

# KITCHEN8

*Alumnae Association for Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls  
& our Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Recipients*



**2023 - 2024 REPORT**

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**2024 ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS**



# KITCHEN 8

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Kitchen 8 is an alumnae organization comprised of residents, past and present, of these halls, our scholarship recipients, and other supporters of Mrs. Watkins's tradition. As the official keepers of her legacy, we endeavor to provide a community of support for previous, current, and future residents through mentorship, charitable contributions through the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, staying informed of the condition of Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls and striving to follow her example of compassion and selflessness.**

## JOIN US

**Give back, with gratitude for Mrs. Watkins's gift to you. We are an all-volunteer group and there are no fees to join or belong. Whether you live near or far from KU, there are ways you can help with our work of supporting the residents of Watkins and Miller Halls and providing scholarships to financially needy young women at KU.**

# 2024 K8 PROGRAM: Remember the First Ladies: What We Didn't Learn in History Class

We invite you to join us on April 27th at 9 AM for the 2024 Annual Meeting and Program, titled "Remember the First Ladies: What We Didn't Learn in History Class," presented by retired professor and author Diana Carlin.

**Register by April 10th** on our website [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org)



## Sisterhood of the Traveling... Dress!

Elizabeth's spirit is with us again! A mysterious trail has led us to a dress belonging to Laura Holste, one of the first class of women to live in Miller Hall in 1937. Come to the K8 Annual Meeting program to find out how this 1937 dress intersects with our "fairy godmother" Mrs. Watkins. We promise you'll be amazed! Someone from Laura's family will be there to tell us about Laura and the dress. After our Awards Brunch, walk around the block to the Watkins Museum where the dress will be featured in a popup display. Such a sweet surprise awaits you!

# KITCHEN

## JOIN US FOR OUR 2024 ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27th, 2024**

Maceli's Banquet Hall  
1031 New Hampshire St  
Lawrence, KS 66044

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Friday, April 26th**

**3:00-5:00pm** K8 Board Annual Meeting at Watkins Museum of History

#### **Saturday, April 27th**

**9:00-9:30am** Event Check-In

**9:30am** Business Meeting and Program by Guest Speaker Diana Carlin

**10:00am** Celebratory Brunch with EMWMS Recipients  
and Watkins/Miller Hall Residents

**11:00am** Brunch

**12:00pm** Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship  
Awards Presentation

**1:00pm** Walk over to Watkins Museum of History to view Lizzie's Dress

Please consider donating the cost of a meal for an EMWMS recipient or Hall resident, who are our guests at this event.

We hope you can join us at Maceli's!

**Register by April 10th online at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org)**

#### **Sunday, April 28th**

**3:00pm** Alumnae Teas at Watkins and Miller Halls

Watkins RSVP: [juliahintz713@ku.edu](mailto:juliahintz713@ku.edu)

Miller RSVP: [mnwells@ku.edu](mailto:mnwells@ku.edu)



# President's Pantry

When Elizabeth Miller Watkins started her philanthropic support of education and healthcare here in Lawrence over 100 years ago, she knew that she needed to take care of those that must “walk up hill,” and even with all she accomplished, that need still continues in 2024. Kitchen 8 took up that charge in the 1980s, and I am proud to say that we are continuing strong all these years later!

Last year we awarded \$80,000 to twenty recipients of the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship, and in just a few weeks we will award another group of deserving students. We continue to work with the residents to ensure that Miller and Watkins Halls are vibrant, welcoming, joyful communities that ensure that those with the greatest need are able to access an excellent education and set out on the beginning of rewarding careers.

Kitchen 8 is an all-volunteer organization. From the scholarship review committee to the board officers, K8 has been blessed with dedicated, thoughtful, caring leaders over the years who each in their own way have taken up Lizzie's creed.

This coming annual meeting will be my last as Kitchen 8 president, after 5 years as president and 10 years as secretary, I am looking forward to finding new ways to support our K8 mission, and I know many outstanding volunteers will be stepping into new roles and continuing to serve as they so ably have been doing.

We have adapted over these past few years to our own organizational “uphills,” and I am confident that together we will continue to adapt and carry forward our legacy of service, supporting education, and encouraging a positive well-being for students. Or as the words that inspired Elizabeth's personal mission said, “I will look up and love and laugh and lift.”

