

Donaldson Supports the WomenVenture “Women Can Do it!” Program

The Donaldson Foundation, a long time supporter of WomenVenture, announced today it will maintain the Foundation’s annual contribution of \$30,000 to support the non-profit’s “Women Can Do It!” program in 2010.

WomenVenture is a Twin Cities-based non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping women gain economic prosperity. Over the past 30 years, WomenVenture has helped more than 90,000 women succeed in business and life. This success is based on the organization’s mission of teaching women skills to find careers with higher wages; navigate job loss and changes; start and grow small businesses and manage their economic resources.

“Our ‘Women Can Do It!’ program strives to provide outreach and job readiness services to women throughout the Twin Cities,” said Kelly Coughlan, Director of Career & Work Services at WomenVenture. “This financial contribution from Donaldson will allow us to continue to break down the economic and social barriers that plaque low-income women by offering education, mentoring and job placement services.”

In 2009, WomenVenture’s “Women Can Do It!” program trained and placed 53 low-income women into higher wage jobs, with a 92 percent retention rate after six months and 75 percent rate after one year. “Our goal in 2010 is to increase overall outreach to women throughout the Twin Cities, provide program fit assessments and offer job readiness services that will place our program participants in jobs they will maintain well into the future. We will make a sustainable impact on the economic prosperity of the Twin Cities community – one woman at a time.”

Commenting on the continued support of the “Women Can Do It!” program, Kristine Graham, Donaldson Foundation president, said, “WomenVenture is an organization with a proven record of success in educating and supporting women in gaining independence and success in the work place. We appreciate the positive impact the ‘Women Can Do It!’ program has in our community and are pleased to offer our continued financial support.”

For more information on WomenVenture’s “Women Can Do It!” program, including volunteer opportunities, visit www.womenventure.org or contact WomenVenture by phone at 651-646-3808 or 866-646-3808.

Established in 1966, the Donaldson Foundation funds charitable causes on behalf of Donaldson Company, Inc. Since 1991, the Foundation has contributed 2% of the company’s earnings each year, making it a Minnesota Keystone participant. Its mission is to positively impact the communities in which its employees live and work by supporting education. To learn more about the Donaldson Foundation, visit the website at <http://www.donaldson.com/en/about/community/foundation.html>.

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