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WOMEN'S FUND OF VANDERBURGH ANNOUNCES \$90,000 IN GRANT AWARDS

Vanderburgh County, Indiana At their annual meeting on November 7, donors to the Women's Fund of the Vanderburgh Community Foundation gathered at the Holiday Inn Airport to select the 2018 recipients of two \$35,000 grants.

The Women's Fund was established in 2007, when a group of area women came together with the goal of improving the quality of life in Vanderburgh County by pooling their resources to forever provide funding for charitable initiatives.

Decisions on this year's grants were made by vote of the Fund's membership. Members selected one organization to receive a \$35,000 grant for a program and one organization to receive a \$35,000 grant for a capital project. In addition, members awarded general support grants to four charitable partners as runner up awards.

In the program category, Youth First, Inc. was awarded a \$35,000 grant for a program supporting the placement of school social workers in Evansville middle schools. In addition, Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center and Parenting Time Center were each awarded \$5,000 grants for general support.

In the project category, St. Vincent Early Learning Center was awarded a \$35,000 grant for the Natural Outdoor Learning Classrooms project which will redesign playground areas to incorporate nature as an integral and critical part of the children's daily learning. In addition, Boys & Girls Club of Evansville and District of Evansville of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul were each awarded \$5,000 grants for general support.

Since it was formed in 2007, the Women's Fund has awarded grants totaling \$757,000 to organizations serving local families. Previous impact grants provided funding for projects and programs at Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Ark Crisis Child Care Center, Aurora, Boys and Girls Club of Evansville, Evansville Christian Life Center, House of Bread and Peace, Patchwork Central, Holly's House, Ozanam Family Shelter, Lampion Center, Potter's Wheel, United Caring Services, United Methodist Youth Home, Vanderburgh County Court-Appointed Special Advocates, Youth Resources Teen Court, and the YWCA.

About the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County

The Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County is a fund of the Vanderburgh Community Foundation. The Women's Fund focuses the efforts of women philanthropists to create positive social change by funding projects that address current needs in our community. The mission is to improve the quality of life in Vanderburgh County by collectively funding significant grants to charitable initiatives. For additional information about the Women's Fund, call 812.422.1245.

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