See you in April!  
With Lilac Lane Love,  
Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley  
Miller 2003-08  
Kitchen 8 President

# Watkins Hall



**Row 1:** Emma Jones, Platte City, MO; Catherine Nguyen, Wichita, KS; Adrianna Brady, Edwardsville, KS; Julia Hintz, Emporia, KS; Beckett Nichols, Parker, CO; Bryn Montierth, Kaysville, UT; Hope Schumacher, Hays, KS; Kathryn Wagner, Olathe, KS; Sarah Gabriel, Kansas City, MO

**Row 2:** Hanna Meeks, Colorado Springs,

**CO;** Ana Pineda, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Macy Gallagher, McLouth, KS; Chloe Reynolds, Olathe, KS; Daniela Morales, Wauconda, IL; Crystal Casas, Garden City, KS; Liz Collins, Abilene, KS; Husna Najib, Kabul, Afghanistan; Kayden Summerour, Lenexa, KS; Lexi Speed, Merriam, KS; Sahira Castro-Jimenez, Ottawa, KS

**Row 3:** Maya Wood, Richmond, VA; Regina Vehige, Topeka, KS; Nora Feldt, Overland Park, KS



# Watkins Hall Update 2023-2024

By Julia Hintz and Crystal Casas,  
Watkins Alumni Chairs

*The 2023-2024 school year has been an exciting one at Watkins. This year, Watkins Hall welcomed 23 new residents and one giant stuffed llama. The new residents quickly fell in love with the hall—with the tradition it upholds and the legacy it embodies.*



*These traditions were demonstrated clearly through celebration. Watkins residents jump at any opportunity to celebrate...anything: grad school admissions and internships through candle-lighting ceremonies, and dishes and laundry through cleverly quipped "llam noms." Larger events, such as Halloween, Valentine's Day, and Elizabeth Miller Watkins's birthday party were commemorated through extensive events that reached the community, as well.*





# Watkins Hall Update 2023-2024



*The new residents of Watkins quickly adapted to both the tradition of celebration and the legacy of Elizabeth herself. After each hall meeting, all the residents recite Elizabeth's creed: "I will be friend to all, to foe, to friendless..." and this year, this saying has held true. The influx of new residents quickly meshed with the old, and the community of Watkins is tighter than ever. The sounds of music resonate through the hall, the living room bubbles with laughter, and the best conversations, of course, always take place in the basement kitchens.*







# Watkins Hall Update 2023-2024



*This year, Watkins has seen the mixing of new faces and old, of new traditions and cherished legacies. While the inside jokes, the latest “tea,” and the “hot topics” have changed, the spirit of Elizabeth still permeates every wooden beam and llama decoration—Watkins is a home to each and every resident therein.*



# Miller Fall



**First row, left to right:** Linda Dawt Sung—Kansas City, KS; Giselle Alvarado-Ortega—Kansas City,KS; Malia Hernandez—Wichita, KS; Sofa Rakhimova—Tashkent,Uzbekistan; Mallory Wells—Wichita, KS; Ashleigh Waggoner—Belton, Missouri; Mica Jones—Kinsley, KS; Laura Teska—Lawrence, KS; Sienna Sun—Fairway, KS; Sian Helfrich—Pratt, KS

**Second row, left to right:** Claire Milroy, Prairie Village, KS; Margaret Bhattarai, Lawrence, KS; Molly Roecker, Lawrence, KS; Sally Kim, Lawrence, KS; Marian Hershberger, Wichita, KS; Kensington Comfort, Lawrence, KS; Helen Viloria, Lawrence, KS; Olivia Oborny, Spring Hill, KS; Lola Valdovino, Kansas City, KS

**Third row, left to right:** Graecyn Keeton—Hutchinson, KS; Femi Odusanya—Lagos, Nigeria; Segan Bettenhausen—Prairie Village, KS; Cassie Daniel—Towanda, KS; Adira Mongar—Kansas City, MO; Abigail Page—Killeen, Texas; Tyra Bogle—Chanute, KS; Ari Stalcup—Topeka, KS; Sadie Lange—Marion, KS; Kellen Cole—Spring Hill, KS; Kalea Daboda—Lawrence, KS; Heidi Schieber—Topeka, KS; Anjolina Phouthavong—Winfield, KS; Gracie Goyer—Winfield, KS; Merrin Dillavou—Overland Park, KS



