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### **Women's Fund of Door County Supports Northern Door Children's Center**

Sister Bay Wisconsin – The Women's Fund of Door County is the largest charitable fund in Door County that focuses on the needs of women and girls. Over the last year, the Women's Fund has chosen to focus on high-quality, affordable child care, an area of extreme need in Door County. With that focus in mind, they recently awarded a grant of \$22,000 to Northern Door Children's Center (NDCC) in Sister Bay.

The grant allowed the Children's Center to purchase and install a fence to enclose a new play area. This space is solely dedicated to the school-aged children in the Camp Cool summer day camp program. Because the needs of school-aged children are different than the needs of preschool children, a separate, fenced-in, outdoor play space is a huge benefit for the 58 children who attended Camp Cool each day during the summer months of 2023. The Phase One construction project, completed in February of this year, allowed NDCC to increase its licensed capacity from 112 to 130. NDCC now has the ability to serve more young children and families in northern Door County.

The Women's Fund also supported NDCC as they entered into a collaborative 4-year-old Kindergarten program with Gibraltar Area Schools. They helped furnish classroom and dramatic play equipment for the 4K collaborative pilot program during the 2022-23 school year.

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