

A photograph of a person from behind, sitting on a large rock on a mountain. They are wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and a colorful beanie. Their arms are raised in the air. The background shows a vast landscape of rolling hills or mountains under a sky transitioning from blue to orange and yellow at sunset.

# WOMEN'S fund —virtual— luncheon

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# Join Us Virtually!

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.      Countdown to the Luncheon  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.      Luncheon Program

## Monday-Thursday, September 6-9 | Silent Auction

Bid on handbags and other items during the silent auction.  
Register for the event and follow us on Facebook to join all the fun!

**Suggested Donation Per Person: \$25**

**GatHER for HER Party: \$500**

Gather your group of 10 at the location of your choice. Whether it's your patio, conference room or favorite establishment, your GatHER Party Kit will help set the stage for an inspirational afternoon! Prefer to stay physically distant? Gather on your favorite platform to watch the program together virtually.

**Register Now!**

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## Issue Spotlight

### Covid-19 Impact on Women in Northeast Wisconsin Study

Learn how the pandemic has impacted women locally. Key findings from the collaborative study based on survey responses from women in Northeast Wisconsin will be presented.

**Dr. Scharmaine Lawson**

# Featured Speaker



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Dr. Scharmaine Lawson is a nationally recognized, award-winning nurse practitioner, business owner, speaker, author and mother.

Dr. Lawson has been featured on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, the Harry Connick Jr. Show, ABC News, and Modern Hero for her significant contributions to her hometown of New Orleans during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Early in her life, Scharmaine knew she was a survivor. Having never met her father who died while he was incarcerated, she was raised by her 80-year-old grandmother. Determined to get out of the projects where she lived, she spent much of her high school and college years studying and laying the foundation for a better life.

After she graduated from college and passed the nursing boards, she said, **"I realized I possessed great strength and power, and a force was brewing in me that would serve me well during my life."**

That strength and power has continued to help her triumph through many of life's challenges including domestic violence, homelessness, miscarriage, cancer, the death of her husband and raising two children as a single mom. Her resiliency to keep achieving, innovating and creating is why she is among the top 1% of the nursing profession and a highly sought-after keynote speaker.

Dr. Lawson is currently busy turning her groundbreaking Nola The Nurse® book series into animated cartoons.

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Lawson virtually to the 2021 Women's Fund Luncheon. We know you will be inspired by her message of strength, hope and resilience.

Proceeds from this event support the Women's Fund's mission to promote the advancement of women and girls in our community – reflecting our vision of a community of equality where power and opportunity are not limited by gender.

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