



## Girls' Grantmaking Project 2015

The Women's Fund invited girls from Appleton area high schools to discuss issues impacting them and their peers, learn about and evaluate resources in the community, and allocate \$10,000 in grant funding to the nonprofit program(s) which they felt best meet the needs of girls in the Fox Valley.

The girls identified confidence, image, and respect as the priorities for their grantmaking.

The following organizations were selected for funding:

**Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs, Girls' Empowerment Group** - \$4,500: Empowerment program for girls in grades 5-6 and 7-8 to instill a deep and abiding sense of self-worth. Teaches the signs of an unhealthy relationship and provides the skills and resources to help ensure that they live their lives to their fullest potential.

**Wilson Middle School, Girls on Track** - \$1,600: Like Girls on the Run, this after school program encourages girls to examine who they are and inspires them to be joyful, healthy and confident as they move forward in life.

**Youth Go, S.E.E.D. Program** - \$3,900: Provides teenage girls an avenue to see, explore, educate, and dream about potential career paths by learning from successful women in our community.



*Girls from Appleton Central, Appleton East, Appleton North, Appleton West, Fox Valley Lutheran and Xavier were represented in the program.*

### Participant Comments

"I enjoyed getting to know other girls I would not have met otherwise. I liked seeing how grant writing works and how decisions are made."

"I learned that people, no matter how different or opinionated they are, can agree on something or figure out a compromise."

"Different types of people can work together. At first I thought I would be judged, but it was the opposite."

"I learned that spreading the awareness of women's equality needs to be emphasized more."

"I feel extra motivated to change the world."

"Everyone got along and no one's idea(s) and/or comments were turned down."

"I didn't feel left out at all."

"I learned and loved experiencing what philanthropy is."