



Empowering Women. Inspiring Girls.

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Grants totaling more than \$81,000 impact women, girls

11 nonprofit initiatives awarded during recent Women's Fund grant cycle

Green Bay, Wis – The Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay has awarded more than \$81,000 to 11 nonprofit initiatives positively impacting women and girls in our community.

Since 1995 the Women's Fund, a fund of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, has granted more than \$1.4 million to empower women and inspire girls, promote leadership, and build self-esteem. In addition to the Women's Fund endowed funds, the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation invited its fundholders to co-invest to increase dollars granted to support women and girls in our community.

Grants are awarded based on a competitive application process which includes review by a grants team of community volunteers. Two grant cycles are offered annually for the Women's Fund. The next deadline for applications is January 11, 2023. Applications are available online two months prior to the deadline. Learn more on the Women's Fund website:

<https://www.womensfundgb.org/our-campaign/grants-application/>.

About the Women's Fund Grant Recipients:

- **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay | *Girls on the Run and zSpace*:** Funding supports the implementation of zSpace, an interactive learning system that provides hands-on STEM experiences, as well as Girls on the Run, which connects girls with mentors through after-school run/walks to develop self-confidence and key life skills. Learn more about the Boys & Girls Club at bgcgb.org.
- **Children's Promise | *Soy Resistente – I am Resilient*:** Funding provides participants with access to strong female Latino leaders in our community who model healthy social-emotional communication and leadership skills. Participants will meet to discuss their cultural roots, self-worth, and healthy social media choices. Learn more about Children's Promise at childrenspromise-gb.org.
- **Encompass Early Education and Care | *Changing Lives Once Crockpot at a Time*:** Funding will be used to purchase items that support personal goals set by Encompass families and their Family Advocates. These resources, such as a crockpot and cooking

lesson, hygiene items, an activity for their child, a gift card for a meal out with a friend, Bay Beach tickets, or a baseball glove, will enhance their lives. Learn more about Encompass at encompasswi.org.

- **Evergreen Productions | *Girls in Technical Theater*:** Funds will support programming that introduces middle school girls to career possibilities in technical theater. The program aims to provide girls with the self-confidence to take on any task presented to them, whether it be artistic or scientific. Learn more about Evergreen Productions at evergreentheater.org.
- **Foundations Health & Wholeness | *Mental Health Support Groups for Women Experiencing Homelessness*:** Funding supports the continuation of women's empowerment therapy and support groups at St. John's Shelter, Micah Center, House of Hope, or New Community Shelter. The groups will help women experiencing homelessness work on healthy relationships, develop self-esteem, and address trauma. Learn more about Foundations at .
- **Girls on the Run Northeast Wisconsin | *Girls on the Run in Brown County*:** Funds will be used to foster an inclusive program experience for six Girls on the Run program sites across Brown County. Funding will provide bus transportation to the Celebration 5K in November and provide participants with shoes, sports bras, or proper running apparel if needed. Learn more about Girls on the Run at girlsontherunnew.org.
- **Greater Green Bay YMCA | *Caregiver-Child Weekend*:** Funding supports children and their female adult caregivers in a weekend of bonding and wellness at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. Twenty youth, primarily from low-income households, will have the opportunity to experience Wisconsin's Northwoods with their female adult caregiver. Learn more about the Greater Green Bay YMCA at greenbayymca.org.
- **Green Bay Area Public Schools | *Paraeducator Program*:** Funding supports the Paraeducator program which provides 15 female employees the opportunity to become full-time Paraprofessionals within the district and increase their earning potential. Dollars will be used to ensure participants have technology to complete the coursework, funds to cover license fees, and the opportunity to have a graduation celebration. Learn more about Green Bay Area Public Schools at gbaps.org.
- **House of Hope Green Bay | *Barrier Removal Funds*:** This grant assists youth and families experiencing homelessness to remove barriers created by past evictions, rental arrears, and other financial hardships that limit or eliminate their ability to access safe, stable housing and gainful employment. Learn more about House of Hope at houseofhopegb.org.
- **Jake's Network of Hope | *Hygiene Products to Empower Women and Girls*:** Grant dollars will provide kits of tampons and pads to local schools. In the warehouse, the products are repackaged into discreet cloth pencil bags for easy distribution. Meeting this basic need for period supplies can help students maintain confidence to attend school. Learn more about Jake's Network of Hope at jakesnoh.org.
- **Wisconsin Doula Association | *Virtual Childbirth and Lactation Classroom*:** Funding will help women and families at local nonprofits access free childbirth education and lactation classes with the goal of lowering maternal and infant mortality rates and improving prenatal and postnatal experiences. Learn more about Wisconsin Doula at widoulas.org.

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About the Women’s Fund of Greater Green Bay

The Women’s Fund of Greater Green Bay, a fund of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, supports programs in the local community that meet its mission of empowering women and inspiring girls while promoting leadership and building self-esteem. For more information, visit www.womensfundgb.org.

About the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation

Established in 1991, the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation has provided more than \$170 million in grants since inception to improve the quality of life in Northeastern Wisconsin. As a nonprofit charitable organization, the Community Foundation manages more than 750 funds with assets exceeding \$168 million. Over the past year, nearly \$18 million in grants were distributed to nonprofit organizations. Our mission is to inspire and encourage charitable giving in Northeast Wisconsin by connecting caring people with solutions to strengthen our community. www.ggbcf.org