



WOMEN'S FUND of Greater Green Bay Community Foundation

PRESS RELEASE

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Grants totaling more than \$88,700 impact women, girls

8 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 \$88,700 to 8 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 \$1.56 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 July 1, 2023. Applications are available online two months prior to the deadline. Learn more on the Women's Fund website: <https://womensfundgb.org/what-we-fund/grants/>

About the Women's Fund Grant Recipients:

- **Einstein Project | STEM Sisters:** Funding supports the ability for female middle and high school students to participate in bi-monthly STEM activities and experiences at the Einstein Project Makerspace on the UW-Green Bay campus and in the community. The goal is to create a network of learners that encourage one another to explore STEM topics and careers while cultivating mentors to serve youth in the community. Learn more about the Einstein Project here: <https://www.einsteinproject.org/>.
- **Altrusa Hospitality House | NICU Suite:** Funding will be used to convert an Altrusa House room into a NICU family room that includes a larger bed to increase the comfort for recovering mothers. Items include a pumping station, freezer to store breast milk, coolers to transport breast milk home, and extra comfort supplies for mothers. Learn more about the Altrusa Hospitality House here: <https://www.greenbayaltrusahouse.org/>.
- **St. John's Ministries | Wellspring/Women's Shelter:** Funding will be used to support the cost of direct guest assistance and general operations at the new Women's Shelter and Wellspring daytime resource center. This facility will serve women in the community experiencing homelessness, seeking fellowship, support and space to

grow. Learn more about St. John's Ministries here:
<https://stjohnsgreenbay.org/services/womens-shelter/>.

- **National Railroad Museum | *Girl's STEM Leadership camp***: Funds will assist in building future women leaders by increasing their STEM proficiency, engaging them in creative and strategic thinking, and connecting them with women who are STEM leaders. Learn more about the National Railroad Museum's leadership camp here: <https://nationalrailroadmuseum.org/>.
- **Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Educational Foundation | *Childcare Support - Overcoming Barriers to Education***: Funding supports the Child Care Assistance Program, which supports female students with children under the age of 12 who are challenged by needing to make ends meet on low wages. The project's goal is to improve student parent success by reducing financial concerns related to childcare expenses and providing wrap-around support services. Learn more about NWTC College Educational Foundation here: <https://www.nwtc.edu/>
- **Lovin' The Skin I'm In | *Manifesting the Greatness Within***: Funds will be used to empower and uplift black and brown girls (ages 7 - 18) by providing access and exposure to opportunities while developing their talents, gifts and leadership skills. Programming includes dance classes, exposure to the arts, Black History programming and a summer series that offers hands-on experiences. Learn more about Lovin' The Skin I'm In here: <https://www.lovinmyskinwi.com/>.
- **Oconto County Economic Development Corporation | *All In-Girl's Leadership Conference***: Funding will support the All In-Girl's Leadership Conference which targets 7th and 8th grade girls throughout Oconto County. This program includes interactive, educational, and fun activities centered on the three focus areas of identity, leadership and health and wellness. Learn more about Oconto County Economic Development Corporation here: <https://www.ocontocounty.org/about/about-us/>.
- **Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes | *Reaching Out in the Greater Green Bay Area***: Funding of this program is aimed at building self-esteem, promoting self-sufficiency, and supporting mental health wellbeing for 550 girls by providing a safe environment, engaging programming that provides a break from stressors, and a foundation for social and emotional support. Learn more about the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes here: <https://www.gsnwgl.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. For more information, visit www.ggbcf.org.