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Today's Omaha Woman Focuses on What Makes Omaha Special

Pick up the Spring issue of *Today's Omaha Woman* and find out why Omaha is such a great place to live, work and play.

"Omaha has awesome business, incredible art and endless opportunity," said Sarah Johnson, manager of the Chamber's Young Professionals organization.

Read interviews with Diny Landen, Anne Trumble, Susan Thomas, Colleen Etheridge, Katie Weitz White and Ariel Roblin and find out what attracted these women to Omaha - or in some instances, brought them back home.

Today's Omaha Woman magazine is available at [newsstands throughout Omaha](#). Receive future issues in the mail by making a \$25 or more [donation to the Women's Fund](#).



Save the Date

The 11th annual Women's Fund Fall Luncheon will be held **Thursday, Oct. 27**, at CoCo Key Water Resort and Convention Center.

Watch for information on the speaker and details on how to register.



Women's Fund Seeks Grant Applications

The Women's Fund of Omaha is known for its support of other nonprofit agencies through its annual grant process. Since its inception, more than \$1.2 million in grants has been awarded for programs targeting the most critical issues facing women and girls in our community.

To determine the greatest needs, the Women's Fund relies on research, much of which we conduct ourselves. Grant requests then target these issues. The 2011 Community Impact Grants will be awarded to agencies with innovative programs for women ages 18 and up in the areas of economic self-sufficiency, domestic violence and leadership development, as well as sexual literacy programs for young women ages 13 and up.

A \$25,000 grant will recognize excellence in programming for women, and a \$20,000 excellence grant will go to a girl-serving agency.

Research Fact

Women hold 26 percent of the elected positions in Douglas County, up less than 1 percent from 2009.

Women and Leadership in Omaha 2011 update

A [donation to the Women's Fund](#) not only supports our research and programs, but also helps numerous other agencies through our targeted grants.

Applications for the 2011 Community Impact Grants are due Friday, May 27, and Excellence Grants applications are due June 3. Grants will be awarded at the Women's Fund fall luncheon on Oct. 27. [Application information](#) is available on the Women's Fund website.



Become a Changemaker

For less than the cost of a daily latte, you can make real change for other women in our community. Sign up to donate \$50 a month for four months - now through August - and become a Changemaker. With a donation of \$200 or more in 2011, you'll receive an invitation to a VIP party to be held Aug. 25 during Omaha Fashion Week. Attendees will vote for a nonprofit agency to receive the Changemaker grant. [Donate now](#), or call 402.827.9280 to set up a monthly payment schedule using Visa or MasterCard.

Mentoring Minute

Kathleen R. Oleson Lyons, Ph.D., is assistant professor of the Service-Learning Academy/Nonprofit Leadership Alliance at UNO. She also serves on the Women's Fund board.

Q: What is the most important trait a woman needs to be successful in a senior leadership position?

A: Integrity. This professional element is essential. It is what I believe defines great leadership. It is what provides stability and transparency within an organization and strength for all those working within the organization.



Kathe Oleson Lyons



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