

# Women and Girls Fund donates nearly \$85K to local nonprofits

WAUKESHA — The Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County awarded nearly \$85,000 to 10 local nonprofit organizations to promote the welfare, independence and self-sufficiency of women and girls.

Grants for 2017 include:

- \$5,000 was donated to Blessings in a Backpack to provide food for 50 low-income children in the Waukesha and Oconomowoc school districts on the weekends during the school year.

- \$10,000 was donated to Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County to fund the 2017 Women Build project on White Rock Avenue.

- \$10,000 was donated to Healing Hearts of Waukesha County to support children and families grieving because of a death, divorce, incarceration, separation, deportation, abandonment or other life-changing event.

- \$8,500 was donated to Hebron House of Hospitality to help sponsor two families living in the shelter between 30 and 40 days.

- \$8,385 was donated to Lad Lake to create a sensory enrichment environment, therapeutic recreational items and a meditation garden to assist children from troubled homes.

- \$9,908 was donated to Lake Area Free Clinic to fund medication for all uninsured female patients with acute and chronic illness for four months.

- \$5,000 was donated to Muskego Senior Taxi Service to provide 4,000 rides to 250 senior citizens and young adults with disabilities.

- \$8,000 was donated to St. Joseph Medical Clinic to ensure access to women's health care and provide education for preventative care for those with little to no insurance.

- \$10,000 was donated to Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation to help women start their own businesses and provide ongoing support to women who want to grow already existing businesses.

- \$10,000 was donated to the Women's Center to support safety and basic needs, case management and advocacy and access to programming to empower women to break the cycle of violence.

This year's annual Women of Distinction Luncheon, the Women and Girls Fund's signature event, raised close to \$105,000 for grants in 2018.

— Freeman Staff