



# POWER Inspires Progress

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Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for being a part of the mission of Power Inspires Progress (PIP) through your continued support. The staff, Trainees, and Board of Trustees of PIP would like to invite you to the **Annual PIP Brunch on Sunday, September 21st**. Annually, this event generates critical funding for our efforts and promises to be a family friendly day of wonderful food, prizes and lots of fun for everyone.

## Why should you come to the Brunch?

As you know, PIP / Venice on Vine is a pre-employment education program founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Dominican Sisters of Hope to serve inner city residents who are looking for a better life. PIP provides positive work experiences individuals who are poor and marginalized by operating small not-for-profit businesses. We recognize that Trainees have different talents, needs and experiences, and that each can overcome great odds with care, good supports and by their hard work.

## How can you help?

If you have not already made plans to be a part of this year's Brunch, please consider joining us and/or returning the enclosed tickets. Please invite your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors. We need your help to share the story of PIP. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please give me a call at 513-221-7020.

With best wishes,

Mark Shannon, P.I.P. Executive Director



Yvonne didn't have a whole lot of hope for a better life when she began the PIP program at Venice on Vine five years ago. She was in recovery, she had been a victim of domestic violence, and she'd had a brush with the law.

All that is hard to connect with the vibrant, well-spoken, joyful woman who is Yvonne today. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business at Cincinnati State and now serves on the PIP Board.

**"There's hope. That's the main thing. My whole mindset has been transformed."**