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## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Who You Surround Yourself With Matters

I am a big believer in the thinking that you aren't able to hear a message or learn a lesson until you are ready to receive it. Over and over throughout my life, I heard the recommendation to surround yourself with people who challenge you, lift you up, who are living the life you want to lead, and are making changes in the world you want to see.

I believe that these people are the women of EWC. You are women with grateful hearts, with vision and those who approach life with energy and confidence. You give your time and money to causes that lift us all. You inspire me to be the change I want to see in the world.

Because of the women in this club, I had the courage to become our 33<sup>rd</sup> President. I am confident that as you look around at the company you keep that you will find EWC members to be the ones who build you up, leave you energized and challenge you to be better.

Join us at the May General meeting as we give away \$70,000 in grants to very deserving nonprofit organizations. I would like to thank our Grants Committee chairs, Audrey DeLay and Erica Myers, for their hard work and commitment to their positions with EWC. Audrey and Erica made innovative changes in the grants process and spent countless hours making this committee run smoothly.

At the May meeting, we are also going to be honoring our record breaking class of provisionals as they move in to active status. You won't want to miss their skit! The new board of 2016-17 will be taking their oaths of office. We will also have some fun shopping opportunities (for those of you who know me, that won't be much of a shock!).

The May General meeting is "Bring a Friend". We encourage you to share your love of EWC by inviting your friends to come and check us out. We want to continue and build on our momentum of this year's record breaking provisional class.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be your president this year. It has been an honor. I hope that all of you will be at the May meeting to celebrate our successes.

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*To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart!*



*Pam Whitt*  
Treasurer

# MONEY MATTERS

Wow, I cannot believe this EWC year is almost over and it's been both FUN and SUCCESSFUL! We awarded \$9,500 in scholarships at the April meeting and will be awarding grants at the May meeting, so you won't want to miss that meeting.

While the 2015-2016 year is coming to a close, it's time to start thinking about the new 2016-2017 year. Dues for the 2016-2017 year are due May 15, 2016. Active dues are \$100 and preferred active and sustainer dues are \$75. The \$100 community donation for active members is due November 1, 2016.

### Bank Balances as of 04/26/16

Checking                \$86,016  
Money Market        \$25,000

Thanks!

## *Social*

Monday, May 9, 2016  
6:30 pm

Cafe 501  
501 S Boulevard, Edmond

RSVP by Wed, May 4, 2016  
405.818.5227  
Diane Biard-Doeksen

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

SAT, MAY 7:  
Blood Institute

MON, MAY 9:  
Social

THU, MAY 12:  
General Meeting

THU, JUL 21:  
New Member Open House



## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2016  
6:00 pm  
Oak Tree Country Club

[REGISTER HERE](#)

To receive the \$20 dinner price,  
please register by Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

“ Thank you for your donation! We are grateful for your partnership and support as we help child abuse victims in Oklahoma county. Your generosity makes a significant impact on the lives of our children as they begin to heal and overcome their experience. Because of you, our children know they are BRAVE and COURAGEOUS!

On behalf of our children and families, thank you for your support of our efforts to help little and precious hearts heal after suffering the tragic act of abuse. You are LionHearted!

Gratefully,  
Stacy McNeiland CEO  
Care Center

# PROVISIONAL NEWS

## *Congratulations Provisionals!*

Congratulations to our 2015-16 provisional class on becoming active members! We are grateful to have you all and welcome you to active membership. You are a record breaking class and you have already made an impact on our club. To be a volunteer takes generosity, understanding, empathy, compassion and dedication. You've shown these qualities and so much more, so thank you for all that you do!

A BIG thank you also to Debbie and Cassie Wells, this year's Provisional Co-Chairs for doing an outstanding job leading the Provisionals!

Congratulation Ladies!  
Sherry Jordan  
EWC President 2015-16

## SPOTLIGHTS

### *Ann Ditto*



...lived in Edmond since 1991; moved here from Las Vegas Nevada, but native Texan. Raised 3 boys in our Edmond community.

I enjoy dancing, I take lessons and help teach! Super Thunder fan! Love our OSU Cowboys and OU Sooners except when they play each other- then I'm a Poke!

I have met so many wonderful people while being involved in the Edmond Chamber and now EWC!!

