



Please support FOCUS and help us maintain and improve the quality of our services.

\$5,000 \$1,000 \$500 \$100 \$50 other _____

Sponsor child care for a Teen Mom:

\$2,700 (whole year) \$1,350 (semester)
 \$300 (month) \$75 (week)

FOCUS Volunteer Opportunities

40th Anniversary Celebration

Teensight

- Mentors
- Transportation Assistance
- "Share Your Wisdom"

Flea

- Event planner
- Office helper

Executive

- Finance committee
- Marketing committee
- Fundraising committee
- Board of Directors

Check the box to indicate your interest, and be sure to include your e-mail to help us contact you later.

Email: _____

You may also donate securely and safely online at <http://www.focus.avenue.org/donate.html>.

This information will be kept confidential. FOCUS is a non-profit corporation under section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations are fully tax deductible.

Dear Friend of FOCUS,

Join us in celebrating FOCUS Women's Resource Center's 40 years of empowering local women by contributing toward our \$100,000 year-end fundraising goal. What began as a group of women meeting to orient themselves to the changing world of the 1970s grew into an organization that is still committed to helping every woman meet her full potential in the changing world of a new millennium. Your contribution will help FOCUS maintain and add to its quality programs, from free legal aid to teen pregnancy prevention.

*Having a childcare stipend made the difference between choosing work and studying. I'm able to concentrate on my schoolwork and graduate.
-VW, Teensight Participant*

*GEMS helps inspire young ladies about how to love themselves, and stay confident in themselves. It helps them find their value in life. It's a great program.
-CW, GEMS Participant*

Our TEENSIGHT programs address the problems of teen pregnancy and at-risk youth. Teensight works with teen mothers to encourage high school graduation, giving them the skills they need to successfully raise their families and ensure the success of future generations. This program boasts a 99% graduation rate with many teen mothers going on to college and careers. Girls Empowered to Make Success (GEMS) works with at-risk middle school girls and their parents to teach them positive life habits, prevent teenage pregnancies, and help ensure academic success.

It's a relief to know what my options are. -LS, LAN Participant

FOCUS offers regular Empowerment Events designed to help women attain self-sufficiency. Our very popular monthly Legal Assistance Night gives women free legal advice about troubling issues

such as divorce or bankruptcy. We are grateful to MichieHamlett for providing their fine attorneys for this event. Financial Assistance Night helps women with budgeting, credit, or other financial issues and teaches them how to manage their own finances. New Empowerment Events in 2012 include Business Assistance Night for new and existing entrepreneurs, and Career Assistance Night for free one-on-one advice about interviewing, resume writing, and job searches.

By walking in the doors of FOCUS these women and their belief in service have changed my life. From the Microloan for my business to personally helping me with a job search. These women are committed to helping women in this community. They are a living example of paying it forward!
-CB, Microloan Recipient

Our Microloan program provides women with affordable loans to start or expand a business, get business training, or to buy the tools of their trade. In addition to affordable loans, our committee of volunteer businesswomen offers ongoing support through mentoring and consultation.

What a great service. I needed these clothes, and I needed this time to just connect with women.
-RM, clothing recipient

The well-known FOCUS Flea Market specializes in upscale clothing at thrift store prices. Proceeds from all sales help fund FOCUS programming, so just shopping at the FOCUS Flea is another great way to help! The Flea is also a source of free or low cost goods for those in need, many of whom are referred by more than 45 area organizations for career or everyday wear.

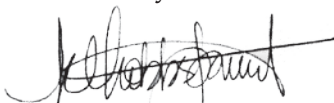
New in 2012, look for art shows at the Flea in concert with the city's First Fridays art opening tradition. The Flea will showcase local women artists and their talents, while also raising money for our programs through gallery fees. Also look for new programs on career and business advice and assistance.

What I enjoyed best about my internship was working with everyone. I learned a lot about being calm and on how to be a better employee. -TN, Summer Intern

FOCUS relies on volunteers to provide many of our valuable services. Whether mentoring teens or assisting customers at the Flea, volunteers contribute to our community's well-being. We also partner with other agencies to provide practical internships and opportunities for women and girls in transition. Volunteers share in the success of the wide array of services and events we provide, and gain the added benefit of practical work and professional experience that can translate into real world job changes.

Every dollar and hour donated helps FOCUS maintain and grow our programming. Thank you for whatever contribution you are able to make toward FOCUS Women's Resource Center's next 40 years.

Sincerely,



Ms. Hobby Parent
President, FOCUS Board of Directors

****Check out Inside Nonprofits in December, featuring FOCUS Women's Resource Center!**
Charlottesville's Own TV10, MWF 7:00 p.m., TThS 9:00 a.m.**