

Today is a Celebration!



Women to Women
GIVING CIRCLE

August 12, 2021
Hancock Stadium Concourse

A short history of the Women to Women Giving Circle
by Myra Gordon

SEEDS ARE PLANTED

Our Community Foundation has always had a leadership vision of helping develop philanthropy right here at home. The world of philanthropy did not always see the potential giving power of women. Just over a decade ago, the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation began to ask, "How can we change that?"

We started by inviting women attending IPCF's first Philanthropist of the Year luncheon in 2009 to stay after lunch and attend a Women's Philanthropy session to discuss how powerful our giving can be. About 20 women attended and listened to Tracy Gary, a non-profit consultant, ask us for our vision of local women's philanthropy and what it could mean. The answers were inspiring, but also practical.



FROM DREAMS TO A REAL RESULT

We wanted to develop a group of women who would

- give grants to local non-profits for the benefit of women and children
- identify important issues affecting local women
- assure that the grant monies were well-spent
- celebrate successes together
- and build among us bonds as philanthropists and friends.

We wanted a structure that would provide funds not only for the current year's grants but also to build a Women to Women Fund Endowment that would provide a forever stream of future funding.

100 FOUNDING MEMBERS

Pat Grogg and Myra Gordon, then Executive Director of the Community Foundation, got together at a local Thai Restaurant. Myra knew that Giving Circles had worked successfully within Community Foundations. "What would it take to have a successful Giving Circle?" Pat asked. "What if we could recruit 100 women to each contribute \$3,000 over three years as Founding Members?" Pat, who had had many successful careers, knew how to build an organization, and having Pat lead the effort was crucial to its success.

We drew up lists of women we knew who cared deeply about local women and children. We created a plan to not just ask for money, but to have programs each year to educate ourselves about issues affecting local women and children. Women were asked to become Founding Members and to tell their friends.

And they did! It didn't happen overnight, but our Women to Women Giving Circle began with 103 Founding Members and has gone on to involve more than 300 women.

All gifts to the Giving Circle incur a 10% administrative fee, are then split with half going to the current year's grants, and the other half going to the endowment. Membership in the Circle is extended to any donor who gives \$100 or more.



A TOAST TO OUR MEMBERS AND TO ALL PHILANTHROPIC WOMEN

Each year we hold a special celebration of our work. On this, our 10th anniversary, our celebration will be especially joyous as we gather with our friends and toast the work we have done while envisioning an even greater future.

**Women Philanthropists of Central Illinois,
Congratulations ... and Thank You!**

Lifetime Giving List of Donors to the Women to Women Giving Circle

All donations as of 6/30/21.

We strive to properly credit all donors to the
Women to Women Giving Circle.

If your name is missing or you feel you are incorrectly credited, please
contact Michele Evans at

Illinois Prairie Community Foundation at 309-662-4477 or
mevans@ilprairiecf.org.

** denotes Founding Member of Women to Women*

² denotes Second Decade Donor

(d) denotes member is deceased

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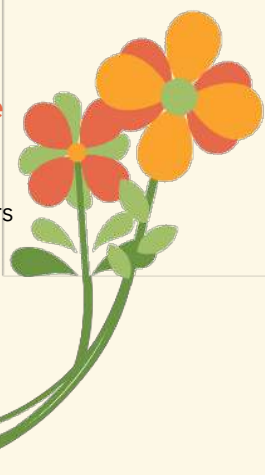
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into our
Second
Decade !

Second Decade Donors

Second Decade Donors
make a special gift of
\$1,000 or more
anytime between
now and 2031.



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Fabulous Friends (have given more than \$100)

Sue Albright	Mary Caisley	Judy Kilbride Donze
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Nancy Brokaw	Barb Diemer	
Judy Brucker	Gail Dobbins	(continued...)

