

Nurturing Our Local Community

AAUW-Birmingham Branch volunteers enthusiastically contribute more than 300 hours each year to help many local charities.

Member participation in education-related activities at Bound Together is notable and, in addition, volunteers often assist with the preparation of the nutritious meals that are served each afternoon and help with community parties. Our members' gracious contributions to Bound Together's Holiday gift shop allow students to experience the joy of selecting and giving gifts to the special adults in their lives. At Big Family of Michigan, our members donate and wrap holiday gifts to be distributed to more than 1800 foster children throughout the state.

Beyond onsite volunteering, each year our members generously donate requested materials and supplies, valued at over \$2,000, to support the outreach efforts of local charities. More than 400 toiletry articles, arts and crafts items, children's items, and presents are collected and delivered to local charities annually.

This year we will be helping Arc of Oakland County, Big Family of Michigan, Bound Together, Forgotten Harvest, HAVEN of Oakland County, Hope Against Trafficking, Ruth Ellis Center, and Vista Maria.

Foundation Proposed Budget 2024-2025

Income:	
Donations for Scholarships	\$23,500
Memorials, eBay, Kroger	\$2,600
AAUW Research & Support	\$5,000
Other	\$6,050
TOTAL	\$37,200
Expenses:	
High School & College Scholarships	\$23,500
Leadership Conference	\$3,500
AAUW Research & Support	\$5,000
Member Training, Mission Fees	\$4,000
Operations	\$1,200
TOTAL	\$37,200

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**Birmingham, Michigan
Branch Foundation**

Impact Report Fall 2024

**AAUW Birmingham Branch
Foundation
is a 501(c)3 organization
supporting the education
of women and girls.**

Mission Based Programs

This year we are revitalizing our community work with new programs that highlight enrichment activities in many areas of the communities with which we are engaged. We also recognize that just providing scholarship money to disadvantaged young women is not enough; the monetary contribution needs to be augmented by mentors who provide support to encourage students to stay in school.

Bound Together



At Bound Together, we support enrichment activities in science and technology at Funday

Mondays, and member volunteers participate in one-on-one tutoring sessions in reading and math on Tuesday – Thursday afternoons.



In collaboration with Oakland University and the Pontiac Promise Zone,

we are initiating a program to mentor Pontiac girls who are the first in their families to attend college. These young women begin with high hopes, but often have difficulty coping with the academic expectations as they transition to the college setting.

Scholarships - High School

For over 100 years, Birmingham AAUW has provided college scholarships to local high school students. Starting with just a single-year scholarship for one girl, the reach of our Branch commitment has now expanded to provide renewable scholarships to qualifying students in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Pontiac High Schools.

The Foundation also co-founded the Birmingham SCHOLAR program, dedicated to easing the financial burden of college for graduates from within the Birmingham School District.

"...having students succeed beyond high school is what we strive to do. The impact of your scholarship ... is life changing." Kelly Williams, Pontiac SD Superintendent

In 2024, scholarship donations of \$16,500 are funding five students who are attending UofM, MSU, Wayne State University and Oakland University. We are making the future brighter for deserving young students.



College Liaisons

We are reaching out to our scholarship recipients who are having difficulty meeting the demands of college courses by providing support, encouragement, and access to AAUW guidance and resources.

Scholarships - College & University

The Birmingham Branch has provided scholarships to qualifying students at Lawrence Technological University, Walsh College, and Oakland Community College for more than 30 years, impacting the lives of more than 80 students.

Many of our college scholarship recipients are struggling to enter or return to school as they deal with a variety of difficult circumstances in their personal lives.

"Returning to college was one of the best decisions I have made. I thought I had 'failed' in life, but now I know anything is possible." 2024 OCC Scholarship Recipient

In 2024, scholarship donations of \$7000 are funding programs at these three institutions, helping eight deserving students look forward to a brighter future.



Leadership Training

For nine years, in partnership with local colleges and Cranbrook Schools, the Branch has sent more than 18 students to an annual leadership training program that focuses on academic, professional, and personal skills, exposes the students to national women's issues, and encourages these young women to make a commitment to work toward the betterment of all women and girls.

In 2024, donations of \$3,500 are enabling us to continue this worthy effort.