



# Katie L. Dixon Women & Girls Leadership Endowed Fund

## Dixon Girls Forums Accomplishments and Objectives

### July 2013



*Hillcrest participants researched other ambassador programs throughout the United States. Using their leadership skills of decision making and written communication, forms were created and presented to school administration.*



*Understanding group dynamics and cooperation, the participants worked hand-in-hand to complete the first Ambassador Program in Murray District.*



*Many thanks to all the volunteers who have given much of their time and devotion to mentor and strengthen the Dixon Girls Forums.*

- During the 2012-2013 school year, two new schools—Eisenhower Junior High and Our Lady of Lourdes—were added to our active list of schools participating in the Dixon Girls Forums (DGF). This year, DGFs were held in:

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  
 Our Lady of Lourdes  
 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

- Hillcrest Junior High administration asked the 50 participants of the DGFs to create an ambassador program for their school for the beginning of the 2013-2014 academic year. Using their best leadership skills, the participants spent many hours researching and collaborating to create and develop guidelines, forms, name tags and presentations for their school and administrators.

Unique to the Murray School District, it is anticipated the outcome from the “All Connected Together” (ACT) Ambassador Program will show:

- Decreased incidents of bullying (based on reports)
- Increased attendance at school and school functions
- Increase in positive attitudes/school spirit

Data collection will be conducted by the District using their forms. Analysis will be available summer 2014.

For the first term of the year, participants of the DGFs will be the sole ambassadors as the program works out any problems. Beginning the second term, any student who meets the criteria set by the administration may apply to become an ambassador. No other school in the District has a program of this type, so it was an honor to take on this responsibility. If the program receives a positive outcome report, the ACT Ambassador Program will be instituted in other schools in the District using the DGF participants as trainers and mentors.

- The Dixon Girls Forums are made possible through support from the College of Social Work faculty, practicum students, and staff, student volunteers from the University of Utah’s Lowell Bennion Community Service Center, and women throughout our community. Thank you for believing in this program!

*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.*