

WOMEN'S FUND OF DOOR COUNTY

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As 2021 draws to a close, we are reflecting, full of gratitude, for our wonderful community and supporters. We started off the year virtually with our annual Tales of Our Lives Story Slam event in the spring. We were happy to gather in person for the annual Celebrate Women! Luncheon in August and ARTrageous in September.

It felt so good to gather again and be reminded of the importance of coming together in support of a common goal. We were uplifted by the amazing Luncheon keynote address by Ford Foundation Executive VP of Programs, and fellow Door County resident, Hilary Pennington. She took us on a 'Giver's Journey' and reminded us of the importance of philanthropy, how special our beautiful Door County is, and how much we need to continue to lift up women and girls.



Women and children continue to be disproportionately impacted by the economic impact of the pandemic. Virtual learning for school-aged children has continued to prevent women from re-entering the workforce. Even with a return to in-person learning, COVID quarantines and disruptions have made it challenging to return to work. Lack of available (and affordable) childcare further compounds the problem, impacting employment opportunities and delaying completion of higher education.

Our work continues to help meet the needs of women in our community.

The Women's Fund has granted to high-impact local programs such as HELP of Door County's Transitional Living Program; United Way of Door County's Childcare Tools to Stabilize the Workforce; and Altrusa's Back to School Fair to provide girls with essential school supplies.



Thanks to the continued generosity and support of our donors like you, in January we embarked on another three-year Community Collaborative Grant with NWTC – reinforcing our dedication and commitment to furthering women’s education. This \$200,000 outlay for Invest Dream Achieve (IDA) provides financial literacy coaching, career planning and savings matching to female students at NWTC.

This program’s success has also gained community grant attention and support. The

Women’s Fund was honored to be 100 Women Who Care of Door County’s April main award winner – receiving \$10,000 for IDA. Thank you 100 WWC! In November, IDA was also awarded a \$3,000 Green Bay Packer Foundation Grant in support of women’s education. Thank you, Green Bay Packer Foundation!

Your support is vital to fulfilling our mission of building, enriching, and nurturing the lives of Door County women and girls through collective wisdom and philanthropy. Our work is a direct result of your commitment to Door County women and girls, and we appreciate your continued partnership to support this critical mission.

Thank you for your support and generosity—none of this is possible without you!

When She Thrives, We All Prosper!


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P.S. We’d love to connect with you and share the latest Women’s Fund news! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the updates from the Women’s Fund of Door County and visit our website, www.WomensFundDoorCounty.org, to sign up for our e-newsletter.



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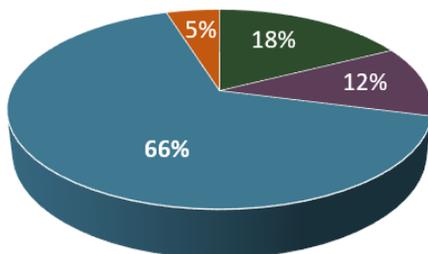
Tales of Our Lives went virtual featuring new Slammers Cari Lewis and Allison Le, as well as alumni, Melissa Ripp, Annie Williams, and Barb Luhning. Each brought their tale to life in powerful ways with Dorothy Scott and Deathfolk providing beautiful music.

The Annual Celebrate Women! Luncheon was held on August 4th at Stone Harbor—in person! We're grateful to all who made our biggest fundraiser of the year possible. Hilary Pennington spoke about philanthropy in relation to women and girls on a community based, country, and global scale. It was wonderful to share the room with our supporters—and to share hugs, too!



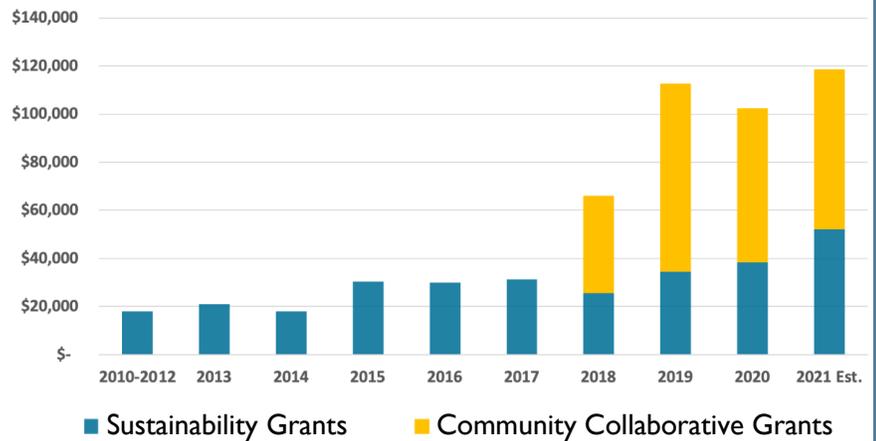
Your gifts at work: over \$110,000 has been awarded in community grants in 2021!

Projected 2021 Grants



- Promoting Her Economic Opportunities
- Encouraging Her Potential
- Fostering Her Education
- Supporting Her Health & Wellness

Grant History



One of our key fundraisers, **ARTrageous**, took place September 18th at Rehberger's Hidden Acre Farm. Over 40 talented local women artists donated their work. Featured artist, Liz Maltman, created *Peony Party* in oil, for our raffle. Accomplished harpist Cheryl Murphy and wine provided by Firefly Outfitters added to the beautiful day. Look for us again next September!

