



# Katie L. Dixon Women & Girls Leadership Endowed Fund

## Dixon Girls Forums Accomplishments and Objectives

### October 2011



*Odyssey Charter in American Fork continued with their after-school mentor program and participated in The Y's "1,000 Acts of Kindness" event.*



*Judge Memorial High School hosts a Mardi Gras Family Night at the Salt Lake City Library. Families created origami, masks, and beaded bracelets.*



*Riverview and Hillcrest Junior High participants meet at Murray High for a combined forum in which Murray High students lead a gift-giving activity.*

- Throughout 2010-2011, College of Social Work faculty and staff—along with student volunteers from the University of Utah's Lowell Bennion Community Service Center—enthusiastically conducted Dixon Girls Forums at:
  - Odyssey Charter School
  - Hillcrest Junior High
  - Riverview Junior High
  - Murray High School
  - Anna Smith Elementary—Wendover, Utah
  - St. Andrews School
  - St. Francis-Xavier School
  - St. Vincent de Paul School
  - Eckert Hill Junior High
  - Fox Hills Elementary
  - Horizonte—Single Parent Program
  - Judge Memorial High School
- Our opportunities to present forums at the above schools varied from one to six, as is typically the case. In all, 424 new and returning young women attended 50 forums during the 2010-2011 academic year. This year's curriculum, "Get Ur Good On," gave the participants the opportunity to collaborate with other local schools and to get involved on the national level with Youth Service of America's **Semester of Service**. Service projects varied between the schools and ranged in time from Martin Luther King Day through Global Youth Service Day:
  - Catholic Community Services—Refugee Outreach Program
  - School supplies and back packs
  - The "Y" (formerly YMCA) - 1,000 Acts of Kindness
  - Clothing for local Boys and Girls Clubs
  - After-school mentoring programs
  - Mardi Gras Family Night at Salt Lake City Library
  - Continuation of Community Clean-up
  - Get-well cards and gifts for a local hospital
- During the 2011—2012 academic year, the Dixon Girls Forums will return to the above schools and be introduced to two new schools:
  - Glendale Middle School**—a money-management curriculum in conjunction with the Utah Association of Financial Services
  - Hunter Junior High School**—addressing bullying and hurtful activities in conjunction with The Y's after school program and Safe Passage Grant
- The Dixon Girls Forum staff express their deep gratitude to everyone who has supported the forums with a financial contribution or the gift of personal time. The College continues to seek funding for this endowment in order to support and maintain the many forums currently conducted and the new requests for forums from schools in our community.