# Miller Hall Update 2023-2024

By Mallory Wells, Miller Alumni Chair

*Spring is in the air at 1518 Lilac Ln, and residents of Miller are feeling rejuvenated and ready to take on the rest of the semester after spring break! It has been another exciting year in Miller with new residents and faithful returners enjoying all the traditions of the scholarship halls. New friendships have blossomed this year, and there is a sense of camaraderie in the air. Go to the living room in the evening and you're likely to catch Millerites at work, solving statistical problems, reading Jane Austen, studying biology, or otherwise providing morale support. Miller movie nights are another opportunity for residents to get together and relax after a long week, and the addition of arts and crafts night has allowed Millerites to express their creativity, beautifying the hall with artwork and unleashing the artist in all of us (for better or for worse!).*





# Miller Hall Update 2023-2024

*We began the year victorious with a dazzling first-place in the classic Scholarship Hall Olympics. Under the August sky and in the sweltering heat, residents excelled at dodgeball and sand volleyball, while others made a valiant effort at the watermelon-eating competition. Although we did not place at karaoke, residents spent the entire day singing, dancing, and assembling costumes for an unforgettable performance. We also celebrated our "Big-Little" tradition under the light of the Campanile, giving gifts and helpful advice to new residents as an official welcome.*



*The fall semester wouldn't be complete without Chili and S'mores with our amazing alumni Judy Niebaum. It was wonderful to share our experiences living at Miller, and the evening was complete with a lovely rendition of "The Sweetheart of Lilac Lane" which was sung with enthusiasm.*



*The spring semester was off to a snowy start as temperatures plummeted, and Millerites, swamped in coats and scarves, braved the cold to go sledding near Potter's Lake. There were only a few minor casualties from the day, but everybody had a great time. Snow-covered boots were set to dry in the entryway, creating a picturesque image of winter. The season wouldn't be complete without celebrating Elizabeth Miller Watkins' birthday, and we enjoyed cake and punch with Watkins and K8 alumnae.*



# Miller Hall Update 2023-2024



*Trees are beginning to blossom, and residents are excited for the rest of the spring semester. Everyone is lending a helping hand to get ready for Joe's Place (knock three times!), the classic speakeasy dance that Miller throws every year. Residents spent the day decorating with balloons, disco balls, and streamers for an exciting night of delicious mocktails and dancing. The fun never ends at Miller, as we still have so much to look forward to with the Alumni Tea in April and the K8 brunch. Whatever the future holds, Millerites will continue to reach for the stars, creating some special memories along the way.*





# Annual Meeting Summary

## April 2023

By Ali Zayas

### *Elizabeth Miller Watkins' Legacy Blooms at Annual Meeting*

Not even the cool spring showers outside could dampen the mood as alumni, residents, and scholarship recipients gathered to celebrate the legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins at the Annual Meeting on April 15, 2023. Kitchen 8 President Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley commenced the meeting by greeting all attendees and extending a special welcome to this year's scholarship recipients, commending them on their academic achievements.

After the welcome and introductions, Paula presided over the business portion of the meeting. Norma (Decker) Hoagland gave a presentation on the recently adopted amendments to K8's bylaws, which the board approved at its annual meeting held on the previous afternoon. Kitchen 8 adopted its bylaws in 2017 so, Norma noted, it was time to update the bylaws to reflect the organization's current operations. Norma provided a summary of all of the major amendments to the bylaws including: implementing gender-neutral language; adopting 30 days' notice for Board and Annual Meetings; providing separate voting powers for shared board positions; adopting qualifications to hold a board position (i.e., K8 membership); allowing for executive committee meetings for urgent matters; and designating responsibility for filing taxes to the Treasurer. The updated bylaws are available on the Kitchen 8 website.

Norma also reported on the status of Kitchen 8's archive collection. A group of volunteers successfully sorted through the archives and pared our files down to two boxes. The archives will be housed at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence as part of our affiliate membership with the museum.