Looking forward to what comes next in life!!

“ I want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for your generous gift of iPads for WINGS.

They have already been put to use for our Art Auction check in and check out. Our members will also be using them in our Day Program.

We appreciate your investment in our mission here at WINGS as we are endeavoring to make a difference in the lives of those entrusted to us with developmental disabilities. ”

With warm regards,  
Wayne Pittard  
Executive Director  
WINGS

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## Carrie Hill

...was born and raised in Denver, Colorado and moved to Oklahoma three years ago. While she misses the mountain views, the tornados and earthquakes have kept things pretty exciting! She and her husband Lonnie love going to movies, trying new restaurants, and running half marathons. On her own, Carrie loves shopping for vintage treasures and making pretty much anything.

Carrie owns a personal assistant service called LifeSquire Edmond, where she and her team help their clients with everything from grocery shopping to business administration.

Her background is in counseling and social work, and she really enjoys applying these skills in a new way in her business.

Carrie's special talents include the ability to say supercalifragilisticexpialidocious backwards and getting lost in familiar environments.



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## Darlene Jaro



I have lived in Edmond since 2007 in the Coffee Creek Addition in Edmond, OK. I have always lived in Oklahoma; growing up in Rush Springs, the Watermelon Capitol if you didn't know. I was married 46 years to Steve, who passed away in 2013 due to diabetes and Alzheimer's diseases. We were blessed with one daughter who you might know as the EWC President-elect for 2016-17, Lisa Owens. I have one grandson, Davis, who recently graduated from OU. My family is the most important thing in my life, and spending time with them having fun.

I am a member of Crossings Church. I do not have any sport hobbies at this time except watching our NBA Thunder team and OU football. I have previously played tennis, bowled and played golf. Who know what the future will bring for activities in my life. I plan to retire at the end of 2016 and plan to work part-time for some of my friends that own businesses in downtown Edmond. I just plan on being involved in whatever makes me happy and enjoy life to the fullest.

I enjoy being a member of EWC and seeing a wider view of our community and the needs that lay in Edmond, Oklahoma.

# Chika Jennifer Iwuchukwu



...is the founder/CEO of ALL DOLLED UP! prom dress and accessory giveaway for girls in need. Our motto "changing a life one dress at a time."

She is the first child of five siblings. Her mother is a nurse and father has served as an accountant. Jennifer is a product of Edmond North High schools as an honor graduate. She attended Rose State College, Oklahoma Christian University, and University of Central Oklahoma. Jennifer has always been a young person on the move. Her parent believed in getting her involved in everything possible that was geared to keep her off the streets and doing positive things in her community.

She has been working in the field of health care for over nine years and is still presently working there today. She is a certified Cognitive Therapeutics Interventionist Trainer. Since becoming a Private Duty Certified Home Health Aide (C.H.H.A.), she enjoys providing counseling and consultant services assistance to family members of military veterans, seniors, and children with special needs and disabilities.

Jennifer has traveled near and far, meeting young people and speaking out against issues that they feel affect them. Jennifer has been involved in her community but feels things have only begun for her and there is still work for her to do. As a member of various organizations such as, The Oklahoma Institute of Child Advocacy, Positive Ways, Student

Leadership Council, Student Government Inter, Kiwanis International, Alliance of Emerging Young Professionals, and Minority Student Association, she has the opportunity to interact with a diverse individuals and to understand their cultural differences.

She plans to one day own her very own business. Jennifer enjoys being a fabulous Mary Kay beauty consultant and is truly excited to see what the future hold for her.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, tackling social injustices throughout the community, scrapbooking, traveling, volunteering, eating great food, and spending time with family and friends. Her favorite quote is: "You can tie my hands and feet but you cannot enslave her thinking".

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** When Jennifer was a child, she was helped by UR Special and EWC. Now, she is giving back by being involved with EWC.

“ Thank you so much for helping us receive the Edmond Women’s Club grant for our Oklahoma Center for Arts Education. I appreciate the time and effort that goes into the grant process and thank you for your consideration.

