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## **Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County gives nearly \$85,000 in grants**

WAUKESHA (May 22, 2017) – The Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County recently awarded almost \$85,000 to 10 local non-profit organizations to support programs that promote the welfare, independence and self-sufficiency of women and girls of all ages.

Grants for 2017 were awarded to:

- **Blessings in a Backpack:** \$5,000 to provide food for 50 low-income children in the Waukesha and Oconomowoc school districts every weekend throughout the school year.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County:** \$10,000 to help fund Habitat's 2017 Women Build project on White Rock Avenue in Waukesha. The project helps women learn construction skills while building affordable homes for low- and moderate-income families in Waukesha County.
- **Healing Hearts of Waukesha County:** \$10,000 to support services for children and families experiencing grief because of a death, divorce, incarceration, separation, deportation, abandonment or other life-altering event.
- **Hebron House of Hospitality:** \$8,500 to help sponsor two families living in this homeless shelter for 30-40 days. During this time, Hebron House provides shelter, food, counseling and other services to help the families become self-sustaining.
- **Lad Lake:** \$8,385 to provide a sensory enrichment environment, therapeutic recreational items and a meditation garden to help children from troubled homes enjoy a calming atmosphere as they transition to this short-term care facility.

- **Lake Area Free Clinic:** \$9,908 to provide medication for all of its female uninsured patients with acute and chronic illness for four months.

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- **Muskego Senior Taxi Service:** \$5,000 to subsidize vehicle maintenance and gasoline purchases to provide 4,000 rides to 250 senior citizens and young adults with disabilities who have few options for transportation.

- **St. Joseph Medical Clinic:** \$8,000 to expand outreach to those with little or no insurance to ensure access to women's health care and provide education on the need for preventive care.

**Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation:** \$10,000 to provide services to help women start their own businesses and ongoing support to women who want to grow existing businesses.

- **The Women's Center:** \$10,000 to support the emergency shelter, which provides safety and basic needs, case management and advocacy, and access to comprehensive programming that empower women to break the cycle of violence for them and their children.

The Women and Girls Fund, established in 2004, seeks to aid and enrich the lives of women and girls so they become thriving residents of their communities. Its signature event, the annual Women of Distinction luncheon, was held May 2 at Country Springs Hotel. The event raised close to \$105,000 to support grants in 2018.

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