A Note of Gratitude from Grace

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we enter the holiday season, I am filled with overwhelming gratitude for the incredible community that surrounds Women in Charge. Thanks to your support, 2026 has been a year of milestone achievements, resilience, and growth for our students.

From expanding our adult education programs to ensuring families have the resources they need to thrive, every success we celebrate is a direct result of your partnership. As you read through this quarter's highlights (from exciting media features to upcoming holiday volunteering), I hope you feel the impact of your generosity.

Thank you for standing with us as we empower women to transform their lives and their families' futures. Wishing you a warm and joyful holiday season!

Warmly,



Grace Souza

Executive Director

Community News & Highlights

Fall Fundraiser Recap & Video Premiere!



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Our annual Fall Fundraiser was an inspiring evening! Thanks to our generous donors, sponsors, and attendees, we raised critical funds that directly support our HiSET adult education classes, on-site childcare, and ESL program.

- **A Touching Tribute: In Memory of a "Woman in Charge"**

  During our appeal for donations, we invited attendees to make their gifts in honor or memory of a special "Woman in Charge" who made a meaningful impact on their lives—whether a mother, mentor, sister, grandmother, or friend. The outpouring of love and remembrance filled our room with immense gratitude. Above is the list of incredible women honored at the event.

- **Special Feature: Watch Our New "About Us" Video**

  At the event, we premiered our brand-new **"About Us" video**, made possible through the generous support of our newest partner, the **Community Impact Network**! The video captures the heart of our mission, featuring powerful student stories and a look inside our programs.

Watch Our New Video Here

Thank You: A special shoutout to the Community Impact Network, our event sponsors, and every volunteer who worked behind the scenes to make the night a resounding success!

KMOV 4 Degree Guarantee Charity of the Month!



We are thrilled to announce that Women in Charge has been selected as the **KMOV 4 Degree Guarantee Charity of the Month for November!**

Here'show itworks: Every day during November, KMOV's meteorologist Steve Templeton makes a temperature prediction. If he hits the forecast within 4 degrees, money is added to the pot for Women in Charge. Every donation from KMOV is matched by Cardinals Care!

How you can help: Tune in to KMOV Channel 4 all month long and root for accurate forecasts! Share the news with your friends and family to help raise awareness for our mission.

Student Spotlight: Kimora's Journey to Independence

"Women in Charge gave me the stability I needed when I had nowhere else to turn. Having a safe place for my son while I work toward my HiSET makes all the difference." — **Kimora**

After overcoming significant personal adversity (including navigating the foster care system in her late teens following the loss of her mother and later escaping a domestic violence situation) Kimora was determined to build a safe, stable life for herself and her 2-year-old son.

When she arrived at a local family support center, she found her way to Women in Charge. Today, Kimora balances working part-time while studying diligently in our adult education classroom to earn her High School Equivalency (HiSET) credential.

For Kimora, earning her diploma is the key to unlocking better job opportunities and achieving her ultimate goal: securing an independent, permanent home for her and her toddler. We are honored to walk alongside Kimora as she turns her resilience into lasting success.

Support Students Like Kimora

Year-End Giving & Ways to Support Us



Giving Tuesday Preview (December 1, 2026)

Mark your calendars! **Giving Tuesday** is **December 1, 2026**, kicking off our annual year-end giving drive.

Your year-end contribution ensures that women in our community receive tuition-free education, life skills workshops, transportation support, and essential language instruction.

Look out for our Giving Tuesday emails for opportunities to double your gift!

Learn More & Donate

Warm Up & Support Us: Winter Beanies Now On Sale!



Show off your support for Women in Charge while staying cozy this winter! Our new branded winter beanies are now available in our online store.

- **Price:** $22.99
- **Why buy:** 100% of proceeds go directly toward funding student supplies, textbooks, and program needs.

- **Great for:** Holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, or wearing to our winter volunteer event!

Shop Winter Beanies

Volunteers Needed: Tilles Park Winter Wonderland!

Looking for a festive, family-friendly way to give back this holiday season? Women in Charge was selected as a participating charity for **St. Louis County's Winter Wonderland program**, and we need your help!

- **Date:** Monday, December 28, 2026
- **Location:** Tilles Park (9551 Litzsinger Rd., 63124)
- **Who can volunteer:** Individuals, groups, and families (volunteers must be **16 or older**).
- **How it helps:** In exchange for providing volunteer coverage at the event entrance, St. Louis County provides direct financial support to Women in Charge programs!

Help us spread holiday cheer while making a tangible difference for our students. Email us at hello@womenincharge.org to sign up!

Leadership Opportunities

Are you passionate about empowering women through education, leadership development, and family support? **Women in Charge is seeking dedicated community leaders to join our Board of Directors!**

As we look toward 2027, we are looking for strategic, community-minded individuals to guide our organization's growth. We are particularly interested in candidates with expertise in:

- Financial Management & Accounting
- Marketing, PR & Communications
- Fundraising & Event Planning
- Legal Services & Human Resources
- Strategic Planning & Non-Profit Governance

Board members serve a multi-year term, attend quarterly meetings, and act as passionate advocates for our mission.

To express your interest, please submit our Board Interest Form via the button below. For more information please email us at hello@womenincharge.org.

Express Interest in Board Service

Thank you for staying connected with us. To read more inspiring student success stories like Kimora's and to stay updated on our upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and more, please follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/wicuc) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/womeninchargestl). We are so grateful for your continued support as we work together to empower women in our community.

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