

Women's Fund grants help Valley females

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APPLETON -- Nine area nonprofit groups will receive nearly \$22,000 to help support women and girls from the **Women's Fund** of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. The projects funded by the annual competitive selection process are:

Appleton Art Center: \$2,500 to support "Art Woman: Images of Women, Created by Women," an art exhibition to be presented Aug. 12-Sept. 24 with the goal of creating community for women through the arts.

B.A.B.E.S. Respite and Counseling Services Inc: \$1,258 to support M.A.P.S. (Mothers Accessing Parenting Skills), a monthly program for low-income parents offered in cooperation with new Parent and Fox Valley Pastoral Counseling.

Candlelight Vision Corporation: \$2,000, plus \$680 from **Women's Fund** grant collaborator King's Daughters -- Neenah/ Menasha Service Circle, for day programming and respite care for high-risk adolescents needing supervision and structure when a parent is not available.

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services Inc.: \$1,320 from **Women's Fund** grant collaborator King's Daughters -- Neenah/ Menasha Service Circle to supply Safety PACS (Prevent and Confront Stalking) kits to women to record information about perpetrators.

Fox Cities Children's Museum: \$3,000 for the TeenAge Parent Program, which assists teen mothers to improve their parenting skills.

Harbor House Domestic Abuse Program: \$2,585 to support performances for 10th-graders in Outagamie and Calumet counties of "The Yellow Dress," a dramatic one-woman play based on one victim's story of dating violence.

CHAPS Academy: \$5,000, plus \$100 from an individual donor, to support a summer program for at-risk adolescent girls that uses work with horses in conjunction with counseling and group psychotherapy.

NAMI Fox Valley: \$3,000 to expand a therapy program, offered in cooperation with Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs, for women with mental illness who have experienced violence in their lives.

University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley: \$400 to support a lecture by Dr. Talat Rahman entitled "Should We Tell Our Daughters to Become Scientists?"

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Great Northern Corp. each provided gifts of

\$1,500 to increase the pool of **Women's Fund** grant dollars.

The **Women's Fund** was established within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region in 1995 to help create, promote and support programs that enhance the lives of area women and girls. The **Women's Fund** has distributed \$140,000 since 1997.

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