Fabulous Friends (have given more than \$100), continued

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Kay Harbers	Joan Mullin	Patsy Sherrard
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Julie Hile	Sally Parry	Linda Sorrells
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Jan Holder	Jo Porter	Linda Steele
Janet Hood	Judy Poultney	Marlys Stern
Bev Hornickel	Julie Prandi	Laurette Stiles
Doris Houston	Cathy Pratt	Carol Struck
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Gail Lamb	Muriel Riddle (d)	Vicki Tilton
Claire Lamonica	Christina Rogers	Karen Timmermann
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Debbie Leighton	Pamela Schahrer	Toni Tucker
Kathleen Lorenz	Phyllis Schieber	Norma VanScoyoc
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Luella Mahannah	Mary Schmidt	Beth Whisman
Jessica McLane	Merry Anne (Tudy) Schmied	Katherine Wills
Lynda McLaughlin	Cynthia Schrantz	Crystal M. Young
Janet McNew		
Jan Meadows		



Our History of Giving

2011–\$22,000 Programs that provide job training, mentorship or education for low-income women

- \$ 3,000 Children's Foundation of Children's Home + Aid: Healthy Start
- \$ 5,000 Project Oz: Service for Young Homeless Women and Their Children
- \$ 6,000 Scholastic Enhancement Corporation: Young Women's Math Academy
- \$ 8,000 Word of Life Ministries: First Responders to Women's Economic Security

2012–\$25,000 Programs that provide job training, mentorship, academic education, parenting education, and/or financial literacy education for single mothers

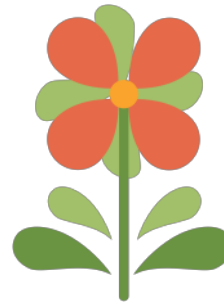
- \$ 15,000 Children's Foundation of Children's Home + Aid and Big Brothers Big Sisters: Education and Supporting Teen Mothers
- \$ 10,000 Mid Central Community Action: Parental Strength and Financial Security for Survivor Freedom

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The Plato Program: (expanding knowledge in reading & math) "Because of our grant from the Women to Women Giving Circle for the Plato program, the kids are able to learn the skills being taught. The Plato kids are a special group at our club. They are happy and proud to be a part of it. It's like a mini-academic club here at the club!" —Jodi Martin, CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Livingston County

2013–\$30,000 Focus 1: Education, mentoring, tutoring, GED assistance, literacy, after-school programs, not-ready-for college programs, early childhood/pre-K programs; Focus 2: Health and Wellness: Substance abuse/addictions, pre- and post-natal care, mammography assistance, disease detection/prevention, mental health, health literacy, healthy relationships for women and girls

- \$ 6,065 Oakdale Elementary: Literacy Project—Increasing Reading Fluency and Comprehension
- \$ 4,500 Project Oz: Homeless Women Building Healthy Relationships
- \$ 5,225 Livingston County Public Health Dept.: Reducing STDs and Teen Pregnancy in Livingston County
- \$ 3,980 Community Health Care Clinic: Women Connections—Women to Improved Health
- \$11,904 McLean County Health Department: Advocating for Smiles



2014–\$35,000 Programs that provide workforce readiness, occupational certificate programs, traditional and non-traditional career training, professional development, business skills, leadership skills, job shadowing/mentorship, or similar types of programs and projects

- \$ 5,000 Children's Home + Aid: Independent Living Program
- \$ 6,068 Labyrinth Outreach Services to Women: Breaking the Cycle: Employment as the Key
- \$10,000 Mid Central Community Action: Next Step Options for Self-Sufficiency
- \$14,000 YouthBuild of McLean County: IMPRESS - Internships, Mentoring, Professional Development, Relationship Building, Employment Readiness, Service Learning and Success

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Itsy Arts: Emotions and Melodies "Thanks to the generous support of Women to Women Giving Circle, we used visual arts and music to help preschoolers at Scott Early Learning Center identify emotions in themselves and others and use creative means to express those emotions...." —Laura K. Jaster, Executive Director, Illinois Art Station

2015–\$40,000 Programs that provide education and support of mothers

- \$ 6,210 Chestnut Health Systems: Moral Reconation Therapy
- \$ 3,000 Child Protection Network: EduCare Program
- \$ 2,100 Children's Home + Aid: The Butterfly Project
- \$ 7,028 Labyrinth Outreach Services to Women: Breaking the Cycle Employment as the Key to Reducing Future Incarcerations
- \$ 8,500 McLean County Health Department: IPlan Mental Health Task Force
- \$ 8,000 The Baby Fold: Healthy Start
- \$ 5,000 YWCA: Moms Moving Forward

2016–\$50,000 Programs that provide early intervention of mental health issues through training, collaboration and/or education

\$19,225	Boys and Girls Club of BN: SAFE - Safety Awareness for Everyone Youth Programs
\$ 2,000	Girl Scouts of Central Illinois: BFF - Be a Friend First
\$10,000	McLean County Health Department: Mental Health First Aid
\$ 4,000	NAMI: NAMI Children's Programs
\$ 6,000	The Baby Fold: Healthy Start
\$10,000	YWCA McLean County: Rural Outreach for YWCA Stepping Stones



