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WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ... KARIN FIELDING

As a philanthropist working with disadvantaged children in Greater Los Angeles, one thing is painfully clear to Karin Fielding: the need is great. And nothing is more fulfilling to this remarkable woman than rolling up her sleeves and making a difference.

For nearly a decade, Karin has been working with The Everychild Foundation—a group of women philanthropists who combine their resources—to ease the suffering of children battling disease, disability, abuse, neglect and poverty. As a member of its executive board, she takes on the often heartbreaking task of making site visits in the community. With a background in urban planning and communications, she also leads the group's communications efforts.

"Every day I realize there are so many people who don't have a chance at a good life, many through no fault of their own," says Karin, who is proud of the life-changing programs the foundation has funded, including a learning center for at-risk probation youth and the upgrade of run-down community parks. The group's "giving circle" model—in which members pool their charitable donations and then democratically select the grantees—is considered one of the most successful in the nation, and it inspired the formation of the Today's and Tomorrow's Children Fund for Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

Karin is also a Court Appointed Special Advocate. She works with young women ages 15 to 18 who are preparing to emancipate from the foster care system. Karin helps them with everything from getting a prom dress to securing transitional housing, to signing up for community college.

"It's not about the amount of the gift.

We should celebrate people who give small, medium and large gifts. Because if we all do a little, we can make a real difference."

—Karin Fielding,

Women & Philanthropy member



A FAMILY COMMITMENT TO PHILANTHROPY

In addition to her dedication to underprivileged youth, Karin shares a passion for public health with her husband, Dr. Jonathan Fielding—a UCLA faculty member for more than 30 years and director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Together, the Fieldings recently donated assets valued at \$50 million to the UCLA Jonathan and Karin Fielding School of Public Health, the largest gift in the school's 50-year history.

"Jonathan has dedicated his entire life to public health, and we are making a statement that this is something that matters deeply to both of us," says Karin. "We consider this an investment in the future—and we expect large dividends in improved public health around the world."

It's a sentiment shared by the Fieldings' two college-aged sons. "My sons were very excited and proud to be part of this family gift to UCLA," says Karin. "They wholeheartedly understand the importance of giving back."

"Life isn't so simple," she adds. "We need to take care of others, and if we can each do our part, we can make a real difference."

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



It has truly been a pleasure for me to lead Women & Philanthropy these past two years. I’ve enjoyed serving this amazing community of like-minded women who are passionate about investing their time and resources into UCLA. I’m especially proud that our membership has grown, with even more extraordinary women sharing in our commitment to philanthropic leadership.

As you can see by the women profiled in this issue, philanthropic giving is a value shared by women across all generations. With that in mind, one of our priorities this coming year is to empower and pave the way for our next generation of female leaders. We hope to connect our members with some of UCLA’s remarkable female students and alumnae—young women blazing their own trails on campus and beyond. And we will also work to increase our outreach to an even broader audience of women leaders.

I can think of no better person to lead this effort than our incoming president, Sue Baumgarten, Executive In Residence for Technology at UCLA Anderson School of Management, former President of Raytheon International, Corporate VP of Raytheon Company and three-time UCLA alumna. A trailblazer in her own right, Sue will continue to encourage and create dynamic opportunities for women to find and nurture their own philanthropic passions at UCLA.

This is an exciting time for Women & Philanthropy. We truly are making a difference in the lives of students, and opening up a world of new opportunities for research, teaching and community impact. I look forward to continuing to be part of this amazing work.

Thank you again. I have been honored to serve as your president.

Marianne Murphy
President, Women & Philanthropy



LEADING THE WAY ON CAMPUS ... EMILY RESNICK



Five of the six past presidents of UCLA’s student body have been women. Strong, bright and inspiring, they represent our next generation of female leaders.

Meet Emily Resnick, the current president of UCLA’s Undergraduate Students Association—a young woman

who is influencing policies, creating new programs and making a powerful impact on the university.

“Women are making a name for themselves, and proving that if we have the drive and the willpower, we really can do anything we set our minds to,” says Resnick, a psychobiology major graduating this fall.

As president, Resnick appoints more than 70 undergraduates to various administrative committees and represents the interests of more than 25,000 undergraduates on campus. It’s a demanding position, but leadership is nothing new to this scholar.

“When I was in third grade, I ran for office in student government,” says Resnick. “I didn’t win, but I was so

passionate that the school gave me an honorary position!” That experience would mark a lifelong devotion to service, as she eventually went on to student government and other leadership roles in high school.

At UCLA, Resnick served as environmental chair of her sorority, Delta Gamma, and sang in Random Voices A Capella (an all-female singing group) for three years before deciding to run for president under the motto “Excite and Unite.”

“Students at UCLA have the broadest passions,” she says, noting that there are more than 800 student groups on campus. “We are set apart by many things, but I wanted to bring us all together by our commonality: our Bruin pride and Bruin spirit.” Indeed, after winning the election against three male students, Resnick has much to be proud of. During her term, the Office of the President has tackled issues ranging from helping homeless and disadvantaged students find places to sleep, to addressing UC budget cuts and spearheading events that promote campus unity.

