

Notre Dame Academy's annual Women Making a Difference luncheon honors Notre Dame graduates who are making a difference in the world. This year we honor three such women whose contributions to their communities, both professionally and philanthropically, are a testament to NDA's proud heritage. Meghan Sherder Olson, Julia B. Meister, and Wendy Kohlhepp Vonderhaar will be honored at the annual luncheon on March 19, 2015, at Receptions in Erlanger.

Women Making a Difference is not only a wonderful opportunity to honor such deserving alumnae, but it is also a fundraiser that helps us continue our mission of educating women to make a difference. We hope you will attend this event to support NDA and our honorees. A reservation form may be found on page 23. There are several openings for sponsorships as well. Please contact the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729 to support this important event.



*Meghan Sherder Olson, Class of 1991*

As the Executive Director of the William S. Olson Memorial Foundation, Meghan has made a difference in the lives of countless children with life-threatening medical conditions. The William S. Olson Memorial Foundation is a family run non-profit organization established in honor of Meghan's late father-in-law and benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Over the past 12 years, Meghan and her family have raised nearly a million dollars and sponsored the wishes of over 100 Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky children. Each year, Meghan organizes a WSO event larger and more successful than the year before. She also volunteers countless hours for Make-A-Wish going above and beyond to grant wishes and bring hope, strength, and joy to children who have a life-threatening medical illness. She is tireless in her efforts to help Make-A-Wish fulfill the dream of reaching every eligible child. "Meghan is a woman of persistence and great faith," write her friends in their nomination letter. "She has faith that God can work through her to positively impact the world and lives of those around her." Congratulations, Meghan!



*Julia B. Meister, Class of 1987*

Julia has made a significant impact and difference in our community professionally, civically and in her many philanthropic endeavors. Professionally, Julia is an accomplished attorney who has risen to the top of her chosen profession as a partner with Taft Stettinius and Hollister law firm and as one of the pre-eminent probate and trust litigation attorneys in Greater Cincinnati and Ohio. Julia is passionate about her community dedicating herself and taking on a leadership role in many civic and philanthropic efforts. Julia currently serves as the Vice President and an Executive Committee Member of the Cincinnati Opera Association. She has served as a board member for Cincinnati Senior Services, the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, and the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. Julia has volunteered at the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati's Battered Women's Shelter and on its Racial Justice Committee, leads an evening adult ministry group at St. Francis Xavier Parish, coaches for Couch to 5K, and has served as a Sole Mate for Girls on the Run of Cincinnati. Julia's passion for her alma maters, Notre Dame Academy and Xavier University are exhibited by her volunteer activities with them. "Julia embodies the characteristics, qualities and traits of a Woman Making a Difference," writes Ronald Christian. Congratulations, Julia!



*Wendy Kohlhepp Vonderhaar, Class of 1986*

Since her days as captain of the NDA swim team, Wendy has been inspiring those around her to have great vision, discipline, and confidence. As the founder and CEO of Intrinziq, Inc., a successful marketing and design firm, Wendy serves as a mentor to other women in the business world. She is a member of the Women's Leadership Council of the United Way of Cincinnati working diligently in the area of women's self-sufficiency. She is also an advocate for many vulnerable young people throughout the community serving as an active member of the Board of Trustees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati. Wendy's commitment to giving back to the community doesn't end there. She is an active volunteer at both Blessed Sacrament School and Notre Dame Academy and she serves on the Board of Directors for the Northern Kentucky Clippers Swim Team. "Wendy is a woman who has used her NDA education and values to make a difference in her family, her alma mater, and her community," writes Kathleen Gormley Johnson, in her nomination letter. Congratulations, Wendy!