

About the Heart of the Ozarks Professional & Business Women



Who We Are

The Heart of the Ozarks Professional & Business Women, chartered in 2006, is a friendly, high-energy group of business owners and professionals. By enhancing the lives of women professionally, politically and personally, we are shaping the world of tomorrow.



What We Do

We make a difference in people's lives by standing in the service of those in our community. We help dreams come true through our traditional scholarships, awarded to talented and deserving young women graduating from all four Lake-area high schools. Our non-traditional scholarships benefit working women anxious to return to their education or learn a new skill or trade, in order to better the lives of their families. Since its beginning, our local PBW has awarded more than \$28,000 to local students.

Where the Money goes

PBW has given more than \$24,500 in scholarships and more than \$7,500 to local not-for-profit organizations.

We support:

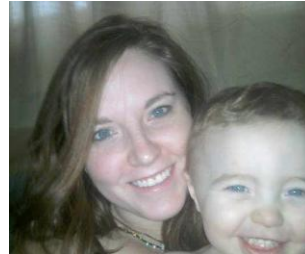
- Citizens Against Domestic Violence
- Hope House
- Woman 2 Woman
- Share the Harvest
- Lamb House

Who we've helped...



“I appreciate the scholarship so much. It really helped out – it paid for my books and allowed me to take classes online.”

“I want people to know that every individual can make a difference when it comes to our environment.” Erin will graduate this fall from Columbia College With an Associate of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies. Her goal is to work for the Missouri Conservation Department, helping to showcase the area’s natural beauty by creating more free and affordable programs for families visiting the Lake. Erin continues to work while attending classes and raising a two-year-old son with her husband. She plans to pursue her Bachelors Degree.



Erin Little
Non-Traditional Scholarship
2010

“The scholarship came just in time. It allowed me to keep going to class.”

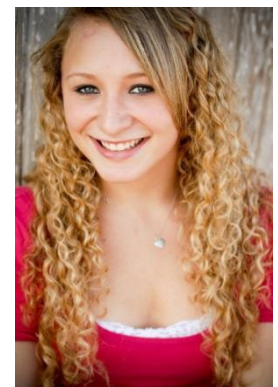
“I worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant – I tried to put myself in the shoes of my patients. I realized that could be me...and I wanted to be able to give them the care I’d want.” Single mother to two boys – aged 14 and 11 – April returned to college to work towards her Associate of Arts Degree in Nursing. Her degree will make possible that feeling of “self-satisfaction” she says she gets by taking care of others.



April Perkins
Non-Traditional
Scholarship, 2010

“The scholarship was a blessing. It has motivated me to work even harder to make those who supported me proud.”

A 2010 graduate of Morgan County R-II in Versailles, Brittany has completed her freshman year at the University of Missouri, Columbia and is pursuing a degree in Nursing. She works hard to maintain good grades and stay focused. She’s had the opportunity to meet a lot of great people during her first year of college. “It’s definitely been a learning experience!”



Brittany Hansen
Traditional Scholarship
2010

Who we've helped...



“This scholarship allowed me to go to the school of my choice. It helps young women like me to begin to work towards their goals.”

A May 2010 graduate of Camdenton High School, Logan Weber is attending Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, studying Fashion Marketing and Management. She hopes to begin a career as an assistant buyer for a department store, with an eye towards eventually owning her own boutique. “I love going to Stephens because of the many opportunities I’ve been given here.”



Logan Weber
Traditional Scholarship 2010

“The help I’ve gotten from many people, including the Professional Business Women of Missouri, has empowered me to be the woman I’m supposed to be.”



Mary Evans
Non-Traditional
Scholarship, 2010

Mary Evans returned to school after raising 5 children, sometimes as a single mom. Currently working two part-time jobs in marketing, Mary also attends State Fair Community College. After being laid off from the construction business in 2008, Mary’s search for a new job proved challenging because she lacked education beyond high school. Determined to become more viable in the job market, Mary turned her focus to getting that education. She’ll graduate this December with an Associate of Arts Degree in business. Mary used her scholarship money to buy books and supplies and supplement her tuition.

“If it wasn’t for PBW, I would not have been able to make it to my classes this semester. The women I met at PBW are all wonderful and give me hope that, as a woman, I can still fulfill my dreams of having my own business and helping out my community.”

Glenna Seaton, Non-Traditional Scholarship, 2009

Glenna Seaton has been attending classes at State Fair Community College for three years, working toward her degree in Early Childhood Development. Her goal is to open her own daycare center in Macks Creek, where she lives with her husband, Mike, and their family. As a mother of 4, Glenna understands the need for the kind of safe, quality child care parents can trust.