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Perseverance, passion and kindness
are just a few words that describe our list of ladies for the 2012 Women to Know feature. We take joy in sharing their stories with the community to inspire women and girls to shoot for the stars.

They are the doers who strive to have a strong family, career and community. We are honored to tell you more about the lives and accomplishments of 20 of Green Bay's finest women.



Sandi Van Sistine

artist, freelance writer, community volunteer

It was the spark of something real and wonderful that Sandi Van Sistine, 66, said started ARTgarage, which houses working studios and a gallery in Green Bay. "Over six years and hundreds of artists and performances and classes and events later, the ARTgarage is a solid part of the arts community with a wider vision for the future," she said.

Citing volunteers as the core of many area nonprofits – and a full-time volunteer herself – she lives by the words of author Frederick Buechner, "Your calling is where your greatest joy intersects with the needs of the world."

Wife of Gary and resident of Green Bay, Van Sistine's next project is making playgrounds safe in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where her daughter and her family moved last year. "There are hundreds of little neighborhood parks, with old rusted and broken equipment, trash lying all over, and no municipal funds for maintenance," she said.

MaiLee Harkey

family support worker,
Healthy Families/Family Services

photographer/owner - mlhfotografie

Born in Sacramento, Ca., 29-year-old MaiLee Harkey moved with her parents to Green Bay in 1986. The city represented opportunity

at the time, and for Harkey, this still resonates. Harkey used her experience as a single mother as a catalyst toward her career in human services.

"Working with first-time parents, teen parents and children from birth-to-three years old and experiencing all those moments in their lives – this was my field and the perfect job," she said.

Harkey's husband, Shayne, and sons Malachi and Bradan complement her zeal for making a difference. "To me there is always a purpose in life, everything and anything you do will always affect someone and is done for a reason," she explained. "I know that when I do something it will most certainly benefit someone."

Angela Raleigh

account executive,
Leonard & Finco Public Relations

Green Bay native Angela Raleigh has always enjoyed helping others, which is a powerful influence to her position with Leonard & Finco Public Relations. "In my current position, I get to assist my clients reach their communications goals in ways big and small," said Raleigh. "Plus my job allows me to be involved in the community both professionally and personally."

Challenges, Raleigh said, present opportunities for change, growth and improvement. "It's key to understand that you can't control every situation, but you can control how you react," she added.

Raleigh balances her hard work in public relations with volunteerism at Big Brothers Big Sisters. "Growing up, my older sister was always there for me and still is, and this is why I decided to volunteer for the program," she explained. "It's rewarding to know I'm making an impact on someone else's life."

