of the month proving that they are a company that STANDS OUT FOR GOOD!

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT



Name: Heather Bright

Occupation: 3rd Grade Teacher

How many years have you been a mentor/volunteer with FG?
2 years

What do you like most about being a part of FG?

I love empowering young women to be confident in their talents. I love that we always end our meetings with a sistercircle. In our circle, we share something we learned from the event and then compliment our sister standing next to us. It reminds us to be grateful and to celebrate each other's beauty.

What has been your most memorable experience or event? Why?

My most memorable experience with Fertile Ground is always the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade. This is a time where we spend hours just talking, learning, and having fun. We build relationships with all of the girls that attend and get to know what they like and don't like. It's always my favorite part of the year because I get to see the girls sparkle as they wave to the crowd. It's like walking in the parade allows them to feel as beautiful and important as they really are.

What would you say to others who may be contemplating becoming a mentor with our program?

Being a part of Fertile Ground isn't just for the mentees, but for the mentors as well. I've been so supported during this very difficult year and have learned a lot from the girls in the program.

What word(s) would you use to describe FG?

Empowering is the best word to describe Fertile Ground, whether it's eating dinner or learning how to dance, girls and women alike encourage and empower each other to be their best self!



2019-2020 Fertile Ground Theme
Girl P.O.W.E.R.

Preparing **O**utstanding **W**omen to **E**mbrace
their **R**adiance

EVENT /ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Fertile Ground is proud to offer young women academic and social experiences that will positively impact their lives for many years to come. Check out these event photo highlights demonstrating that our girls have the **POWER!**

Events: Tree Planting at the Dunwoody Nature Center, Mindfulness Workshop, Public Speaking Workshop, UGA College Tour, Cirque Du Soleil VOLTA Performance, Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2020

Let's Move! Zumbathon Fundraiser
Dine Like A Diva Etiquette Workshop*
FG Virtual Meet UP Session

April 2020

Girl CODE: Computer Coding Workshop*
Get Active! 5K Fun Run Fundraiser*
Virtual Movie Matinee

May 2020

17th Annual Banquet Celebration*
Virtual Fertile Ground's Got Talent Show

*In-person meetings postponed due to the COVID-19

ZUMBA SNAPSHOTS



20/20 VISION ZUMBATHON Fundraiser

LET'S ROCK!

DONATE

Our Fertile Ground mentoring program is not possible without the generous financial support of our donors. Every tax-deductible financial gift makes a significant impact in advancing our mission to nurture the lives of young women while serving the communities in which we live. Please consider sowing a seed today at www.fgmentoring.org.

Volunteers Needed!



As our program grows, so does our need for committed individuals to help support our mission. Join us by serving in one of the following roles: program volunteer, mentor or board member.

Visit www.fgmentoring.org or email us at fgmentoring@gmail.com to learn more and submit an application!

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