# Annual Meeting Summary

## April 2023

The presidents of both Miller and Watkins Scholarship Halls provided summaries of the halls' recent activities. Miller President Erin Borchers announced that Miller residents will continue sleeping in the study rooms next year, instead of returning to the sleeping porches. For future years, residents will vote on whether to continue with this sleeping arrangement. Watkins President Mary Hrenchir stated that Watkins residents returned to sleeping in the sleeping porches this year and they plan to continue with this sleeping arrangement. Both halls reported an increase in social activities and participation by hall residents as many beloved scholarship hall events returned to campus this year after a hiatus during the pandemic.

After the conclusion of the business portion of the Annual Meeting, Vice-President Sarah Greenup introduced the program's featured speaker—Judge Sarah E. Warner, a sitting judge on the Kansas Court of Appeals. Judge Warner provided an engaging presentation on the role of women in the judiciary, focusing on the importance and progress of women in this arena. Judge Warner pointed out that, for the first time in history, the majority of the Kansas Court of Appeals consists of female judges.

The Annual Meeting concluded with brunch and a presentation of the 2023-2024 Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship (EMWMS) recipients. EMWMS Selection Chair Norma (Decker) Hoagland introduced each scholarship recipient and those recipients present at the meeting shared a few words of gratitude.

The Kitchen 8 Board looks forward to connecting with alumni, hall residents, and scholarship recipients throughout the coming year. Visit the Kitchen 8 website and Facebook group for details on upcoming events!

# Events and Happenings

Following the 2023 Kitchen 8 annual meeting and scholarship presentation, a special party was held at Watkins Museum of History. Authors Mary Dresser Burchill and Norma Decker Hoagland gave a presentation about their new biography of Lizzie, *The Life and Legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins: A Pioneering Philanthropist*, and answered questions from the crowd. The authors then signed copies of their book, which the museum sold out of in less than an hour!

Thanks to a generous donation in memory of Ann Beckman, Kitchen 8 was able to gift a copy of the biography to each resident of Watkins and Miller Halls.

To finish out our alumni weekend, each hall held their annual Alumni Teas. Residents opened up the halls to alumni to reunite and enjoy treats, company, and entertainment. Soon-to-be graduates who lived in the halls for all 4 years were gifted a copy of the Watkins and Miller Halls book. It is always such a special event!

L to R: Norma Hoagland and Mary Burchill celebrate at their book signing. Watkins residents enjoy their new books. Cookies at Miller's Alumni Tea decorated to look like tea bags.



Left: Alumni Tea at Watkins Hall



Right: Alumni Tea at Miller Hall







# Events and Happenings

The 2023-24 KU school year brought with it the return of some favorite events of the Kitchen 8 calendar.

In September, we gathered with new residents from both Miller and Watkins at Watkins Hall for some cool treats. Our New Resident Ice Cream Social has become a big hit each year! Members of Kitchen 8's Board came with coolers full of popsicles, fudge bars, and other creamy treats ready to make introductions and welcome the residents into our family. We discussed the history of Kitchen 8, the legacy of Mrs. Watkins, and the purpose of our organization. They shared with us their educational goals and how life in the halls is progressing.

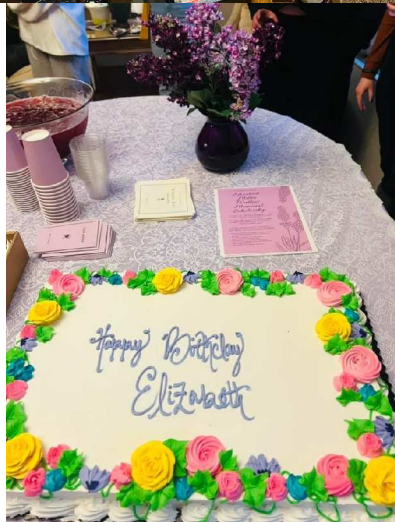
In October, Miller Campus Coordinator Judy Niebaum was able to host her delightful tradition of welcoming Miller residents to her home for a chili supper and s'mores dessert. Judy shared about her days in Miller and enjoyed hearing about how things have changed and still stayed the same.

Also in October, Watkins Campus Coordinator Camille Olcese hosted a taco bar and game night for residents of Watkins. Our Campus Coordinators enjoy these opportunities to get to bond with the residents!

