

40 & FORWARD

IMPACT, GROWTH, TRANSFORMATION

WBDC 40th Anniversary Celebration An Investment in the Future of Business Ownership

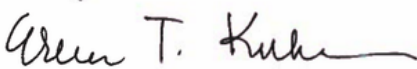
Adler Planetarium | October 15 | 6–10 PM

For 40 years, the Women's Business Development Center has been a trusted partner to entrepreneurs, driving economic growth by equipping business owners with the tools, capital access, and strategic guidance needed to build strong, scalable, and profitable companies. Since 1986, businesses supported by the WBDC have strengthened regional supply chains, created jobs, and contributed to thriving, resilient communities.

The 40 & Forward Celebration marks both a milestone and a moment of opportunity. This signature gathering will convene our clients, WBEs, corporate and public sector partners, foundation and government leaders, and the WBDC Board and staff to celebrate four decades of measurable impact and inspire continued progress toward a stronger economic future.

Corporate support of 40 & Forward is more than a contribution. It is a strategic investment in the communities you serve. Your partnership accelerates the growth of high-potential businesses, strengthens supplier pipelines, and advances access to opportunity across the region. At the same time, it positions your organization as a visible leader committed to innovation, economic vitality, and the long-term success of the business ecosystem.

We invite you to invest alongside WBDC as we move 40 years of impact forward, supporting today's business owners and shaping tomorrow's economy.


Erica T. Kuhlmann, WBDC President and CEO


Sandra Rand, WBDC Board Chair

Opportunities

GALAXY — \$50,000

Wintrust

New World Van Lines

- Featured in Press and Media Releases
- One 10-Person VIP Table
- Podium Speaking Opportunity
- Company Name on Lanyards
- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- Branding for WBDC Cohort
- Post-Event Acknowledgement
- 20 Tickets

NORTHSTAR — \$25,000

BMO

- Recognition from Podium
- Company Name on Lanyards
- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- Branding for WBDC Bootcamp
- Post-Event Acknowledgement
- 16 Tickets

STARLIGHT — \$15,000

Knock, Inc.

Hawthorne Strategy Group

ComEd

- Recognition from Podium
- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- Branding for WBDC Webinar
- Post-Event Acknowledgement
- 12 Tickets

HORIZON — \$10,000

CIBC

U.S. Bank

INTREN

The Bruce and Barbie Taylor Family Fund

United Scrap Metal

Old National Bank

- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- Branding for WBDC Podcast
- Post-Event Acknowledgement
- 8 Tickets

LUNAR — \$5,000

Allstate

Fieldale Farms Foundation

Gage Hospitality Group

Caesars

Ulta

Abbott Laboratories, Inc.

- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- Post-Event Acknowledgement
- 4 Tickets

Aloha Print Group

Citi

Climate Resilience Consulting

Associated Bank

To secure any of these opportunities, please contact:

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Underwriting Opportunities

LEGACY AND IMPACT VIDEOS— \$25,000

Limit 1

- Recognition from Podium
- Closing Credits on Legacy and Impact Videos
- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- 16 Tickets

BEVERAGE SPONSOR — \$20,000

SUNTORY GLOBAL SPIRITS

360 DEGREE EXPERIENCE — \$10,000

Limit 1

- Company Logo or Name Featured at 360 Degree Experience
- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- 8 Tickets

ON-SITE ENTERTAINMENT — \$10,000

Limit 2

- Company Logo or Name Featured at On-site Entertainment
- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- 8 Tickets

DJ SPONSOR — \$7,500

Limit 1

- Company Logo or Name Featured at DJ Booth
- Company Name on Event Screens
- Company Name on Digital Event Program
- 6 tickets

SKY THEATER SHOWS — \$5,000

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