“Being president at UCLA has been one of the biggest honors of my life,” says Resnick, adding that she intends to give back to her alma mater long after she graduates. “These amazing women who are part of UCLA’s Women & Philanthropy give me a goal to look forward to. They are a very tangible representation of women who make a continued impact on campus, and they inspire me to do the same.”

50 YEARS OF UNWAVERING COMMITMENT ... PEGGY BLOOMFIELD

In 1962, Margaret “Peggy” Bloomfield gave her first gift to UCLA: \$500 to the School of Medicine. Five decades and more than 400 gifts later, there is virtually no area of UCLA that has been left untouched by this woman’s grace and generosity.

Peggy’s heart for UCLA has supported every field on campus, from pediatric dentistry and cancer research, to alumni relations, the Powell Library and the Pauley Pavilion renovation. Her latest gift—a \$1 million pledge through her estate—supports The Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at UCLA, one of the youngest and most successful stem cell research programs in California.

“Thanks to her generous gift, we are able to hold an annual symposium that brings together top national and international scientists to share their leading-edge research,” says Dr. Owen Witte, director of the Broad Stem Cell Research Center. “Gathering these researchers together in one place allows them to share ideas and perhaps spark new ones that will lead to novel stem cell therapies to treat a host of diseases for which we currently have no effective treatments.”



GENERATIONS OF PHILANTHROPY ... JILL CHOZEN AND ALISON CHOZEN

“I’ve long admired my mom for instilling in my sister and me a commitment to philanthropy. If my daughter, Amelia, grows up to be like my mom and understands the importance of actively participating in making the world a better place, then I’ll feel that I’ve really succeeded as a parent.”

—Alison Chozen

The Chozenes are passing down their love for philanthropy from one generation to the next.

As a member of the Today’s and Tomorrow’s Children Fund (TTCF) which benefits Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, Jill Chozen invited her daughter, Alison, to learn about TTCF—a “giving circle” in which members pool their donations to fund lifesaving research for pediatric patients. Today, both mother and daughter are active supporters of TTCF, helping researchers find treatments and cures for pediatric epilepsy, autism, children’s cancers and other serious illnesses.

“I chose to be part of TTCF so I could contribute to the lives of children and families facing overwhelming health-related challenges, but being able to do this alongside my mom is incredibly special,” says Alison, who, along with her mom and dad, is a UCLA alumnus.

Mom is equally thrilled to pass on her desire to make a difference. “Sharing our experiences together in TTCF is a gift we give to each other and, hopefully, with children everywhere,” says Jill, a Women & Philanthropy member. “It’s very special to me as a mother to share this dedication with Alison, and we hope the love and joy we feel through participating together can hopefully be passed along to Amelia and future generations.”



Peggy is inspired by the promise that this burgeoning new field holds. “I hope stem cell research will one day help people with Parkinson’s Disease,” she says. “I think it will also help people who are paralyzed for life and enable them to walk again—that would be so wonderful.”

While Peggy’s gifts have spanned over 50 years and touched countless areas from North to South Campus, they have all shared one common bond: her deep, wholehearted commitment to ensuring that excellence continues to flourish at UCLA now and for future generations.

“My husband graduated from UCLA and put himself through school by working nights at the telephone company,” says Peggy, about her late husband, William E. “Bill” Bloomfield Sr., and their decision, early in their marriage, to give back to the university that meant so much to him. “UCLA is one of the finest public universities, and he would never want it to be out of reach to anyone.”



CELEBRATING TTCF MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Jill and Alison Chozen are just one of the special mother-daughter pairs currently participating in the Today’s and Tomorrow’s Children Fund. Other mothers and daughters (or mothers and daughters-in-law) contributing to the vital research at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA include:

- Mary Ann Hagopian and Gina Luhnow
- Tina McFarlin and Sarah Madison
- Lori Milken and Bari Milken Bernstein, EJ Milken, and Hillary Milken
- Melissa Pennington and Angela Pennington Folk
- Ellen Sandler and Stephanie Sandler

To learn more about TTCF, please visit www.uclahealth.org/ttcf or call 310.267.1836.



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4:00–6:30 P.M.

TAMKIN AUDITORIUM, UCLA RONALD REAGAN MEDICAL CENTER



Featuring a panel of distinguished women

— including **LINDA LIAU**, neurosurgeon and nationally renowned brain cancer scholar David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, as well as female luminaries from the film and sports worlds, who will share their unique paths to success, and their approaches to leadership in their careers



Moderated by incoming Women & Philanthropy President **SUE BAUMGARTEN**, Executive in Residence for Technology at UCLA Anderson School of Management, former President of Raytheon International, and Corporate VP of Raytheon Company, a leader in aerospace and defense electronics

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