



Mission Statement

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

- Grants
- Advocacy
- Education

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Priorities

By engaging in philanthropic activity and leveraging community collaboration, the Women’s Fund envisions a community where women and girls:

- Live in safety
- Meet their basic needs for living, including food, shelter, and access to health care
- Have the knowledge, opportunity, and self-determination to be economically secure
- Have opportunities to pursue their dreams and achieve their potential
- Learn about and recognize the value of philanthropy and nonprofit leadership

Wisconsin Women’s Funds Meeting



The Women’s Fund hosted colleagues from eight of Wisconsin’s 14 women’s funds on August 7, 2014. Guest speaker Terry Williams of the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota shared information about using research to guide our economic security work for women, and about the MN Girls Are Not For Sale anti-trafficking campaign.

“The exam was done and the victim, looking me straight in the eye said ‘thank you.’ She explained a few years prior she had been raped by a close friend of the family while she was in high school. She had told a few family members, but was not believed. Everyone she told quickly dismissed the claim, and she never spoke of it again. It was then that I realized it wasn’t about how well I charted, or how many pictures I took, or how well my exam went. This was simply about listening and giving someone the feeling that they are believed, that they count.”

SANE Nurse
St. Elizabeth’s Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program





As the Women's Fund approaches our 20th anniversary year, we are proud of the growth of our fund and our positive impact on the lives of thousands of women and girls in the Fox Valley region.

Thanks to our caring and generous donor community, the Women's Fund has:

- **Granted more than \$875,000 since 1997**
- **Supported 180 projects developed by 72 different Fox Valley nonprofits**
- **Increased assets to more than \$1,707,900**

We are pleased to share our 2014 Annual Report with you, and know how very grateful we are to each and every one of you for your support!

Beth Davis, President
Becky Boulanger, Executive Director

Women's Fund Grants 2013-2014

The Women's Fund provides multiple grantmaking programs annually to support local women and girls. These programs are designed to meet both immediate needs and find solutions to on-going issues impacting females of all ages.

Donor Directed Grants – An opportunity for donors who have established donor advised funds within the Women's Fund to direct grants to organizations that best align with their personal vision of support to women and girls.

Girls' Grantmaking Project – A Women's Fund program which empowers local high school age girls to make grants to address issues impacting them and their peers.

Initiative Grants – A rapid response program for projects aligned with our Financial Fluency and Violence Prevention Initiatives.

Project Grants – Our annual funding cycle when our Grants Committee considers programs and projects that meet any of our funding priorities.

Strategic Grants – A result of the Status of Women in Northeast Wisconsin Report, these grants strategically address economic security for females of all ages.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2014, the **Women's Fund awarded \$101,098.22** to the following organizations:

Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha
Boys' & Girls' Brigade
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley
CASA of the Fox Cities
Casa Hispana
Center for Suicide Awareness
CHAPS Academy
Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services
Clarity Care
Dharma Field
Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley
Financial Information & Service Center
Fox Cities Book Festival
Fox Valley End-of-Life Care Coalition
Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra Association
Fox Valley Technical College Foundation
Friends of the Appleton Library
Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness
Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes

Girls on the Run Northeast Wisconsin
Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs
Heart of the Valley YMCA
Houston Ground Angels
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Miriam B. White Foundation
Money Smart Week Fox Cities
NEW Mental Health Connection
Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin
REACH Counseling Services
Rebuilding Together Fox Valley
Sexual Assault Crisis Center
St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation
University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh
Up With People
Voices of Men
Youth Go

Thank you to Great Northern Corporation for Project Grant collaboration funding and to the J. J. Keller Foundation for Girls' Grantmaking Project funding.

"I came into this class timid and scared and am walking away successful and strong in my mind, body, and spirit. I have learned so much about myself, working so hard on developing life skills and personal awareness. I have become such a positive force for myself during this specific class, more than any of my other therapies. I can't wait to pass my place on to another woman who is as I was."

Program Participant, Fox Valley Technical College Foundation
Certified Nursing Assistant and Employability Skills Program

Girls' Grantmaking Project



Representatives from the 2014 Girls' Grantmaking Project address the audience at the September 11, 2014 Women's Fund Luncheon. This year's group from Kaukauna and Kimberly high schools identified preserving self-confidence and improving access to opportunities as their priorities.

"The best part of this experience was learning more about what our community needs – opening my eyes a little wider."

