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Tri Delta Foundation provides life-changing grant

Breast cancer survivor Martha Parker, Toronto, receives Trilogy grant

The Tri Delta Foundation has made its second life-changing Trilogy grant to breast cancer survivor Martha Parker, a young alumna member from the University of Toronto. Launched in 2012, Trilogy was established to provide transformational grants for the benefit of Tri Delta members. Two Trilogy grants have been awarded to date. In 2016, the Foundation made its inaugural Trilogy grant to Sarah Shore, *Rhodes*, allowing her to graduate from college on time and pursue her dream of becoming a doctor.

“We are so pleased to be able to provide this kind of assistance to our members,” said Foundation Chair Tori Campbell, *Wyoming*. “Through Trilogy, funded completely by the generosity of our Tri Delta sisters, the Foundation is changing lives. It’s both humbling and inspiring, and an example of Tri Delta’s Purpose in action – assisting our members in every possible way.”

In December 2016, 27-year-old Martha was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer after finding lumps in both breasts. As treatment began almost immediately, Martha also faced life-altering decisions, including undergoing IVF to freeze her eggs to ensure healthy future pregnancies. Martha started chemotherapy in January, which was followed by a double mastectomy, which was followed by radiation.

From the time of her diagnosis, Martha received an outpouring of love and support from her Tri Delta sisters, whom she has remained close with since graduating from the University of Toronto in fall 2013. “They are smart, kind, generous and genuine people, and it’s humbling to have them as my friends,” Martha said. “They were a huge part of my support and healing.”

Martha completed chemotherapy in April and underwent a double mastectomy in June and is currently finishing up her radiation treatment. It’s been a challenging, life-changing journey, but Tri Delta has been there every step of the way.

“It’s a really good feeling to know that organizations like this exist to bring people together and offer support when needed,” Martha said.

A registered 501c3, the [Tri Delta Foundation](#) raises funds to advance Tri Delta’s Purpose and to support its members. In 2016-2017, the Foundation awarded \$1.2 million in academic scholarships, needs-based assistance and educational grants to help women live, learn and lead – with Purpose.

About Tri Delta

Founded in 1888, Tri Delta is a premier women’s organization dedicated to helping women live, learn and lead – with Purpose – for a lifetime. With more than 230,000 members worldwide, Tri Delta operates 142 collegiate chapters on campuses across North America and more than 250 alumnae chapters globally. The organization’s philanthropic focus is childhood cancer with more than \$60 million raised in support of [St. Jude Children’s Research](#)

[Hospital](#), local and regional children's hospitals and a variety of children's cancer initiatives across the country. Tri Delta is a member of the [National Panhellenic Conference](#).

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