

# *women's fund*

OF GREATER LA CROSSE

to enrich the lives of women and girls  
so they can do the same for others

To date, the Women's Fund has distributed **\$215,636** in grants!

## 2011 GRANTS

- **WAFER** – to purchase feminine hygiene products for women using the food pantry
- **New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers** – assistance to eliminate the barriers for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or harassment and allow them to become self-sufficient
- **Western Technical College** – assistance for low-income women to obtain their GED and/or pursue higher education
- **Women's Clothes Closet** – to purchase socks, underwear and bras and for women who are working or seeking employment
- **The Salvation Army** – to purchase feminine hygiene products for women who are underemployed and/or homeless
- **YWCA of the Coulee Region** – to provide employment training for disadvantaged women lacking job skills and self-sufficiency
- **Hmong Mutual Assistance Association – La Crosse Area** – for a leadership retreat that will address issues affecting women such as self-esteem, traditional gender roles and inequity as well as domestic and sexual violence
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **The Parenting Place** – to provide 150 women and children scholarships to attend the carnival
- **Family & Children's Center** – to provide services, promote opportunity, health and self-sufficiency to a single-woman lead family
- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program to provide refresher courses in math and composition
- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program Student Parent Community** – for a support network to help student mothers become self-sufficient while advancing through college
- **Workforce Connections** – to provide a unique opportunity for single mothers to enter a high-paying apprenticeships in the energy sector that will enable them to become self-sufficient
- **Hamilton Dance Shoppe** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, after-school supervised environment
- **La Crosse County Liaison Program** – support for the “Women's Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient

## 2010 GRANTS

- **Hunger Task Force** – to purchase and supply community food programs with personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, and feminine hygiene items
- **Family Resources** – to provide 150 women and children scholarships to attend the carnival
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse** – for SMART Girls on the Go which promotes healthy attitudes and lifestyle choices to adolescent girls
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women's Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **A Place of Grace** – to provide assistance in emergency situations when no other sources of funding or shelter are available
- **New Horizons Shelter and Women's Center** – to provide financial assistance to domestic violence and sexual assault victims
- **UW-La Crosse Continue Education and Extension** – sponsorship for the Re-Claiming Girlhood Conference which will provide tools and strategies to understand, resist and counteract the sexualization of girlhood
- **Western Technical College Foundation** – assistance for women enrolling in non-traditional career programs
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- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program to provide refresher courses in math and composition
- **LGBT Resource Center for the Seven Rivers Region** – to teach skills and provide knowledge on self-defense and safety
- **WAFER** – to purchase feminine products for women using the food pantry
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Coulee Region Transitional Housing Ministry Our Saviors Lutheran Church** – to provide emergency assistance and support services to women in shelter or in transitional housing

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- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program to provide refresher courses in math and composition
- **Hamilton and Franklin After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, after-school supervised environment
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse** – for SMART Girls on the Go which promotes healthy attitudes and lifestyle choices to adolescent girls
- **Christ Episcopal Church** – to support the Hmong Sewing Program where women of all ages learn sewing and quilting
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Family & Children’s Center** – housing and transportation assistance for female youth aging out of the foster care system
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – to purchase personal hygiene products for women
- **Domestic Violence Intervention Project** – to assist domestic violence victims and their families with gift cards for emergency assistance

## 2008 GRANTS

- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – scholarships for Self-Sufficiency graduates
- **Hamilton and Franklin After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, supervised environment
- **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation/Unity House for Women** – to purchase Remo Djembe drums for residents and introduce a healthy alternative activity to substance abuse
- **Family Resources** – to provide 150 women and children scholarships to attend the carnival
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse** – for a project to promote healthy attitudes and choices that will enable girls to reach their potential
- **New Horizons Shelter and Women’s Center** – to purchase supplies for wheelchair accessibility modifications
- **Christ Episcopal Church** – to support the Hmong Sewing Program where women of all ages learn sewing and quilting
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for registration fees for teen mothers to obtain their GEDs
- **WAFER, Inc.** – to purchase feminine products for women using the food pantry
- **Children’s Museum of La Crosse** – admission passes given to local human service organizations for clients and their families
- **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation** – to sponsor Expressions: Voices of Abuse in Elder Life luncheon to raise awareness for domestic violence and elder abuse
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – to purchase locks, signs and socks

