

Women's Fund awards nearly \$33,000 in Fox Cities grants

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The **Women's Fund** for the Fox Valley Region recently announced its 2007 grant recipients at a reception for donors and non-profit agencies at Riverview Country Club. The reception concluded a celebration of 10 years of grant making by the **Women's Fund**, which has awarded more than \$200,000 in grants since 1997. The **Women's Fund** is a supporting organization of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and member of the Women's Funding Network, an international association of women's funds. Information and guidelines for the next grant cycle will be posted on the **Women's Fund** Web site, www.womensfundfvr.org, in the fall.

Sixteen grants totaling \$32,534 were awarded with Great Northern Corporation, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, and the King's Daughters Service Circle of Neenah-Menasha provided collaborating funds to add to the granting pool.

Agencies receiving grants are:

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 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 girls 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 chance to succeed by providing appropriate clothing, make-up, resumes, and educational seminars.

COTS Inc. Women's Transitional Shelter (\$2,000): Offers homeless women skills

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.

Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area Inc. Girl Programming (\$1,000): Offers participants programming designed just for girls to address the 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 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 memberships to women with children under the age of 12 who receive 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.

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