

Dear Friends of the Women's Fund:

Three years ago the executive committee of the Women's Fund held a strategic planning retreat. The question that day: How can the Women's Fund improve our organization to better meet the needs of women and girls in the Fox Valley?

I'm pleased to report that the goals we established that day have been accomplished.

- To become a supporting organization of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and a separate 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- To increase our capacity, including the hire of a full-time executive director
- To build our endowment to \$1,000,000, allowing the Women's Fund to grant a minimum of \$50,000 each year

With this success, the Women's Fund can accomplish even more. We will continue to make grants to worthy programs and will become a more vocal advocate for women and girls in our community.

Thank you for your support of the Women's Fund.



Karen Laws
President

Programs Awarded Grants

In 2007 the Women's Fund awarded more than \$32,000 to the following agencies and programs through our competitive grants process.

ADVOCAP, Inc., *Project POWER - \$700:* Enables women who are victims of domestic violence to overcome barriers and obtain or maintain employment that will help them become self-sufficient.

B.A.B.E.S., Inc., *Respite Care & Counseling Services - \$1,000:* Provides young women with practical and cost effective mental wellness support, as well as parenting education expressly for child abuse prevention.

Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha, *Helping Hand Program - \$1,500:* Provides children's scholarships for enrichment activities such as sports or music lessons so families can use their monetary resources to meet their basic needs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fox Valley Region, *Mentor Recruitment Partnership with Sororities - \$2,000:* Enhances awareness of the challenges facing the young girls in our community through a partnership with sororities of Lawrence University matching girls with mentors.

CHAPS Academy *Teen Awareness Girls Group - \$1,000:* Provides programming for at-risk adolescent girls including counseling and equine-assisted therapy.

Community Clothes Closet, *New Start Boutique Upgrade - \$3,000:* Gives women seeking employment the tools to succeed in the job market by providing appropriate clothing, make-up, resumes, and educational seminars.

COTS, Inc., *Women's Transitional Shelter - \$2,000:* Offers homeless women skills enhancement training to improve their ability to gain self-sufficiency and ultimately afford permanent independent housing.

Fox Cities Community Health Center, *No Woman Left Behind - \$500:* Connects underserved women to preventive health services including exams, lab work, mammography, and prenatal care.

Fox Valley Technical College Foundation, *Toys Aren't Just for Boys - \$2,000:* Targets girls to increase their participation in FVTC's manufacturing & technology activities for high school students and empowers them to consider non-traditional career paths.

Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc., *Girl Programming (Health & Wellness, STEM, Art & Culture, Team Building, Non-School Days) - \$1,000:* Offers Girl Scouts programming designed just for girls to address developmental, educational, emotional, and social interests and needs.

Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs, *Middle School Violence Prevention Project - \$5,834:* Outreach to middle school students through performances of the drama *Remote Control*, which was created to help students understand and prevent abusive relationships.

LEAVEN, *Home Sweet Home - \$3,000:* Assists women in transition from local domestic abuse or homeless shelters to independent housing by providing financial support for a security deposit and/or rent.

NAMI Fox Valley, *Wings of Change Domestic Abuse Support Services - \$3,000:* Offered with Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs, a collaborative project of support services for women with mental illness who have experienced violence in their lives.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, *Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Project for Latina Women - \$3,000:* Provides low-income Latina women with preventative health care services including cervical cancer screening, breast exams, and a reproductive health education.

The Building for Kids, Fox Cities Children's Museum, *Expanding our Reach: Harbor House Partnership - \$2,500:* Offers one-year family museum memberships to women with children under the age of 12 who receive eligible intake services from Harbor House.

Valley Academy for the Arts, Inc., *Scholarship Fund for Underprivileged Children - \$500:* Provides low-income girls with scholarships to help them grow into healthy adults through their accomplishments in dance and the arts.

Highlights of our past year:

- Hired Shauna Walden Ejuh as the first full-time executive director
- Welcomed an audience of over 1,000 for our 6th Annual Luncheon: *What If?*
- Concluded our 10th Anniversary Celebration Campaign, which successfully raised more than \$480,000 in gifts and pledges
- Celebrated 10 years of grantmaking - Women's Fund grants awarded now total over \$208,000
- Conducted listening sessions of women ages 18 to 25 to determine unmet needs

2006-2007 Board of Directors

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Women's Fund Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2007

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,468
Contributions receivable	101,554
Investments	1,158,245
Property and Equipment, net	5,676
Total Assets	\$1,341,943

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Other liabilities	\$43,951
Total liabilities	43,951
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$1,196,438
Temporarily restricted	101,554
Total net assets	\$1,297,992

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,341,943
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Women's Fund Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Contributions	\$385,186
Gain (loss) on investments	120,938
Investment income	31,652
Total Support and Revenue	\$537,776

GRANTS AND EXPENSES	
Grants and transfers	\$53,967
Program related expenses	36,190
Management and General:	
Investment manager fees	5,416
Administrative expenses	66,182
Fundraising expenses	54,911

Total Grants and Expenses	\$216,666
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Change in net assets	\$321,110
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NET ASSETS	
Beginning of year	\$ 976,882

End of Year	\$1,297,992
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This is a summarized financial statement presentation. The Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Regions, Inc. is a Supporting Organization of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. A complete audited financial statement of the Community Foundation and Supporting Organizations is available upon request.

Auditors: Schenck Business Solutions

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"This group has allowed emotional release in a safe and healing environment."

- A participant in NAMI's mental health art therapy support group

"I can't express how grateful I am for this program; it is helping me to get my life back."

- Casa Clare substance abuse program participant

The Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region invests in women and girls through:

- Grants
- Advocacy
- Education

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