



INFORMATION & MEDIA KIT

International Women's Day (IWD)

IWD Experiences

March 4 to March 9, 2024

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About the Organizer



Women of Toledo is a 501c3 non-profit organization, serving the Northwest Ohio community. Our mission is to educate, engage, and empower our community through our programs and services that teach women and girls to lean in with the organization, connect with other women, and build new skills and resources while creating a mentorship and peer networking circle to share ideas, offer support, or seek advice. We believe in providing a space for women and girls to tackle issues critical to women's economic advancement and learn ways to interrupt various biases in the workplace, marketplace, community, and family.

Marked annually on **March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD)** is one of the most important days of the year in celebrating women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

As part of our advocacy awareness in our region, annually Women of Toledo organizes an IWD signature program on March 8th. This year, we expand the advocacy awareness effort to **a week of Experiences.**



The **IWD 2024 #InspireInclusion** campaign aims to collectively forge a more inclusive world for women. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. When women themselves are inspired to be included, **there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment**. On an individual basis, it's important to understand, value, and seek out the inclusion of women and girls. Additionally, sharing this knowledge, support, and encouragement with others is key.

This year we are committed to the idea that everyone has an important story to tell and that everyone's story matters. How do we inspire inclusion? How do you foster connection, empathy, and understanding between people? Tell a good story, of course. At this year's IWD program, we want to share how much more we have in common than what divides us using storytelling.

Storytelling **#InspireInclusion** through action in areas such as:

- forging women's economic empowerment.
- recruiting, retaining, and developing female talent.
- supporting women & girls in leadership, decision-making, business, and STEAM.
- designing and building infrastructure meeting the needs of women & girls.
- helping women and girls make informed decisions about their health.
- involving women and girls in sustainable agriculture and food security.
- providing women and girls with access to quality education and training.
- elevating women and girls' participation and achievement in sport.
- promoting the creative and artistic talent of women and girls.
- addressing further areas supporting the advancement of women and girls.

Gloria Steinem, world-renowned feminist, journalist, and activist reportedly once explained: "The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist, nor any one organization, but to the collective efforts of all who care about **human rights**."



Women of Toledo (WOT)

Lead Team:

Nina Corder, Managing Director
Program Lead & Experiences

Sierra Ortiz, Associate Director
Partners & Logistics

Annora Harbick, Operation Associate
Program & Operation

Mary Brucker, Board of Director
Media Relations & Experiences

Supporting Team: WOT Task Team and Board of Directors

Partners & Supporters

Venue Partners:



Presenting Partner:

Program Partner:



**Currently, we are still looking for Program Partners, Collaborators, and Supporters. Please contact Sierra Ortiz at Sierrao@womenoftoledo.org or call 567.970.7172

Experiences Partners

Program & IWD Luncheon Table Partners

PRESENTING PARTNER \$5,000

2 tables (16 seats) for IWD Luncheon
Sponsor 1 No Women Left Behind Table (8 seats)
2 Seats to Think Tank on Allyship in PANDA Workspace @ TolHouse
16 Wristbands for Soiree at TolHouse featuring DJ Marc FOLK

PROGRAM PARTNERS \$2,500

2 tables (16 seats) for IWD Luncheon
Sponsor No Women Left Behind (4 Seats)
16 Wristbands for Soiree at TolHouse featuring DJ Marc FOLK

TABLE SPONSOR \$1,000

1 table (8 Seats) for IWD Luncheon
Sponsor No Women Left Behind (2 Seats)
8 Wristbands for Soiree at TolHouse featuring DJ Marc FOLK

HALF TABLE \$500

4 Seats for the IWD Luncheon
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Experiences Schedule

March 4 to March 9

RSVP or Get Your Experiences Passes at
www.womenoftoledo.org



Dates	Time & Location	FREE Activity
Mar 4 to Mar 28	Macy's Wing, Franklin Park Mall	A Seat at the Table Exhibition
Mar 1 to Mar 31	Secor Building- Lobby	Women's History Month: #HerStory: History of Women in Entrepreneurship
Mon, Mar 4	3:30 pm Macy's Wing, Franklin Park Mall	Macaron Day Info, Girls Hub Reception, IWD Press Conference
Sat, Mar 9	10 am to 4 pm So Sweet	Macaron Day 

Dates	Time & Location	Ticketed Program**
Fri, Mar 8	11 am to 1 pm Ballroom Hilton Downtown Toledo	International Women's Day Luncheon \$50
	2 pm to 5 pm Panda, TolHouse	Think Tank on Allyship \$75 *limited seat
	5 pm to 9 pm TolHouse	IWD Soiree with DJ Marc Folk \$25

***For Any Financial hardship for the ticketed program, contact our office for the NWLB scholarship*



Experiences Overview

March 1 to March 26

Girls Hub's 'A Seat at the Table' exhibition at the Macy's Wing, Franklin Park Mall. It includes a portrait exhibition, chairs display with our Builder's stories and culture. The goal of the exhibition is to examine how art can activate ideas for both the maker and the audience. The impact of this installation provides people with ways to think critically about different approaches to activism and how you can use your voice to build your seat at the table. For the Builders- it just elevates their confidence and empowerment to the next level. OPEN TO ALL, Mall Hours

