



Dear Mayor Andrew Ginther, Columbus City Council and Franklin County Commissioners

I am just coming to the end of my grant period for an Artist's Project grant, and I want to extend my deepest gratitude to you, the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Columbus City Council for the support in germinating the Women of Ohio project (womenofohio.com). Your support has meant more than words can express and has been instrumental in bringing this project to life.

Women of Ohio is a community-focused arts project celebrating the lives, achievements, and stories of women from Ohio through art and poetry. Key components include:

1. Commissioned Poetry and Articles: Poets and writers created original works inspired by notable Ohio and Columbus women, honoring their achievements and influence.
2. Website and Digital Publication: A dedicated website hosts all poems and articles, making the project accessible to a broad audience, with new works published on a regular schedule.
3. Community Engagement: The project fostered connections within the Columbus arts community, encouraging dialogue between artists, writers, and audiences, and providing opportunities for reflection and inspiration.

As a single mother working multiple jobs, this project has given me the opportunity to connect with other artists and contribute something meaningful to the community. This has not been an easy year—I underwent an intense surgery to treat a precancerous condition—but the support and help from GCAC and the City have meant the world to me.

Thank you for believing in this work. It has been an honor to bring these stories to the people of Columbus, and your support has ensured that the arts continue to thrive in our community.

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