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Nominations sought for 2021 Women of Distinction Awards

WAUKESHA (January 8, 2021) – The Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County (WGF) is accepting nominations for its 2021 Woman of Distinction and Young Woman of Tomorrow awards.

The Woman of Distinction Award recognizes women who have demonstrated their involvement in, and commitment to, improving the quality of life in Waukesha County, while inspiring other women to achieve their goals. The WGF also seeks to recognize Waukesha County women who personify the spirit of service and have demonstrated selfless dedication to the community.

The Young Woman of Tomorrow award recognizes a young woman in high school, college or advanced training in Waukesha County, under age 25, who has demonstrated sustained excellence, accomplishment, and creativity through academic and extracurricular involvement.

Specific criteria and nomination forms can be found at <u>www.wgfwaukeshacounty.org/women-of-</u> <u>distinction</u> or from the WGF office at 2727 N. Grandview Blvd. Suite 301, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Nominations will be accepted until March 31, 2021. Those chosen for the awards will be honored at a virtual Women of Distinction event on July 15, 2021.

The WGF, established in 2004, seeks to aid and enrich the lives of women and girls so they become thriving residents of their communities. Each year, the WGF awards grants to local nonprofit agencies to support projects and programs that promote the welfare, independence and self-sufficiency of women and girls of all ages. Areas of interest include leadership, education, health and wellness, family and relationships, and arts and culture.

In 2020, the WGF awarded grants totaling \$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. In addition, it awarded \$25,000 in grants to seven area non-profit organizations to help address emerging needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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