

Dear AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch leaders and members,

You're one of AAUW's truly amazing Five-Star branches and it was a delight to Zoom with so many of you recently – I thoroughly enjoyed the conversation. Our team shared that we recently received another generous gift from your branch, following the gift the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch sent late in 2020. Given your history of robust engagement and support, I'm not at all surprised to be sending thank-you after thank-you your way. All of us at AAUW National greatly appreciate your generosity and we *definitely* do not take it for granted!

It's stunning to say but this Friday marks one year since we closed the AAUW's offices to keep everyone safe and working from home. Much as we have since the pandemic shutdown the world as we once knew it, I am confident your national staff will continue to focus on the most pressing issues facing women and girls in this uncertain time. I'm proud of how we've successfully pivoted to virtual programs, increased our advocacy, and continued to work with fierce commitment to ensure that hard fought gains won't be lost in any of the arenas in which we work. If you didn't see our 2020 Year in Review and By the Numbers, check them out here: <https://www.aauw.org/about/years-in-review/>.

Looking ahead, your Greatest Needs support continues to be especially important now as we have many challenges to address—in the 117th Congress and the Biden-Harris administration, but also in every sector in our society. Your generosity gives us a head start and critical flexibility as we embrace the year ahead with determination, an abundance of resilience and clear-eyed optimism.

Again, thank you so very much on behalf of all of us for your strong support. And, as always, I hope to “see” many of you on a Zoom AAUW webinar soon.

With thanks,

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