

Introducing: THE WOMEN FOUNDERS COLLECTIVE

The Women Founders Collective (WFC) serves as a support network to women founders, internationally, as they create, grow and eventually let go of their nonprofit organizations. All women founders are welcomed at any point of their journey, including women who have "let go" of their organization yet still want to be part of/add to this network/support group.

The WFC also acts as a mentor group to "wannabe" founders. Briefly stated, this organization, through its network, will help nourish and unleash the best that's in all of us as women and as leaders in our shared worlds.

Communication among founders can occur over the internet as well as at regional meetings. In addition, a book containing frank, honest reflections from founders at any point in their journey will be compiled and submitted for publication.

There are currently no proposals pending or funding available for this initiative. Incorporation as a not-for-profit organization in the State of Illinois is underway.

Our first meeting to add flesh and substance to this initiative will be in New York City, Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006 at the Alma Mathews House in Greenwich Village, 275 West 11th Street. Our meeting will begin at 9 AM on the 25th and end at 5 PM on the 26th. Accommodation and meals will be the responsibility of each participant. Accommodation at the Alma Mathews House for the one night (Saturday) ranges from \$100 to \$150. Meals will be brought in (ordered in) from the surrounding neighborhood. A conference room is reserved for our use at this facility. Maximum number of participants: 25. Reservation for the one overnight stay needs to be confirmed no later than February 17, 2006. (Overnight stay is optional.)

Please share this letter with friends/colleagues and encourage them to contact me directly via email if they are interested in attending the February meeting and/or want to be added to our listserve to receive information about our progress. Thank you.

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