This grant will enable us to bring joy to a special group of people. ”

Most Sincerely,  
Pam Washington  
Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Design, UCO

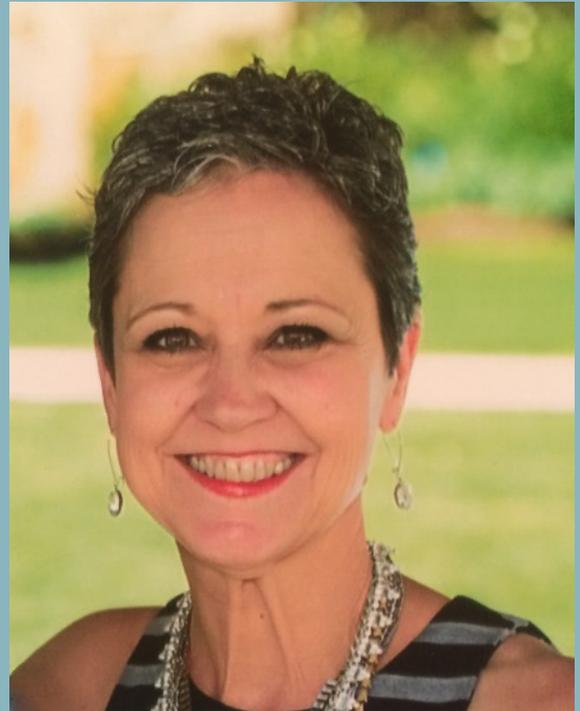
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# *Kathy Hawkins*

... is originally from Texas, but has lived in Edmond for the past 22 years. She has been married for thirty-two years, has three children and three precious grandchildren who are the love of her life! She enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, exercising and conducting estate sales.

Kathy is blessed to have her dream job as a VP and Independent Consultant with Arbonne. She loves helping people create the life of their dreams and of their own design. In her free time, she has held various school volunteer positions and is active in her church and in several Bible studies.

Kathy's background includes a degree from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and a brush with fame that included singing with the Fred Waring Show, the Pennsy Pops Orchestra, as well as other studio and musical work. Kathy truly loves meeting new friends and giving back to her community and is excited to be a part of the Edmond Women's Club!



*Megan January*  
VP Membership

# MEMBERSHIP

With the year coming to a close and the membership due date coming up, please email me if you have met the requirements and desire to move your membership status to either Preferred Active or Sustainer.

In order to become a Preferred Active member you must have completed 3 years as an Active Member and must have previously served in a leadership role for 1 year as an Active Member. The dues for Preferred Active are \$75. As a Preferred Active member, you must serve on at least one committee and attend at least 2 general meetings.

In order to become a Sustainer, you must have completed at least 1 year as a Preferred Active Member OR completed 5 years as an Active Member meeting all requirements. The dues for Sustainer are \$75. There are no committee or general meeting requirements for Sustainers.

# GRANTS COMMITTEE



*Audrey DeLay*  
Grants Chair



*Erica Myers*  
Grants Chair

The Grants Committee starts its process every summer by updating the grants application which is posted on the EWC website and sent out to prior applicants. We made a major change this year, though, and went paperless! This change did not affect the number of applicants we received this year. Thirty eight non-profits applied and requested a total of almost \$200,000.

The Committee worked hard all year reviewing the applications and meeting with the organizations that were applying for the first time. It is because of the dedication and effort of these Committee members that this year went as smoothly as it did and we truly appreciate them: Cindy Gladden, Desiree Koenig, Erma Leaton, Monica Mahon, and Janet Patterson.

As always, it was a difficult decision because all applicants serve the Edmond community in a variety of worthy causes. But the Committee is proud to say that we were able to substantially fund the grant requests of the following 14 non-profits by granting about \$70,000:

