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WOMEN'S FUND OF VANDERBURGH ANNOUNCES GRANT PROGRAM FINALISTS

Vanderburgh County, Indiana The Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County has announced the six finalist organizations in the running for two \$35,000 competitive 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 will be made by vote of the Fund's membership at their annual meeting, set for Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Airport. Members will select one organization to receive a \$35,000 grant for a program and one organization will be selected to receive a \$35,000 grant for a capital project.

This year's three program category finalists and their proposals are:

- Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center for a program to expand psychology services for children in the community;
- Parenting Time Center for an educational program to empower mothers with co-parenting communication skills to improve children's outcomes; and
- Youth First, Inc. for a program that supports placement of school social workers in Evansville middle schools.

This year's three capital project category finalists and their proposed projects are:

- Boys & Girls Club of Evansville for a project to upgrade building security throughout the building and along the exterior;
- District of Evansville of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to renovate restrooms at the Thrift Store to meet ADA requirements; and
- St. Vincent Early Learning Center for the Natural Outdoor Learning Classrooms project redesigning playground areas to incorporate nature as an integral and critical part of our children's daily learning.

Since it was formed in 2007, the Women's Fund has awarded grants totaling \$757,000 to organizations serving local families. Impact grants awarded have provided funding for projects and programs at the Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Ark Crisis Child Care Center, Aurora, Boys and Girls Club, 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.

"Each year we are astounded at the enormity of the impact of our community's nonprofit organizations and the work they are able to do every day while faced with limited budgets, funding cuts, and increasing need," say advisory board co-chairs Diana Wilderman and JoAnn Weber-Drennen. "Our ability to support their efforts with grants makes a difference today and for the future as well."

About the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County

The Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County is a fund held by the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, one of 9 regional affiliates of the Community Foundation Alliance. 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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