## 2007 GRANTS

- **Christ Episcopal Church** – to support the Hmong Sewing Program where women of all ages learn sewing and quilting
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – purchase of locks, a vacuum cleaner and a bench for the shoe department
- **La Crosse County Association for Home and Community Education** – book sets will be given and read to preschoolers
- **Children’s Museum of La Crosse** – admission passes given to local human service organizations for clients and their families
- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – scholarships for Self-Sufficiency graduates
- **Western Technical College Foundation** – support for Women’s Fund accounts for GED and registration fees
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Hamilton and Franklin After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, supervised environment
- **Coulee Council on Addictions** – educating recovering women on the importance of health, leisure and social education
- **Viterbo University - CARING: For Victims of Domestic Violence** to help women at New Horizons Women’s Shelter focus on their own health and wellness and that of their children
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for registration fees for teen mothers to obtain their GEDs
- **Coulee Region Transitional Housing Ministry** – providing utility hook up and/or legal assistance to women in shelter or in transitional housing

## 2006 GRANTS

- **Options In Reproductive Care** – support age-appropriate workshops to help teen girls learn “The 7 Respect Basics”
- **Coulee Council on Addictions** – a multi-faceted program for women to mentor other women recovering from addiction
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – purchase room dividers and improve air conditioning
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse** – for a project to promote healthy attitudes and choices that will enable girls to reach their potential
- **Hamilton and Franklin After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, supervised environment
- **La Crosse County Health Department** – to promote wellness in the life of Hmong women
- **Family & Children’s Center** – support Healthy Families which prevents child abuse before it begins
- **UW-L Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program at the Hamilton Family Learning Center to assist women in developing and improving writing, math and computer skills
- **Family Resources & New Horizons** – to help with educator fees and supplies
- **La Crosse Jail Ministry** – to help incarcerated women stay in contact with their children by recording storybooks & personal messages
- **La Crosse Jail Ministry** – provide underclothing for incarcerated indigent women
- **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation** – provide support for victims of domestic violence

## 2005 GRANTS

- **Alzheimer’s Association** – educational materials for women caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease
- **Coulee Region Mediation and Restorative Justice** – anger management classes for women in the La Crosse County Jail
- **Coulee Council on Addictions** – support for “The Courage to Craft” a program to provide leisure activities for women in recovery; and “Women’s Outreach” to provide transportation, information and referral services to women with potential substance abuse issues
- **Hamilton After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, supervised environment
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Options in Reproductive Care** – to fund “Mother/Daughter Nights – Talking about the Tough Stuff”
- **UW-L Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program at the Hamilton Family Learning Center to assist women in developing and improving writing, math and computer skills
- **Workforce Connections, Inc** – to provide a YES AmeriCorps member to develop a business entrepreneurship program with 14-18 year old women at Logan LaCrossRoads High School

## 2004 GRANTS

- **Central High School** – students record and preserve memories and experiences of military women serving our country
- **Community Liaison Program of La Crosse County** – provides assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that negatively impact their ability to be self sufficient
- **Coulee Council on Addictions** – recovering women have a venue to give and receive support
- **Gertrude Salzer Gordon Children’s Museum of La Crosse** – “Girl Power Overnight” scholarships to girls to learn and enhance their physical, emotional and societal power
- **Hamilton Elementary School** – dance lessons for girls to increase their self-confidence, enhance self-esteem, improve communication skills, build healthy bodies and encourage teamwork
- **Lincoln Middle School** – assistance to low income girls to obtain physicals needed to participate in sports
  
- **Options in Reproductive Care** – a program to increase employability of low income women by helping them set attainable education and career goals
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – a computer and printer purchase
- **WWTC Opportunity Center** – provides financial assistance to low-income women for GED, HSED or driver’s education fees