1. **All Things Baby** - provides basic necessities for pregnant women, babies, and children.
2. **Alzheimer's Association** - offers expert guidance on care, support, and education to everyone effected by Alzheimers; works to prevent dementia through the promotion of brain health; works to end Alzheimers through comprehensive research efforts.
3. **Blue Star Mothers of America** - promotes patriotism, civic education, and support to mothers of active duty military service members and veterans.
4. **Coffee Creek Riding Stables** - provides free therapeutic riding opportunities and mental, physical, and social benefits to children in the local disability community.
5. **D-Dent** - helps low income, uninsured US military veterans, the elderly and developmentally disabled by providing free comprehensive dental care.
6. **Edmond Community Chorale** - provides chorale experiences in an inviting and affordable venue.
7. **Edmond Mobile Meals** - furnishes a hot, noon-time meal to Edmond's homebound elderly, disabled and convalescing adults, without regard to income or age, and provides social contact by a daily visit.
8. **Fine Arts Institute of Edmond** - offers educational and cultural opportunities in visual and performing arts for adults and children.
9. **Free to Live** - provides housing, medical care and love for stray, abandoned, or abused dogs and cats...and equips the next generation to be advocates for the voiceless animals in our communities; drastically reducing the number of hurting and homeless animals.
10. **Hope Center of Edmond** - provides food, clothing, and household items, as well as financial assistance for rent and utilities. They assist those in need to overcome their personal emergencies, meet their basic needs and help them improve their quality of life on a permanent basis.
11. **Jim Riley Outreach, Inc.** - helps individuals and families move into a life of recovery from addiction.
12. **UR Special Ministries** - provides new clothing to the at-risk children in the Edmond area. They hope to improve the self-esteem of these children by giving them an outfit that allows them to dress like their peers, and therefore, feel like they fit in.
13. **UCO Foundation for the Arts** - provides scholarship assistance to deserving students and support for faculty, campus activities and vital programs at UCO.
14. **Wings** - enhances the lives of adults with developmental disabilities through social, vocational, and residential programs guided by principles of the Bible.



*Janet Thiessen*  
Member Care Chair

# *Joys & Concerns*

Do you know how special you are to me? I cannot tell you what my EWC friendships have meant over the years and continue to mean to me. And each year as a new provisional class comes on board I so love meeting new friends! I was on a cruise recently where Angie Smith spoke. I will never forget one of the stories she told and perhaps it will touch you too.

*The kitchen was full of noise and kids, and as a few neighbors trickled in I realized we weren't going to have enough food to go around. Todd and the girls had stopped for sub sandwiches on the way home and that was what looked the most appealing to our guests.*

*"I'll share half of mine with you." Kate said. She started tearing her sandwich in half and handed it to her friend, a huge grin across her face. I mouthed the words, "I'm proud of you" to her, because Kate giving away food is right up there with resurrection as far as miracles. She smiled.*

*Apparently the sweet little guy who works at the sandwich shop had informed the kids that if they would allow him to put a jalapeno in their sandwiches, they would get free cookies. That made me laugh because my girls love spicy food, and a teensy little pepper wasn't going to get in the way of their sugar fix. So now we had four cookies and five kids. Again, Kate assured her friend that she would share hers, and I watched her fingers, dirty from a day's adventures, carefully separate her cookie into two parts. I could tell that one was smaller than the other, and I watched her glance from one half to the other, obviously having a mental debate about what she should do. I was subtly watching, curious about how she would handle it. After about 20 seconds of looking back and forth, she began to pull the smaller one to herself and then thrust it out to Sienna instead. I was proud she shared at all, but secretly I was hoping she would act sacrificially and give the bigger one to her friend. I acted like I wasn't watching her, but as they scooted out of the kitchen I heard Kate say to Sienna, "That one has more chocolate chips." Immediately I realized what I had misunderstood, and a smile spread across my face as I watched her leave the room.*

*She wasn't trying to decide which one was better because of its size, but rather which one was better because of its quality.*

*And I wonder how many times I shake my head in disappointment because I'm frustrated that the Lord has given me the smaller portion, not realizing He has chosen the best based on a characteristic that I don't use to assess the options.*

*She was counting, not debating. And she gave away what was best in her eyes.*

*I know He does the same, and today I am thanking Him for that. I may not understand the scale or the process behind the decision, but I am grateful that He is trustworthy and faithful in His care.*

*It's a quick story, but I hope it will challenge you today as it has me. Don't assume He has withheld the best from you because it doesn't look the way you thought it would. He knows what we need and how we should receive it, and I for one am going to make a point of enjoying my portion more with that in mind. Praying that today is a day where you do the same, and that you are reminded of the way He lovingly enters into our lives and specifically feeds us what is best.*

He is always good, isn't He?  
Love you all!

