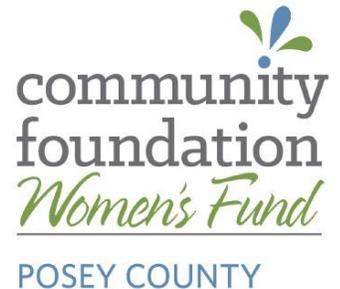


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## Posey County Women's Fund Awards More Than \$11,500 in Grants for 2018

*Posey County, Indiana*—The Posey County Women's Fund Committee hosted a grant reception and luncheon for 2018 grant recipients on May 9, 2018 at the Mount Vernon Library. The committee awarded a total of \$11,533 to 6 local non-profit organizations this year. The Women's Fund grants are funded annually with proceeds from fundraisers and earnings from the PCWF Endowment Fund.

One of the committee's main fundraisers is the Vintage Home Tour scheduled for June 2, 2018 from noon until 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event and may be purchased at various businesses in Mt. Vernon, New Harmony, Poseyville, and Wadesville. Another fundraiser is The Chef's Night Out held in March.

The following organizations received grants for 2018:

**United Methodist Church was awarded \$3,108 for the Thrive After-School Program.** Thrive was organized and is directed by Joy Millay at the United Methodist Church, which provides a facility for the program at no cost. The Thrive program has a goal of strengthening children's academic performance and improving behavior. There are approximately 40 children enrolled in this free after-school program for grades K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It provides the children with a snack, activities, and time to work on their homework. Millay stated that there are still volunteer and financial donation opportunities available to the public for the program. For information call Joy Millay at 812-838-2640.

**Deaconess Foundation was awarded \$2,000 for its Mobile Mammography unit** to be brought in to Posey County to assist Posey County women in getting their yearly mammograms. This unit provided 169 mammograms in 2017 for local women. The van accepts insurance plans and provides financial assistance for the uninsured.

**Family Matters of Posey County was awarded \$450** to purchase supplies for dental hygiene (toothbrushes and toothpaste). The supplies will be placed in the backpacks handed out at the beginning of the school year.

**Holly's House Inc. was awarded \$3,000 for the "Think First & Stay Safe" program.** This valuable program teaches elementary students how to recognize and react to unsafe situations. Holly's House has presented this program in many of the Posey County elementary schools and targets grades with children ages 7-12. The children and parents receive a workbook and booklet with information.

**Youth First was awarded \$2,000** for programs given by the Youth First social workers in Posey County schools. Currently the schools participating in this program are North Elementary, South Terrace Elementary,

West Elementary and Saint Phillip School. The programs help youth and families deal with depression, anxiety, anger, bullying, substance abuse, divorce and grief adjustments and peer pressure.

**Optimal Rhythms, Inc. Access Academy received \$975** to help introduce camp opportunities to Posey County autistic children. Access Academy hosts CAN-DO Summer Day Camp in Newburgh, Indiana. The camp provides children with autism disabilities a chance to experience day camps like other children. ORAA is a private therapeutic day school offering autism education and autism services for non-verbal students. The camp dates for 2018 are June 5-29 and July 10-20. Please call 812-490-9401 or email director Casey DePriest: [casey@optimalrhythms.org](mailto:casey@optimalrhythms.org) for more information.

The Posey County Women's fund would like to thank the community for attending their fundraising events and also for donations to their endowment fund, both of which make these local grant awards possible.

In 2004, a group of visionary women started the Women's Fund of Posey County as a permanent resource to support local charitable programs that give opportunities, encouragement, knowledge, and hope to the community. The Women's Fund is their voice for the present and their gift to the future. The Women's Fund awards annual grants supporting a variety of resources serving the Posey County community, such as programs that prevent domestic violence, secure family-supporting jobs, promote health and education, and, perhaps most importantly, develop confidence.

The Posey County Community Foundation is 1 of 9 county affiliate Foundations of the Community Foundation Alliance, Inc. Established in 1992, the Posey County Community Foundation is committed to offering residents a variety of ways to support, through charitable giving, causes they care most about in their community.

*For more information about the Home Tour, please contact Ruth Redman at 812-453-5556*