In January, we were back in Watkins to celebrate with both Watkins Hall and Miller Hall residents the 163rd birthday of Elizabeth Miller Watkins. Watkins and Miller Campus Coordinators and members of K8's Board brought cake and punch while residents brought their festive energy and all donned fake pearl necklaces as a nod to the birthday girl. Kitchen 8 gave each hall a copy of their hall photo and a gift in memory of Lizzie. Each hall received a Target gift card to get odds and ends for the house.



Top row: Ice cream social. 2nd row: L: Miller Chili Dinner. R: Watkins Taco Dinner. Bottom 4: Birthday Party



# A Brief History of the Lawsuit Between Our Halls and Bank of America (BOA)

By Norma Hoagland

In the 1920's and 1930's, Elizabeth Watkins built and deeded two scholarship halls for KU's use as housing for financially challenged women students. In her lifetime, she subsidized the maintenance and operating costs of the halls so the residents' rent could be as low as possible. She hired and paid, personally, for a Housemother to live with the residents and be an adult resource for the residents. In her Will, Mrs. Watkins created and funded a trust to continue those subsidies for maintenance and operating costs.

About 1985, alumni who returned to visit the halls found them in terrible disrepair. They mobilized more alumni, and the beginnings of an alumni organization was founded. With the help of alumni, it was discovered that a Trust had been established by Mrs. Watkins in her Will for maintenance and upkeep of the halls, but that money had not been put to its intended use but had been diverted to other University projects.

Between 1999 and 2006, several current residents of Watkins and Miller Halls (W&M) filed petitions and pleadings with the Court challenging the Trustee's (bank's) current and past accountings of the Watkins Trust. It is worth noting that although the residents were challenging the Trustee (bank), KU joined in the lawsuit against the residents. This was most disappointing. The resulting four years of file-stamped pleadings fill 17 banker's boxes of Court records, not including substantial discovery documents. During these proceedings, the Court issues conclusions and orders that are relevant to this history. They are paraphrased below.

1. The Watkins Trust is a charitable trust.
2. KU is a beneficiary of the Watkins Trust because the Trust funds pay some of KU's costs of maintaining and operating the W&M Halls. KU has standing to enforce the Watkins Trust.
3. The students residing in W&M Halls are each a beneficiary of the Trust because the Trust funds subsidizes their housing costs. Each resident has standing to enforce the Watkins Trust. (But only while they are actively living in the halls, not as alumni.)

# A Brief History of the Lawsuit Between Our Halls and Bank of America (BOA)

4. The reversionary clause in the Hall Deeds denies the KS Board of Regents, the Trustee, KU, and KUEA from diverting the Watkins Trust payments to other uses on the penalty of reverting the Trust to Mrs. Watkins' heirs.
5. The annual payments from the Watkins Trust must be expended annually for the maintenance, upkeep, and operation of W&M Halls. None of those payments may be accumulated in a reserve or other fund until KU or KUEA decides how to expend that fund.
6. KU, as the "owner" (operator) of W&M Halls, and not because of KU's status as a beneficiary of the Watkins Trust, can make decisions regarding the operation and maintenance of the halls. (Note K.S.A. 76-722 says the Board of Regents hold W&M Halls land and buildings for KU).

## **Positive Conclusions on the Watkins Trust lawsuit:**

As a result of these actions, the current residents have a yearly meeting with the Department of Student Housing (usually the Director herself) and are given an accounting of how much money has come from the Trust to be applied toward their rent and expenses.

As a result of these actions, a yearly statement is sent from the Trustee / Bank alternately to the Treasurer of Watkins or Miller Halls. This is improved transparency, however the problem with this is the statements are very complex and confusing for the residents. There is a lack of continuity with the hall officers changing each year and the statements not being kept year-to-year for comparison. K8 would like to assist with this but has not yet been able to establish a reliable plan with the residents to ensure continuity of oversight into the Trust amounts.

As a result of these actions, in 2016 a major renovation of over \$1 million per hall was completed. On the committee that guided the renovations was a member of each Watkins and Miller Halls and a representative of Kitchen 8. This is a positive step in the repairing of the relationship of the Halls with KU in general.