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS



*Charlotte Goddard*

VP Community

This has been a wonderful year for Community Projects as we added additional opportunities for EWC to volunteer and provide assistance for our friends and organizations in the Edmond area. A huge thank you goes out to those who volunteered for the Miracle League Games on April 5<sup>th</sup> and braved very high winds to support the players. And a big shout-out goes to our Ambassadors who supported the second set of games and so many other events this year. It has been an amazing year with the support of our many new Provisional members and Ambassadors to participate in these events. Volunteers also helped with our third adopt-a-Street clean-up to fulfill our commitment to clean our designated street at least three times a year. We even had two very junior volunteers (Claire, age 4 and Kailey, age 7) pick up trash. Nice job!

I also wanted to thank Gail McCann who started as Community Chair but had to discontinue early this year. She did a great job and I really appreciated her support.

Looking forward to next year, Carrie Hill has graciously accepted the Community Projects Chair and I am confident she will bring fresh ideas regarding how we can support our Edmond organizations. Cheryl Hooper has also said she will help as much as possible. Thanks Ladies!

It has been a true pleasure to serve over Community Project and a debt of gratitude goes out to our established Members, Provisionals and Ambassadors who made this a very rewarding and successful year of giving back to our community

*Thank You* EWC!

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

On the next page is the committee assignment sheet for next year. I have received most of your forms back already. If you haven't filled yours out yet, please do so and send to me via e-mail [ldowens68@att.net](mailto:ldowens68@att.net) or give to me at the May general meeting.

The leadership roles have all been filled. Thank you all for volunteering to serve.

I look forward to working with you all next year!!

Thanks!  
Lisa Owens  
EWC President-Elect



## 2016 – 2017 Committee Placement Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Every committee placement provides a new opportunity to learn, grow, and meet new people!

All Active, Preferred Active and Provisional Members are required to serve on one committee.

Please indicate 3 committees, in which you would be willing to serve, and rank them 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please feel free to make any notes regarding your interest, experience, etc. Please turn in at the May general meeting or e-mail to Lisa Owens at [ldowens68@att.net](mailto:ldowens68@att.net)

**Communications Council** \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Council**

Scholarships Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Grants Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Community Projects Committee \_\_\_\_\_

**Fundraising Council**

Gala Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Merry Marketplace Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Underwriting Committee \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospitality and Socials Council**

Minor & Major Socials Committee \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Council** \_\_\_\_\_

**Finance Council** \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!!!**

## EWC Appointed Positions 2016-2017

Communications Council – Vice President – Janice Winchester

Newsletter Chair – Emily Taylor

Marketing/PR Chair – Emily Taylor

Webmaster Chair – Emily Taylor

Community Council – Vice President – Charlotte Goddard

Scholarships Chairs – Shauna LeGrande & Toni Weinmeister

Grants Chair – Robyn Heerwagen

Community Projects Chair – Carrie Hill

Fund Raising Council – Vice President – Natalie Francis

Merry Marketplace Chairs – Gina Buendia & Megan January

Gala Chairs – Crystal Carte, Heather Langhofer & Beth Vowell

Acquisitions Chair – Jill Merritt

Wine & Restaurant – Darlene Jaro & Debbie Wells

Tickets & Tables Chair – Liz Wilson

Underwriting – Lisa Owens

Hospitality & Socials Council – Vice President – Laura Hickenboth

Membership Council – Vice President – Sisca Wolff

Records Chair – Susie Murray

Member Care Chair – Janet Thiessen

Provisional Chairs – Melissa Langley, Tiffany Jedlicka & Renee Rosson

Ambassador Chair – Kathy Hawkins

The poster features a vibrant background of rolling green hills under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and yellow colors for emphasis.

Edmond Women's Club  
**New Member Open House**

Thursday, July 21, 2016

6:30 pm

**Iron Horse Ranch Clubhouse**

2550 Ranch House Road, Edmond

Register online at [www.ewc.org](http://www.ewc.org)

or

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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The generosity of the Edmond Women's Club brought many smiles this week. Thank you for your support of the Fine Arts Institute of Edmond.

Edmond Women's Club funds will be used to bring art to 2,500 third and fourth grade children in the Edmond Public Schools. Your dollars will go toward trained, professional art teachers' salary and classroom supplies.

On behalf of our board, staff, faculty, and especially the children, please accept our genuine appreciation.

