

Awards 2009 Grants

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The Women's Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation exists to enrich the lives of women and girls so they can do the same for others. The fund provides financial support for programs which foster an impact on attitudes and actions that benefit women and girls; promote opportunity, health and self-sufficiency for women; and encourage women and girls to develop as philanthropists. The **Women's Fund** of the La Crosse Community Foundation is **excited to award \$18,960** for the following 2009 grants:

1. **\$1,950 to Western Technical College Foundation for the Women's Fund Education** which provides assistance for women enrolling in non-traditional career programs.
2. **\$2,210 to UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program for the Self-Sufficiency Program Pre-College Skills Program: Mini-Courses in Math and Composition** which is an adult education program to provide refresher courses in math and composition.
3. **\$1,200 to Hamilton Elementary for the Hamilton Dance Shoppe** where kindergarten through 5th grade girls learn dance in a safe, after-school supervised environment.
4. **\$1,500 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse for SMART Girls on the GO!** which is a program that promotes healthy attitudes and lifestyle choices to adolescent girls.
5. **\$500 to Christ Episcopal Church for the Hmong Sewing Program** where women of all ages learn sewing and quilting.
6. **\$5,000 to La Crosse County Community Liaison Program for the Women's Transportation Fund** which provides assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient.
7. **\$3,000 to Learning Together Family Literacy for the Family Literacy Program** which supports a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency.
8. **\$2,500 to Family & Children's Center for Healthy Transitions** to provide housing and transportation assistance for female youth aging out of the foster care system.
9. **\$600 to Our Saviors Lutheran Church for the Women's Clothes Closet** to purchase personal hygiene products for women.

10. **\$500 to Domestic Violence Intervention Project for Emergency Assistance Fund** to assist domestic violence victims and their families with gift cards for emergency assistance.

For more information about the Women's Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation, contact Melissa Schultz, Administrative Coordinator, at 608-386-4136.