Monday, March 4

3:30 pm Kickoff of International Women's Day Experiences with a **Press Conference and Reception at the Macy's Wing, Franklin Park Mall, including** Girls Hub's 'A Seat at the Table' exhibition and information about Macaron Day. OPEN TO ALL

March 1 to March 31

Women's History Month. Secor Building (Lobby area) Presenting the #HerStory campaign featuring the History of Women in Entrepreneurship and their historical journey that paved the way for economic impact in the Greater Toledo area. The #Herstory campaign will include an exhibition of banners displaying their story. To name a few Betty Timko, Ella P Stewart, Florence Scott Libbey, Grace Smith, Margaret "Rusty" Monroe, Marge Roth, and Mildred Benson. OPEN TO ALL, Business Hours



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Thursday, March 7 - Invitation Only

VIP Reception & Dinner. Meet and greet with our IWD Honorary Guests from Eastern Europe, Asia, New York, and PINKK Chicago.

Friday, March 8

11 am to 1 pm. An Annual International Women's Day Signature Luncheon at the Hilton Downtown Toledo, Ballroom. IWD 2024 #InspireInclusion campaign aims to collectively forge a more inclusive world for women. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. When women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment. This year we are committed to the idea that everyone has an important story to tell and that everyone's story matters. 2024 #InspireInclusion Emcee: **Rhonda Sewell**. Storytellers: **Tisha Mays (Moderator), Ruxandra Nagy, Mary Brucker, Nóra Kiss**, Mother & Daughter Duo -**Sahar Abuimara & Luma Alaraje** and closing singer, **Negarina Cooper**.

2 pm to 5 pm (check-in starts at 1:30 pm) Think Tank on Allyship at Panda, TolHouse. A think tank is a group or team designated to create innovative solutions to problems. In this Think Tank, you will attain the tools, research & case studies, and resources to channel your intentions into actionable measures while engaging with peers on Allyship. Facilitators: Dr. **Anju Gupta**, Principal Investigator and Founding Director of NSF ADVANCE at UToledo, **Shyam Suchak**, Toledo HeForShe Chair & Anne Grady Services, Chief Organizational Development Officer, and **Nina Corder**, External Evaluator of NSF ADVANCE at UToledo & Consultative Status with the United Nations Human Rights Council & NGO Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).



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Allyship



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Allyship can become challenging when our emotional responses to the lived experiences of people we support and advocate for, take over. Learning how to transform passion into purpose through precision in our message can be the secret to successful allyship. In this **Think Tank**, you will attain the **tools, research & case studies**, and **resources** to channel your intentions into actionable measures while engaging with peers.

Think Critically:

- Reflect on one's privileged vs marginalized identities and connect identities to examine intersections.
- Classify cognitive biases and their influence on one's decisions, actions, and evaluations.
- Define allyship and various action-orientated ally roles.
- Develop skills to appropriately intervene in the workplace, marketplace, and community marginalization to promote a culture of inclusion and belonging.

Build the Tank:

- To create community allies and ambassadors of organizational change.
- To empower volunteers to act as change agents for historically and present-day marginalized and underserved communities.
- To build a supportive network of volunteers interested in creating an inclusive and belonging city & county through modeling behavior and changing mindset.

ROI:

- Resume Builder - Participant will receive a Certificate with the **NSF logo**.
- Highlight knowledge and leadership skills to foster a positive and inclusive environment.



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Friday, March 8

5 pm to 7 pm. IWD Soirée with DJ Marc Folk, TolHouse.

Dress in IWD color and close out the evening with a dance party and music by DJ Marc Folk. Purple, green, and white are the colors of International Women's Day. Purple signifies justice and dignity, and being loyal to the cause. Green symbolizes hope. White represents purity, albeit a controversial concept.

Saturday, March 9

10 am to 4 pm. Macaron Day, So Sweet

In a tradition of French patisseries and celebrating the onset of Spring, So Sweet Pastries is celebrating Worldwide Macaron Day with free macarons while supporting a great cause, the No Women Left Behind Scholarship, initiative. Customers are encouraged to come and sample these delicious macarons, a delicate French sandwich cookie made from almond flour and joined together with a ganache, buttercream, or jam frosting filling. Following in the footsteps of Paris, New York, Chicago – and our eight-year annual in Toledo history – Toledo and Ohio will celebrate the macaron!



