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WELCOME TO CHAT. LET'S BEGIN.

Amy Poehler, Liz Murray and Geena Davis—most often seen on screen and the best-seller list—are also passionate advocates for improving opportunities for women and girls around the world. These charismatic and committed women have come to share their stories, insights, and energy—and challenge each of us to interrupt the inertia of the status quo by making a difference every day.

This is the mission of CHAT. We present thought leaders, renowned speakers, celebrities and influencers on a range of crucial issues to audiences around the world. What makes us different? Every CHAT is a series of connected experiences, centered on a vital cause and driven by our core philosophy of giving back.

Bishop McCann applauds our community partners who shine a light on the urgent importance of women's equality and empowerment in Kansas City. And we thank you for being here to join the CHAT and to carry on the conversation.

There is so much good that can be done. There is so much in the world that can change. It begins with a simple CHAT.



Photo of Amy Poehler: Eric Ogden

AMY POEHLER

Actress, author, producer, and director Amy Poehler is perhaps best known for her award-winning work on "Saturday Night Live" and "Parks and Recreation," yet she is also a prominent advocate for women and children's empowerment and equality around the world. Poehler serves as Ambassador of Arts for Worldwide Orphans Foundation, traveling to Haiti to work directly with the group's staff and children as well as spearheading international fundraising efforts. She also co-founded Amy Poehler's Smart Girls, an organization dedicated to engaging young women in volunteerism, civic activism, cultural exchange, and self-expression through the arts. Her intelligent stewardship is leaving a legacy for the many girls and women who look to her as a social influencer and a direction-setting figure.

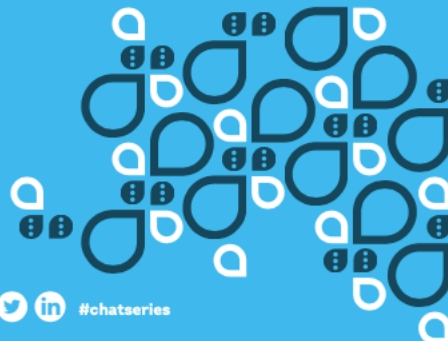
LIZ MURRAY

Liz Murray is an inspirational speaker and best-selling author of "Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard." Murray's life is a triumph over adversity and a stunning example of the importance of dreaming big. Her story is exhilarating and inspirational, and her delivery is innocently honest as she takes audiences on a very personal journey where she achieves the improbable. After graduating, Murray founded Manifest Living, a New York-based company that aims to empower anyone who has the desire to change their life, and she is passionate about speaking on the importance of personal motivation, and transforming problems into opportunities.

GEENA DAVIS

Geena Davis is one of Hollywood's most respected actors, appearing in several roles that became cultural landmarks. Earning the 2006 Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series - Drama. Davis broke ground in her portrayal of the first female President of the United States in ABC's hit show "Commander in Chief." In 1989, Davis received the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "The Accidental Tourist." She was again nominated for an Academy Award and Golden Globe for her performance in "Thelma & Louise." Davis went on to receive a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress in "A League of Their Own." Davis is now recognized for her tireless advocacy of women and girls nearly as much as for her acting accomplishments. She is the Founder and Chair of the non-profit Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, which engages film and television creators to dramatically increase the percentages of female characters - and reduce gender stereotyping - in media made for children 11 and under.

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