## 2003 GRANTS

- **CASA for Kids Program of the YWCA** – advocates for children involved in the courts due to issues of abuse, neglect and abandonment so they can be nurtured in a safe and loving home environment. Also supported in 2001 and 2002
- **Community Liaison Program of La Crosse County** – transportation-related expenses to help women get to school, job interviews, work and healthcare appointments
- **Coulee Council on Addictions** – craft and informal support group to help women overcome their addictions and become responsible community citizens

- **Franciscan Skemp Healthcare Women's Symposium** – bring 13 bronze statues, which replicate the variety of shapes throughout the female life cycle to the area for an exhibit
- **Hamilton Elementary** – after-school program to engage in healthy activity for mind, body and spirit by exploring the history and significance of jazz and hip hop
- **Options in Reproductive Care** – fund “Mother/Daughter Nights – Talking about the Tough Stuff” at area middle schools, to discuss sexuality and reproduction, health care and nutrition
- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – mini-courses in math, computers and writing to help low-income women prepare for a college education that, in turn, will improve their earning ability
- **Women's Clothes Closet** – provide gently-used, up-to-date clothing to women entering or re-entering the workforce
- **Workforce Connections/AmeriCorps and Franklin Elementary School** – after-school science and math program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- **WWTC Revolving Fund** – low-income women borrow, then repay loans for registration fees. When the student borrows, she benefits from the philanthropy of others; when she repays the loan, she becomes the philanthropist
- **YWCA Transitional Housing Program** – help match a federal grant to provide transitional housing and continuing mentoring for women who need help with life and financial skills, education and work, shelter and healthcare

#### 2002 GRANTS

- **Arts in Motion** – an after-school program in which students design, choreograph and present a musical production
- **Children's Museum of La Crosse** – “Girl Power Camp-In” to learn about health, philanthropy and decision making, diversity and inclusion. Also supported in 2001
- **Coulee Region Mediation and Restorative Justice** – to train volunteer mediators to work with female juvenile delinquents
- **Go Girls!** – to educate high school students about the importance of healthy eating and body image so they can teach younger students
- **Options in Reproductive Care** – language interpreters to ensure that non-English speaking women receive reproductive health care and cancer screening
- **Salvation Army Children's Playroom** – to give mothers time to learn life skills they need to establish a home for themselves and their families

#### 2001 GRANTS

- **Family Resources** – training for leadership & advocacy skills presented by area women who attended the National Refugee and Immigrant Women Leadership Conference
- **Boys' and Girls' Club** – “SMART Girls,” to help adolescent girls learn to make wise choices about their health, education and life's work. Also supported in 2000 and 1999
- **Gertrude Salzer Gordon Children's Museum of La Crosse** – for girls to learn about health, philanthropy and decision making, diversity and inclusion
- **Coulee Region YWCA** – Women Inmate Nurturing program to help women inmates prepare for life after leaving jail
- **New Horizons Shelter and Women's Center for Transitional Housing Project** – to help women and their children start a new life

#### 2000 GRANTS

- **“Amazing Girls Scientists”** – to encourage girls to see themselves as scientists and to give teachers ways to encourage girls in science
- **La Crosse CHOICES Task Force** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day to aid young women in understanding the importance of career preparation to become self-sufficient
- **La Crosse Sexual Assault Service Group** – to instruct students and educators on both sexual assault and prevention
- **New Horizons Shelter and Women's Center** – Transitional Housing Project for women and their children who need financial assistance when leaving the shelter
- **Women in Sports** – an entertaining, informative look at benchmark accomplishments in women's athletics for area high school athletes

#### 1999 GRANTS

- **La Crosse Jail Ministry** – Storybook Project to help incarcerated women stay in contact with their children by recording storybooks & personal messages
- **New Horizons Women's Shelter and Center** – to pay transportation & child care expenses so current/former clients can serve on the center's committees & board
- **Options in Reproductive Care** – an interpreter for Hmong women in need of reproductive health care services or cancer screening