March 9

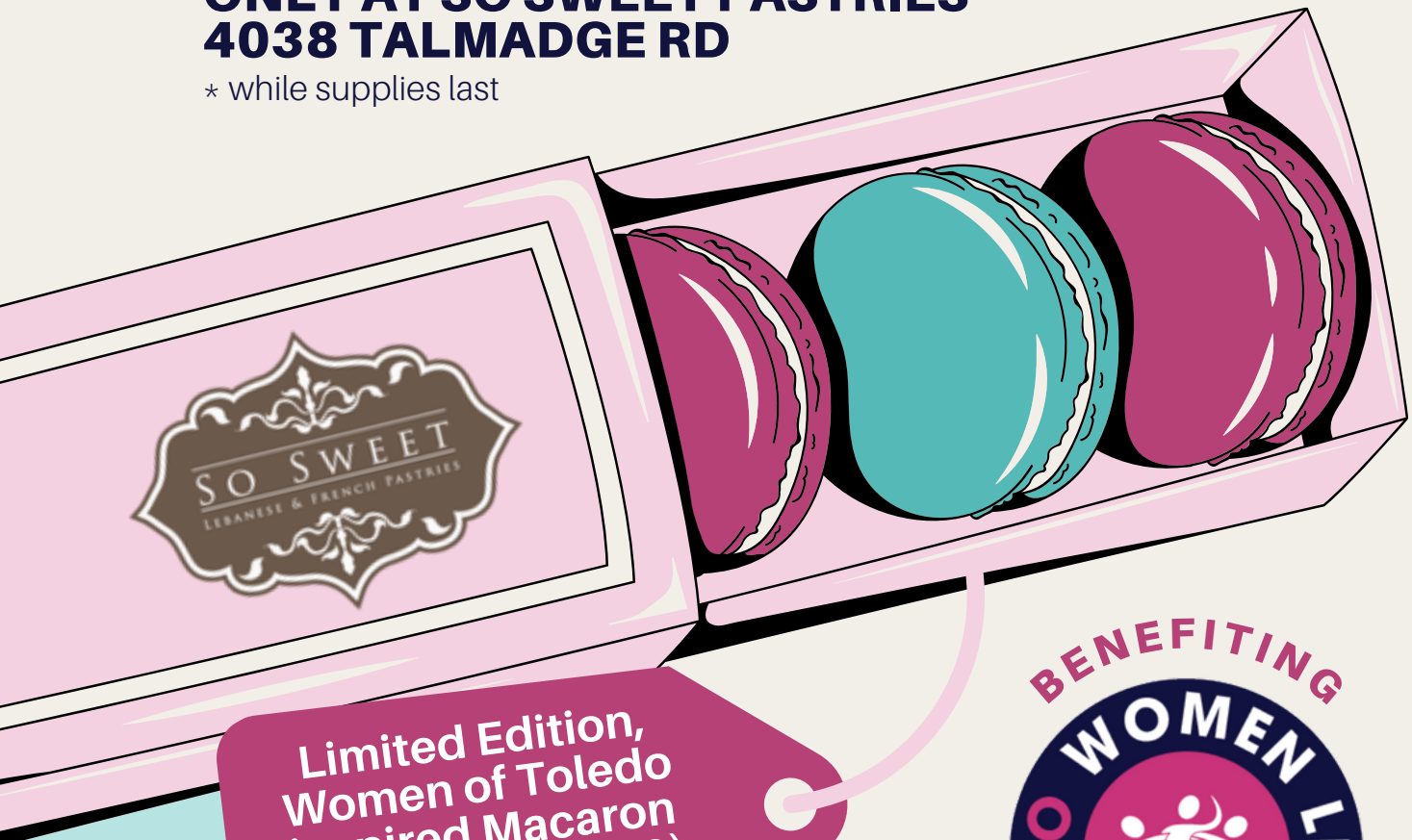
Macaron Day

ONE DONATION = ONE MACARON

Macaron Day began in Paris at the premiere pastry shop of Pierre Herme (la Maison Pierre Herme Paris) in 2005. A tradition of gourmet pastries merged with community giving. Participants traditionally sampled macarons for free and then left a donation for a community organization. Macarons will be given for free this year – with donations requested to support the 'No Women Left Behind' (NWLB) Fund of Women of Toledo. This initiative fund offers any women, young women and disconnected Youth with financial hardship to receive direct or indirect aid.

ONLY AT SO SWEET PASTRIES 4038 TALMADGE RD

* while supplies last



Limited Edition,
Women of Toledo
inspired Macaron
Pack (6 @ \$19.99)
**preorder start Feb 9 for IWD



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FEATURED GUESTS & HIGHLIGHTS

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Rhonda Sewell
Master of Ceremonies



Ruxandra Nagy
IWD Signature Luncheon



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Sahar Abuimara
IWD Signature Luncheon



Tisha Mays
IWD Signature Luncheon



Nóra Kiss
IWD Signature Luncheon



Negarina Cooper
IWD Signature Luncheon
(Closing)



DJ Marc Folk
IWD TolHouse Soirée

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Shyam Suchak
Think Tank



Nina Corder
Think Tank



Dr Anju Gupta
Think Tank



Kathryn Tucker
WOT Board President
Opening Remark



Sierra Ortiz
WOT Associate Director

Venues



Hilton Garden Toledo Downtown

101 N Summit St, Toledo, OH 43604

Central to **Toledo's** top attractions. Located next to Glass City Convention Center, our hotel is a five-minute walk to Huntington Center and Fifth Third Field.

**Special Price/ Room Block:
Women of Toledo**



1447 N Summit St, Toledo, OH 43604

TolHouse is a private, Members-only social club that caters to the vibrant, city-dwelling creative, and entrepreneurial class.



Franklin Park MALL

5001 Monroe St, Toledo, OH 43623