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## **Women and Girls Fund grants address pandemic needs**

WAUKESHA (May 20, 2020) – The Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County (WGF) has awarded special grants totaling \$25,000 to seven area non-profit organizations to help address emerging needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are so grateful for the generosity our loyal donors,” said Michelle DuBord, executive director of the WGF. “Their support has allowed us to act quickly to help meet some of the urgent needs in our community.”

Special emerging needs grants were awarded to:

- Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic and the Lake Area Free Clinic: \$5,000 each to provide extra equipment to make dental procedures safer for both patients and clinicians.
- The Hope Center: \$5,000 to support general operations and provide meals and aid to its day center program participants.
- Family Service of Waukesha: \$3,000 to get critical clients, who are currently unable to pay for services, back on their counseling schedules.
- La Casa de Esperanza: \$2,500 to provide food for families.
- The Women’s Center: \$2,500 to buy tablets so case workers can continue to work with domestic abuse clients remotely.
- Waukesha Free Clinic (formerly St. Joseph’s Medical Clinic): \$2,000 to provide COVID-19 testing to uninsured, underinsured and low-income families.

As part of its regular annual grant process, the WGF last month granted a total of \$103,650 to 10 area non-profit organizations to support programs that promote the health, well-being, education and empowerment of women and girls of all ages.

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.