



WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

2010 Selected Grants

- 1. AIM Court: \$2,500** The Eau Claire County AIM (Alternatives to Incarcerating Women) Court has the goal of diverting women offenders, who have children, from jail, allowing them to remain in their homes and avoiding the need for foster placement of their children. This program will use grant money to enhance their current programming by creating an alumni group of women who have successfully met all their goals established by the Court and providing incentives and additional educational programming to both participants and alumni. Participants in AIM court are single mothers who have committed a non-PSI felony (non-violent crimes that do not require a pre-sentencing investigation) or misdemeanor. Instead of serving a lengthy jail sentence they are referred to AIM court and spend an average of one year participating in a variety of treatment and case management services. The AIM court provides support, education, direction and encouragement to these women so that they can be empowered to establish healthy crime free life styles and stronger families.
- 2. Empowering Women Through Savings and Leadership: \$4,000 Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley** will use grant money to expand the program that the WGC funded last year (Empowering Women Through Savings). This new program will provide women living in poverty with knowledge about financial literacy and training and experience with financial functions, business and leadership. Women who have acquired sufficient literacy skills will receive opportunities for training in leadership and business and will form a Women's Leadership Council. These leaders will develop a governing charter for the Council, manage Council business matters, attend leadership and business training events, share acquired knowledge with other program participants, mentor newer students, and gain experience raising funds.
- 3. From the Garden, to The Community Table, to The Family Table: \$4,000** The Community Table will use grant money to connect low-income families with local and nutritious food resources and to educate these families about how to access available resources to make nutritious meals at home. The Community Table will provide samples of produce and recipes during meal time, provide transportation vouchers to St. Francis Food Pantry where guests can "shop" for necessary ingredients, teach families how to preserve food and complete meals and launch a marketing campaign to educate families about available community resources and assistance. This program will also enable The Community Table to expand collaboration with hunger and social service agencies and to connect with local gardeners and the local food movement.
- 4. Soles for Special Souls: \$4,000** Trinity Lutheran Church will use grant money to provide vouchers to children in need that will enable them to select and receive a free pair of shoes from Kmart. Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry guests with children will be offered a voucher redeemable at Kmart in Eau Claire for one pair of shoes for each child. Each child will then be able to select a pair of shoes and purchase them with the voucher.