

# WOMEN'S FUND OF DOOR COUNTY

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As we approach the conclusion of another remarkable year, it feels like just yesterday that we reached out with our 2022 year-end appeal. We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who has contributed to our cause, whether through attending events like Tales of our Lives or the Celebrate Women Luncheon, offering generous gifts, or actively spreading awareness of women's and girls' causes in our community. Your support is truly appreciated.

In reflecting on the broader philanthropic landscape, it's disheartening to note that according to a recent study, women's and girls' charities in the U.S. received only 1.8% of total charitable giving in 2020. As Door County's largest charitable fund focused on the needs of local women and girls, the Women's Fund of Door County strives to address this disparity on a local level. Thanks to your continuous support, over \$200,000 has been allocated to grants for vital programs and initiatives in 2023 that aim to enhance the lives of Door County women and girls.

At this year's Celebrate Women Luncheon, Keynote Speaker Lachrisa Grandberry delivered a powerful address that left a lasting impact. She shared her deeply personal life journey and highlighted the amazing women in her life who were there, helping lift her up, exactly when she needed it most, prompting us all to consider how we are sharing our own light.

Once again, the Women's Fund is sharing our light purposefully through impactful local grants. These grants support initiatives that eliminate barriers, provide education, enrich lives, and uplift local women and girls. From funding programs addressing domestic violence and financial training workshops for women to providing young girls with back-to-school supplies, our grants covered a wide spectrum.



Through strategic grants that support essential programs for new mothers and girls' sports initiatives, the Women's Fund empowers the health and wellbeing of women and girls in our community. Additionally, we are dedicated to fostering awareness of opportunities for girls in STEAM professions, channeling our support through targeted leadership initiatives and funding for STEAM programs in schools and other educational settings. Furthermore, we actively contribute to the enrichment of women and girls in the arts by providing grants that support women's writing, facilitate kids' music programs, and promote initiatives aimed at addressing diversity in the arts.



We continued partnering with NWTC to support women returning to school by providing financial assistance as well as wrap-around services and support. Thanks to this successful multi-year program 25 women have graduated with enhanced life skills and higher earning potential.

We are pleased to continue our partnership with the United Way of Door County on childcare initiatives. Did you know that Door County is classified as a childcare desert? Thanks to a SECOND \$100,000 grant from the Ford Foundation, the Women's Fund of Door County co-funded a community childcare coordinator, certified



60 students in Red Cross Babysitter training, supported Northern Door Children's Center, assisted in-home childcare providers, and continued helping parents with the burden of childcare expenses by partnering with local businesses to help offset the employee cost.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to positively impacting affordable, accessible childcare options throughout the county, with a specific focus on in-home childcare providers and partnerships with the business community to increase childcare slots.

The ability to sustain and expand these vital community initiatives directly depends on your ongoing commitment to Door County women and girls. We invite you to visit our website [www.WomensFundDoorCounty.org](http://www.WomensFundDoorCounty.org) to learn more about these programs. You can also sign up for our e-newsletter and follow us on social media to stay connected.

We encourage you to join us on this transformative journey by making a year-end contribution to the Women's Fund of Door County. Empower Door County women and girls with an impactful end-of-year gift to the Women's Fund. When SHE thrives, we all prosper.

On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for your continued dedication and generosity.

Warm regards,

*Ann Glessner*

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*P. S. Your support ensures that we can continue making a meaningful impact on the lives of women and girls in our community. Thank you!*