Kindermusick/Marcfirst *"Music Connections Foundation and its partners, SPICE of Marcfirst and The Baby Fold, have been able to expand service in offering Kindermusick because of the support of Women to Women through Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. It has been especially meaningful to have the active interest and involvement of the W2W contributors in every step of the process, enabling us to share our passion and mission with them; this is not typical in most grantor/grantee relationships, and we are so grateful!"* –Katie Henderson, Founder and Director, Music Connections Foundation

2017–\$40,000 Programs that seek to inspire and empower girls and young women to achieve their highest potential

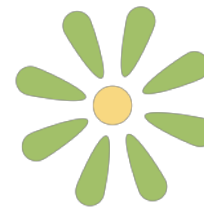
\$ 5,000	Girls on the Run: After School Running Program
\$ 15,537	Cabrini Green Legal Aid: Second Chance Summit
\$ 5,000	Girls in the Game: Leadership, Sports, Nutrition After School Program
\$ 4,000	Girl Scouts: Be a Friend First
\$ 2,813	Music Connections: Kindermusik at Neville House
\$ 7,650	NCWHS: Girls Who Code Makerspace

2018–\$40,000 Programs that develop the potential for all girls in our community aged 0-5 and their support networks

\$ 3,072	Music Connections/MidCentral Community Action: Kindermusik at Neville House
\$ 11,261	YWCA/Project Oz/Marcfirst: Three-Part Life Skills Training and Support Groups
\$ 11,500	Children's Home + Aid/Mid Central Community Action: Trauma Informed Domestic Violence Training Collaboration

2019–\$38,000 Programs that develop the potential for all girls in our community from birth to age 5 and their support networks

\$ 7,000	Children's Discovery Museum/Children's Home + Aid's Scott Early Learning Center: Growing STEAM Potential Through Play
\$ 6,745	Illinois Art Station/Illinois Symphony Orchestra: Itsy Arts: Emotions and Melodies
\$ 5,455	Lexington Elementary School/Lexington Public Library: Littlest Learners
\$ 6,300	Music Connections Foundation/Marcfirst/The Baby Fold: Kindermusik Class at SPICE for the At-Risk
\$ 4,500	The Baby Fold/McLean County Health Department: Post-Partum Mood Disorders
\$ 8,000	YWCA/Project Oz/Marcfirst: Three-Part Life Skills Training and Support Groups



2020–\$35,000 Programs that develop the potential for all girls in our community from birth to 3rd grade and their support networks

\$ 7,100	Children's Discovery Museum/Children's Home + Aid's Scott Early Learning Center: Growing STEAM Potential Through Play
\$ 4,400	The Immigration Project & McLean County Unit 5 Schools: Holistic Information Sessions for Immigrant Families
\$ 6,991	Music Connections Foundation/Marcfirst/The Baby Fold: Kindermusik Class at SPICE for the At-Risk
\$ 6,150	Lexington Elementary School/Lexington Park District: Littlest Learners LEX Go - Get Moving
\$ 3,000	The Baby Fold/McLean County Health Department: Post-Partum Mood Disorder

2021–\$40,532 Programs that support resiliency (capacity to recover quickly from difficulties) for children in our from birth to third grade and their support networks (families, teachers, caregivers)

\$ 5,000	Back to School Alliance, Unit 5 Schools, District 87 Schools: Back to School Party
\$ 7,150	Children's Discovery Museum, Children's Home + Aid's Scott Early Learning Center: Growing STEAM Potential Through Play
\$ 10,000	Children's Home + Aid, Mid Central Community Action: Butterfly Project
\$ 5,000	Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, Salvation Army of Lincoln, United Way of Logan County: HOPE Program
\$ 6,212	Livingston County Commission on Children and Youth, Boys & Girls Club of Livingston County: The Plato Program
\$ 7,170	YWCA McLean County, Marcfirst: Young Wonders Learning League



THE GIVING CIRCLE TODAY

Total endowed as of June 30, 2021: **\$446,115**

Number of programs receiving grants since 2011: **54**
Many grants have involved multiple organizations collaborating.

Total grants awarded since 2011: **\$376,991**

First Year (2011) Grant Funding: \$22,000

This Year Grant Funding: estimated \$55,000

(Annual gifts plus an estimated \$16,000 from the endowment)



The Women to Women Steering Committee welcomes your input!

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