Program Participant, Women's Fund Girls' Grantmaking Program

Named Funds within the Women's Fund

The Women's Fund is proud to have helped the following women, couples, businesses and organizations realize their philanthropic goals and provide much needed funding to local women and girls. Funds listed include designated funds, donor advised funds, field of interest funds, Little Women's/Young Philanthropist's funds and scholarship funds as of June 30, 2014.

5Giving 2Gether 4Women Fund

Ashley Marie Abraham Fund

Bel Brands USA Fund for Women and Girls

Patricia Boldt Fund for Women
Administrative Endowment

Renee Boldt Fund for Women

Heather Boyer Fund for Women and Girls

Community First Credit Union Fund
for Women

Katherine Davis Fund for Women and Girls

Grace and Bridget Flaherty Little Women's
Future Fund

Elizabeth and Daniel Flaherty Family Fund

Haley Fuhrmann Little Women's Fund

Garton Family Fund for Women and Girls

Jane Dwyre Garton Fund for Women

Maria and Jill Georgen Little Women's Fund

Grace K. Graebel Little Women's Fund

Laura A. Guy Founders Fund

Mary Harp-Jirschele Fund for Women

Nora Holahan Hogerty Little Women's
Future Fund

Ethel Keller Fund for Women

Kewley Family Fund for Women and Girls

Marlene Kiesling Konsek Fund for Women

Helen Spasoff Kratzer Scholarship Fund

Madeleine Cecelia Krikava Little Women's
Future Fund

Quinten Karel Krikava Young Philanthropist
Future Fund

Mid-Day Women's Alliance Fund

Maureen O'Hern Hahn & Jeffrey R. Hahn Fund
for Women

Katie Plank Little Women's Fund

Brigid Guy Prosser Little Women's Fund

Cara Guy Prosser Little Women's Fund

Margaret Guy Prosser Little Women's Fund

Carla E. Salmon Fund for Women

Maja Salmon Little Women's Fund

Lynn Salmon-Easter Little Women's Fund

Patricia Lovshin Schinabeck Fund for Women

Erin Tyson and Kathi Selle Seifert Fund for
Women and Girls

Catherine J. Tierney Future Fund for Women

Susan Healey Toussaint & John S. Toussaint Fund
for Women

The Trina Fund

Lynn Van Vreede Legal Advocacy Fund

Marvel Williamson Fund for Women

Wisnoski/Danner Little Women's Fund

Women for Health Giving Circle

Marjorie M. Young Fund for Women and Girls

"Today I am in college pursuing a triple major. I am studying Social Work, Sociology, and Psychology so that one day I may help struggling youth who face a story much like my own. None of this would have been possible without the help of the CHAPS Academy."

Gabrielle
Program Participant, CHAPS Academy
Hope Lives

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

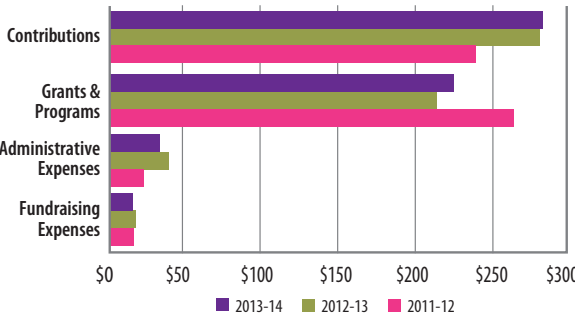
	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2013
Contributions receivable	\$24,000	\$0
Cash and Investments	\$1,726,120	\$1,520,622
Property and Equipment, net	\$0	\$570
Total assets	\$1,750,120	\$1,521,192

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

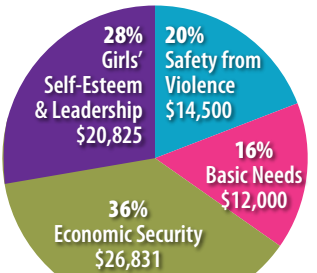
Total liabilities	\$17,882	\$15,138
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	\$1,708,238	\$1,506,054
Temporarily restricted	\$24,000	\$0
Total net assets	\$1,732,238	\$1,506,054
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,750,120	\$1,521,192

This is a summarized financial statement presentation. The Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, 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 SC. A list of Women's Fund Donors is available at www.womensfundfvr.org.

Revenue & Expenses (in \$1,000s)



2013-2014 Competitive Grants Priority Areas Funded



TOTAL \$74,156