



# Katie L. Dixon Women & Girls Leadership Endowed Fund

## Dixon Girls Forums Accomplishments and Objectives

### October 2012



*As part of the “Character Counts” curriculum, St. Andrew participants created bookmarks to be given to younger students as their reward for joining the school’s reading program.*



*As part of “More than Meets the Eye,” the body image curriculum delivered at three schools, participants created collages about perceived societal values.*



*For the sixth year, Riverview and Hillcrest Junior High participants met at Murray High for a combined forum in which Murray High students lead an activity.*

- Throughout 2011-2012, 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:

Hillcrest Junior High School  
 Riverview Junior High School  
 Murray High School  
 Anna Smith Elementary School—Wendover, Utah  
 St. Andrew School  
 St. Francis-Xavier School  
 St. Vincent de Paul School  
 Kearns St. Ann School  
 Hunter Junior High School  
 Eisenhower Junior High School  
 Ecker Junior High School  
 Fox Hills Elementary School  
 Horizonte Instruction and Training Center  
 Judge Memorial High School

- Our opportunities to present forums at the above schools varied from one to six times per year, as is typically the case. In all, 464 new and returning young women attended 64 forums during the 2011-2012 academic year. One of this year’s curriculum, “More than Meets the Eye,” gave the participants the opportunity to examine body image issues that directly impact their ability to focus on their education. Data collected from 150 participants in this curriculum is currently under analysis and will be available in Spring of 2013. The remaining participants received the “Character Counts” curriculum that addresses individual responsibility.
- The Partner Project through the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center teams business classes with community projects. A group of young women from Dr. Aaron Phillips’ business class had the opportunity to work with the Dixon Forum leaders to hone their skills by developing potential Dixon Girls Forums marketing materials.
- This year, the Latinos in Action Conference: Heroes Among Us invited the Dixon Forums to present break-out sessions using the communication and listening curriculum, “You Can Count on Me.”
- During the 2012-2013 academic year, the Dixon Forms will partner with Dr. Rose Alvarado and the Office of Minority Health: Youth Empowerment Program, Latino Youth to create and present a curriculum to the Latinas Adelante program for teen moms at Horizonte.

*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, as well as respond to new requests for forums from schools in our community.*