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## Future Hopeful Comments on the Residents' Rent Rates:

Mrs. Watkins established a Rent Setting Committee. It is set out in the Hall Deeds. That committee failed to appoint successors, as they were charged to do by Mrs. Watkins. The Rent Setting Committee currently used by KU is the Chancellor, the CFO of KU, and a person from KUEA. We alumni would like for the residents or alumni to be a part of this process.

Rent rates in 1926 were \$27/year. 45 years later, in 1971, rent was \$95/year. In 2016, it had climbed to \$2,656. The process behind the setting of the rates is unknown. However, from documents alumni have gathered from residents in recent years, the annual per-resident rate is approximately the same as other scholarship halls, minus the Watkins Trust payment. This makes W&M the least expensive option in student housing.

Also in the documents gathered from residents from the yearly meeting the residents have with the Department of Student Housing, if there is a year-end surplus, it is not shown on the next year's accounting as a beginning balance. Again, continuity of documentation for the alumni to help the residents monitor their finances should be a goal of alumni.

It is worth noting that K8 has worked diligently in the last 10-12 years to come to a better understanding with KU and KUEA. This article is written for historic purposes. Mistakes of the past, at this point, must be left in the past. We must all work together to keep Elizabeth Watkins' "dream" of scholarship houses for deserving young residents alive, supported, and in proper working order.

# EMW Memorial Scholarship Advisory Committee Report

By Norma Hoagland, Chair

The deadline for applications for the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial (EMWM) Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year was February 15, 2024. Our committee met on February 16, via Zoom with some of us at Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, where our fund is held. Our Fund is doing well and increased from \$1,465,705.69 on 1-1-2023 to \$1,615,255.09 by 12-31-2023. This year we have \$81,481.00 to award to deserving young scholars. With 8 renewing recipients, we will be able to award about 10 new scholarships.

Since our Fund was established in 1998 at Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, we have awarded \$875,650.00 to students at KU. With total contributions during those years of \$1,095,951.00, our total fees have been \$137,000.00. Our investment is in a Moderate Mix Allocation, with investments in the domestic equity pool (36.48%), international equity pool (14.15%), short-term fixed income pool (34.30%), intermediate-term fixed income pool (14.93%) and the money market pool (-0.14%). The Fund is primarily invested in domestic equity pool (36.48%). This mix was chosen to protect the corpus of the Fund while investing in overall moderate risk products. We like to think Mrs. Watkins would approve!

Nancy Archer Rehkamp, Chair of the EMWM Scholarship Selection Committee, has pulled together an outstanding group of readers for this year's applications. About 25 volunteers will give each applicant a minimum of three views. The volunteers range from graduates in spring of 2023 to women who lived in our halls in the 1960's! Scholarship applications are evaluated by financial need, grades, family income and essay are all given points and combined into an excel spread sheet. Conducting Zoom calls keeps the group communicating well and ensures the top applicants are agreed upon. At the time of this report, approximately 55 applications had been completed and are on their way to the readers. Many thanks to Nancy and her committee! Be sure to attend our Scholarship Awards Brunch on April 27 at Maceli's.

Consider helping us make this fund grow so we may award more dollars to achieving young people who need a "hand up" just as Elizabeth Watkins gave to us. We want this Fund to be here to assist young scholars for years to come! Donate in honor or in memory of someone dear to you. Donate to celebrate a milestone in your life. Contributions are fully tax-deductible.



# Treasurer's Report

By Kristy Treska with contributions by Norma Hoagland

Thank you for your interest in the finances of Kitchen 8. Every dollar you donate to Kitchen 8 is used for the residents and to help our members stay informed and in touch. There are two options to financially support our all-volunteer organization. BOTH OF THESE OPTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

**KITCHEN 8 SUGAR BOWL:** Give to Kitchen 8, the umbrella group founded in 1997 to support the residents who live in Watkins and Miller. This tax-deductible gift goes to projects such as:

- Presenting each hall with a large photo print of all the residents
- Supplying New Woman Booklets to all new residents
- Celebrating Elizabeth's birthday with treats and gifts for the halls
- Gifting 4-year graduates with a copy of the Watkins & Miller Halls book
- Inviting residents to be our guests at the Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards event

Donations can be done by credit card via our secure website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org) or by mail to:

Kitchen 8  
c/o Watkins Museum of History  
1047 Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044

**ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** If you wish to give to our Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, send your donations to Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

Please specify WATK01 on your check and mail to:

GKCCF  
1055 Broadway, Suite 130  
Kansas City, MO 64105

Another giving option is to go to the donations tab on our website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org) and note your online donation is for the "Elizabeth Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund."

