



A History of Grants Awarded by the Women's Giving Circle 2008-2010

2008:

Lutheran Social Services Affinity House:

This recovery enhancement program will help woman recovering from addiction issues, develop new interests, skills and hobbies that they can incorporate into their lives upon completion of the program. It is estimated that 60 woman will be served.

The Community Table:

The Community Table will deliver healthy lunch bags and afternoon snacks to an estimated 50 children each day during the summer.

Wisconsin Family Ties:

This program will serve parents and their children who have mental health needs. It will establish one family advocate in EC County to assist families through parent to parent peer support. The goal is to help 25 parents become advocates for their children.

Western Dairyland:

This program will provide opportunities for low income families to be self-sufficient. It will help youth learn about starting a business in a 5 day program. Twenty – forty (20-40) economically and socially at risk young people will be served.

2009

Family Resource Center for Eau Claire County:

The Teen Parent Education Program will provide parent education, support, and assistance to teen mothers and their children in the local high schools. The participants will be better equipped to the challenge of raising a child, and be more likely to raise healthy children in the future. At least 30 teen mothers will be served by this program.

Feed My People Food Bank:

The Weekend Kids' Meals program will expand a program started in 2006, which provides nutritious food for two breakfasts and two lunches which school age children can take home over the weekend when school-based meals are not available. The expanded program will provide the same service for all students enrolled the Eau Claire Area School District's Head Start sites. Research has shown that food security for children enhances their health, attendance in school, and academic success.

Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley:

Empowering Women Through Savings will use grant money to provide women who are living in poverty with knowledge and skills about financial literacy and basic financial functions, such as budgeting, borrowing, comparison shopping, and saving. Participants will work one-on-one with a financial planner.

The Community Table:

A Family Table: The goal of this program is to make the Community Table a family friendly space where participants can connect with existing services and local resources. Additional components of the program include family nutrition classes in addition to healthy meals, and a Children's Corner where children can play and learn in a safe, supervised place at the site during mealtimes.

2010

Eau Claire County AIM Court:

Will use grant money for educational programming to single mothers who have committed a non-PSI felony or misdemeanor, and who by participating in this programming can remain in the community to serve their sentences, thereby avoiding foster care placement for their children and other disruptions of family life.

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley:

Will use grant money to expand the program for empowering women through savings and leadership training.

The Community Table:

“From the Garden, to the Community Table, to the Family Table” will teach families about gardening, preserving produce, and using produce for meals.

Trinity Lutheran Church:

The Food Pantry program will use grant for vouchers for families in need to purchase their children new shoes.