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Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County awards \$139,900 in grants

WAUKESHA (May 16, 2022) – The Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County (WGF) has awarded \$139,900 to 13 area non-profit organizations to support programs that promote the health, well-being, education and empowerment of women and girls of all ages. With the presentation of its 2022 grants, the WGF has given just over \$1.44 million to nearly 100 nonprofit organizations serving Waukesha County women and girls since its inception 18 years ago.

Grants for 2022 were awarded to:

- **ARCh: Association for the Rights of Citizens with handicaps:** \$11,000 to support a program for women and girls with autism. The funds will provide a sensory tent, a sensory path and a sensory garden to help females with autism regulate their behavior so they can access recreational and educational opportunities.
- **Carroll University:** \$10,000 to provide a wellness program for mothers that focuses on exercise, parent-child bonding, parental education, self-advocacy and mental health.
- **Community Smiles Dental:** \$15,000 to provide treatment for low-income Waukesha County women and girls who would not otherwise have access to dental care.
- **Concordia University Wisconsin's African American Female Initiative:** \$6,000 to support at-risk high school girls who show that, with a little added opportunity, they can develop leadership and confidence skills.
- **Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin's Safe Babies Healthy Families:** \$15,000 to fund home visitations to at-risk families to help ensure safe and healthy children through education, support and access to resources.
- **Family Service of Waukesha County:** \$10,000 to provide school-based mental health assessments, interventions and counseling services to help girls overcome mental, emotional and behavioral issues that might interfere with personal, family, interpersonal and school success.

- **Healing Hearts of Waukesha County:** \$5,000 to help fund a Hispanic program coordinator to offer grief support services in an efficient and culturally competent manner to Spanish-speaking clients. Healing Hearts is a community-based organization that supports grieving children.

- **La Casa de Esperanza:** \$12,000 to provide bilingual, culturally competent programming for children up to age six years.

- **Lad Lake:** \$5,900 to fund a prevention, intervention and advocacy program for girls at risk of sexual exploitation or who have experienced sexual abuse. Lad Lake helps youth dealing with abuse or addiction, those aging out of foster care, and those struggling with mental health.

- **Lake Area Free Clinic:** \$15,000 to provide oral health care to women who do not have access to it.

- **Lotus Legal Clinic:** \$10,000 to offer access to legal and survivor empowerment services for victims of sexual violence and human trafficking in Waukesha County.

- **Wellpoint Care Network:** \$15,000 to deliver trauma-informed care training, customized educator consultation, and mental health treatment for children, adolescents and young adults in school-based settings.

- **Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.:** \$10,000 to provide experiential social engagement and age-appropriate skill-building opportunities for middle and high school girls.

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.

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