# Treasurer's Report

The following is a short review of income and expenses for both funds.

## **Kitchen 8**

Donations	\$ 16,650.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,725.00
Product sales	\$ 484.15
Interest	\$ 1.10
<i>Total Income</i>	\$18,860.25

Affiliate Fees	\$ 200.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,956.99
Filing and Bank Fees, Postage	\$ 147.60
Cost of Products for Sale	\$ 405.51
Class Creator Software	\$ 1,156.00
Hall Events and Photo	\$ 1,752.54
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 5,618.64

**Net Income**                               **\$13,241.61**

\* All K8 financial records are maintained in QuickBooks.

## **The Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$1,465,705.69
Contributions	\$ 13,840.00
Scholarships and Grants Awarded	\$ 72,000.00
<b>End of Year balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>\$1,615,255.09</b>

Many contributed to K8 and the EMWMS Fund in memory of Ann Beckman over the past 2 years, so a new scholarship will be awarded this spring in her name.

Please remember Kitchen 8 and our mission to keep Elizabeth's legacy alive during 2024. A donation is a great way to celebrate a special person, anniversary, birthday, or retirement.

Kristy Teska  
Kitchen 8 Treasurer  
Miller 1984-1987





..... *Thank you to our* .....

# DONORS

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**Thank you for your efforts to support the mission of Kitchen 8 & the EMW Memorial Scholarship as together we promote the legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins**

## **KITCHEN 8 SUGAR BOWL**

### **General Fund**

Rhonda (Haslouer) Cash W 71-75  
Meredith Nelson

### **Hall Photos**

Norma Hoagland W 69-71

### **EMW's Birthday treats for Miller Hall**

Judy (Johnson) Niebaum M 58-61

### **In Memory of Ann Beckman Watkins Hall**

James (Jim) Beckman, Battenfeld Hall

### **In Memory of Margery Lewis Wigner and Janice Gartrell**

Beth Wigner, Friend of K8

### **Annual Meeting**

Beverly (Runkle) Benso W 54-58  
Judy (Johnson) Niebaum M 58-61  
Norma Hoagland W 69-71  
Elizabeth Boman W 71-75  
Alexis (Bannwarth) Zayas W 02-06  
Valerie (Vandenberg) Roper, W 62-64  
Annette Smith, M 87-91  
Cathie (Fuller) Miller, W 70-73  
Sarah Greenup, W 08-11  
Susan (Harshaw) Kissinger, W 70-74  
Jann (Crawford) Rudkin, M  
Meridith Nelson  
Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley, M 03-08  
Elena Wahbeh, W 70-72  
Alica Thomas, M 90-94

## **THE ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### **From the 1950's**

Frank Scamman  
Eldon and Bev Benso

### **From the 1960's**

Norma Decker Hoagland: in memory of  
Ashley Walker and Rich and Karen Kliewer

### **From the 1970's**

Rhonda Haslouer Cash  
James Beckman: in memory of Ann  
Beckman, W 69-72  
Cathie Fuller Miller

# GIVING TO KITCHEN 8...leaving your own legacy

Elizabeth taught us the far-reaching effects of intelligent giving and we strive to follow that example. Reading our magazine demonstrates the importance of continuing her legacy.

We offer you two options to financially support our all volunteer organization. **BOTH OF THESE OPTIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.**

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**Kitchen 8  
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You can celebrate a special person, anniversary, birthday, or retirement with a donation to Kitchen 8; give in honor of a former roommate; or ultimately in memory of a dear one you have lost.



### ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**FUND:** If you prefer to give to our Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, send your donations to Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. Please specify **WATK01** on your check. Go to the donations tab on our website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org) or mail to:

GKCCF  
1055 Broadway, Suite 130  
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*Please note your donation is for the "Elizabeth Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund."*

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