AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc—Website

Our mission: To work together with the AAUW Birmingham Branch to promote and support education and to create programs and opportunities that help women and girls achieve equality and equity.

History: The AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) was incorporated in 2006 as a 501(c)3 entity to allow members and friends to take tax deductions for their donations and contributions which they could not otherwise because the branch is a 501(c)4. Therefore, all goods or monetary contributions to the annual used book sale, Explorathon, Lavish Luncheon, Forever 29, the Patron Donor Contributor Fund and memorials are tax deductible. The Foundation can also apply for grants such as the Ford Motor Company Fund grant which helps to fund Explorathon.

Governance: The Foundation is governed by its own bylaws, policies and strategic plan. A maximum of nine members of the board of directors are appointed by the Foundation or branch president or serve as ex-officio members from the branch board. They are:

President: Marjorie DiLiddo, Director

Treasurer: Sally Doty, ex-officio, Branch President

Recording Secretary: Sue Longstreet, Director

Corresponding Secretary: Eileen Hitz, Director

Director: Debra DeBose, ex-officio, Branch AAUW Funds chair

Director: Sandra Dickerson, ex-officio, Branch Treasurer

Director: Jody Kuhn

Director: Karen Boyk

Director: Patty Orlowski

AAUW Funds: Nationally, AAUW Funds (a 501(c)3) is the giving arm of AAUW. Currently, all contributions to the Patron Donor Friend Contributor Fund associated with the book sale are sent to AAUW Funds to support the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (to support our research), Legal Advocacy, Leadership Programs, Public Policy and unrestricted funds for “greatest need.” Over the years, our branch has established and funded The American Fellowship for Mary Lou Marsh; the International Fellowship for Ruth Shain and the Joyce Manby Projects and Research Grant. We are currently working to fund the Jean Ivison Walker Projects and Research Grant. All these women were integral members of and powerful forces in our branch and the national AAUW.

Locally, the proceeds of our annual used book sale and our Lavish Luncheon fund our local scholarships—at Bloomfield Hills Schools, the Birmingham SCHOLAR program, OCC, Walsh and Lawrence Tech. We also fund young women to attend National Conference of College Student Women Leaders (NCCWSL) yearly at College Park, Maryland.

How to Donate: Send your check to Sally Doty, 17156 Wiltshire, Southfield MI 48076