

Women-powered philanthropy in action:  
Join us for WCGN's fifth conference in Charlotte, NC Oct. 15-17



**Nationally known philanthropist and business dynamo Darla Moore to headline WCGN's Charlotte Conference**

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### **WCGN National Leadership Forum 2015**

*Doing. Being. Leading.*

**Announcing  
Fire Starters: A Candid Conversation with Three Women Founders of International Nonprofits**



What does it take to ignite and fuel a social movement? Over lunch on Friday, Oct. 16 at The Mint Museum of Art in Uptown Charlotte, three leading nonprofit founders share the stage to recount how they created and sustained their powerhouse organizations.



**Molly Barker**, founder, Girls on the Run International & Red Boots Coalition

**Nancy Brinker**, founder, Susan G. Komen



**Colleen Willoughby**, founder, Washington Women's Foundation & WCGN

**Philanthropist and business leader Darla Moore is our WCGN conference keynote speaker.**

[Read about all our speakers>](#)



## **Registration now open for members & non-members!**

Please print or post our [flyer](#) to help us spread the word to your members and community. Stay tuned for details about more fabulous Charlotte conference events, breakout sessions, panels, and speakers in future monthly e-news reports.

## WCGN CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

### October 15-17, 2015

Full session registration includes:

- **Thursday, Oct. 15** - Check-in begins at 1 pm and cocktail reception at 6 pm followed by dinner and keynote address at 7 pm.
- **Friday, Oct. 16** - All day breakout and general sessions, lunch at the Mint Museum, and dinner at The Ballantyne Hotel.
- **Saturday, Oct. 17** - Breakout sessions and lunch. Adjourn at noon with box lunches available for travelers.

Do you have questions about the conference? Check out our [Conference FAQs](#), or contact our co-chairs at [conference@wcn-network.org](mailto:conference@wcn-network.org)

Here's what Carrie Brodsky, from Impact100 Philadelphia, had to say about her time at our 2014 conference in St. Louis:

*"Thank you to the WCGN conference planners and participants from our Leadership Forum 2014 in St. Louis, MO! Impact100 Philly is going home with an abundance of ideas and inspiration!"*

## **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR ALL!**

**\$300 EARLY BIRD RATES APPLY FOR MEMBERS**

Registration is open for members and non-members alike. **Non-member registration is \$450.**

One of the many **benefits of WCGN membership is the \$300 early bird registration rate**, which applies to all current [WCGN Member Organizations](#) and their members. Early bird rates end July 31.

The conference is open to anyone who supports collective giving and women-powered philanthropy.

### REGISTER TODAY!

***Thank you to our hosts in Charlotte***

***The Women's Impact Fund!***

***Meet conference co-chairs***



***Dianne Bailey***

***&***

***Sonja Nichols***



## PROGRAMS & SPEAKERS

The Conference Program Planning

## VENUES

The gorgeous [Ballantyne Hotel and Spa](#) will be our

The Conference Program Planning Committee is working to make YOUR conference great!

Many thanks to our current planning committee members:

Donna Broderick, Impact 100 Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH); Sandy Cook, Women's Impact Alliance (Jacksonville, FL); Marla Felcher, The Philanthropy Connection (Boston, MA); Cynthia Frank, Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC); Kathy Frost, Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund (St. Louis, MO); Felice Joyce, Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund (St. Louis, MO); Laura Midgley, Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA); Virginia Mills, Conference Program Committee Chair, Womenade (Boston, MA); Maureen Romito, Impact Las Vegas (Las Vegas); Claire Tate, Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC); Jennifer Winstel, Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC)

The gorgeous [Ballantyne Hotel and Spa](#) will be our conference headquarters. Thanks to our hosts, [The Women's Impact Fund](#), southern hospitality will abound and we'll get a taste of some of the finest venues Charlotte has to offer, such as the Foundation of the Carolinas and the Mint Museum.

## BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW!

### HOTEL

**To qualify for special rates, please book your own room**

[at The Ballantyne Hotel](#)

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WCGN2015>

- \$169 single or double per night
- \$179 triple per night
- \$189 quad per night

Complimentary WiFi included.

\*For those wishing to share rooms please inform the hotel of the names of each WCGN Conference attendee staying in your room, so that WCGN can track attendance.

[Consider adding a few days to enjoy Charlotte!](#) Our special rates are available three nights following the conference while supplies last.

## CHARLOTTE ATTRACTIONS

Charlotte has a rich history steeped in the discovery of gold and the pride of Scots-Irish settlers. **The Queen City** was founded in 1768 and named for Queen Charlotte, wife of King George III of England. Now the nation's second leading financial center, Charlotte was originally built at the crossroads of two Native-American trading paths. The intersection of these two paths, now major streets called Trade and Tryon, is known as the heart of Charlotte.

[Read more about Charlotte's history and attractions>](#)

## TRANSPORTATION

CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CLT) is served by the following airlines:

- American Airlines
- Delta Air Lines
- Frontier Airlines
- JetBlue Airways
- Southwest Airlines
- United Airlines
- US Airways

Airport transportation will be available in addition to buses between venues. No need for a rental car!



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