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Happy creating,  
Shannon Price  
Executive Director  
Edmond Fine Arts Institute

*Edmond Women's Club* HIGHLIGHTS



Miracle League  
Spring 2016



Miracle League  
Spring 2016



Adopt-a-Street  
Spring 2016

The young volunteers who helped us clean the street are Kailey (Stacy White's daughter) and Claire (Charlotte Goddard's granddaughter).

# Edmond Women's Club HIGHLIGHTS



2015-2016 EWC AMBASSADORS (Left to Right, Standing) VP Membership Megan January, Casady Ball, Hadley Walters, Tess O'Connor, Avery Ogle, President Sherry Jordan. (Sitting) Amanda Smith, Bailey Casillo, Clara O'Connor, Kylie May, and Malorie Travis.



2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: (Left to Right) Scholarships Chair Britta Thrift, Erin Drewke, Kelly Nguyen, Perri Cole, Kailee Jacques, Cassie Redig, Jeri Freeman, President Sherry Jordan, and Scholarships Chair Toni Weinmeister.

*Edmond Women's Club* HIGHLIGHTS

April General Meeting



Door Prize Winner  
Kendra Scott



Door Prize Winner  
OKC Zoo



Britta & Toni

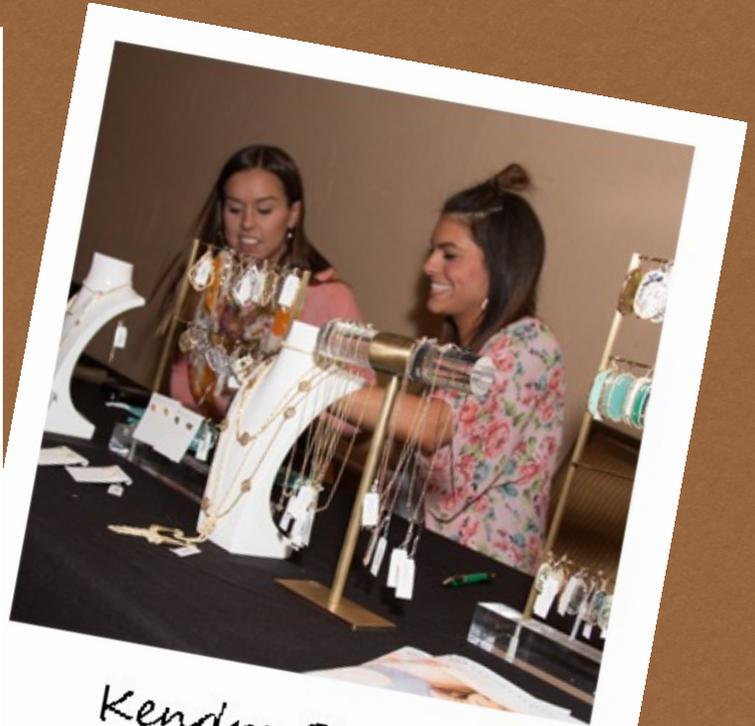


Door Prize Winner  
Shop Cargo Room

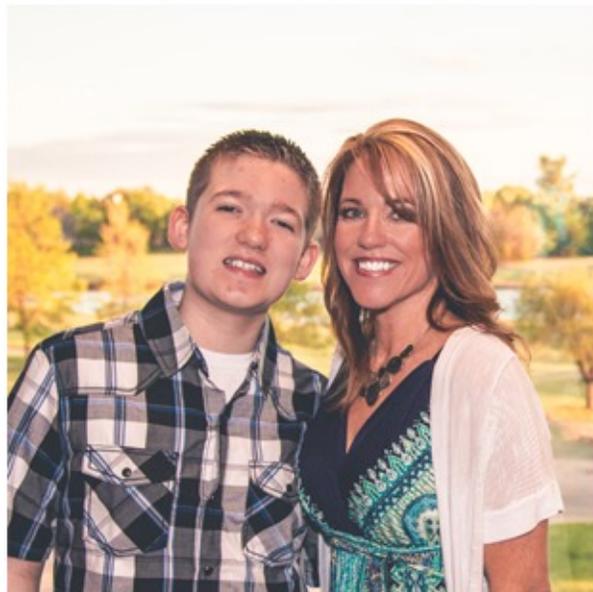
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Heather



Kendra Scott



Jeri & son