



An initiative of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

Who We Are

Women for Women is a giving circle that improves the lives of women and girls through the power of collective giving.

What We Do

Together, we empower women to take action, inspire hope and possibility, and help strengthen Western North Carolina.

How Membership Works

- When you join *Women for Women*, you make a three-year commitment to gift \$1,100 each year (all tax-deductible). Of the total membership dues, \$100 goes to our administrative fund and \$1,000 goes to the grant fund.
- Those member funds, combined with spendable income from The Community Foundation's Women's Fund, are granted out to help women and girls in 18 counties in Western North Carolina. The more members, the more funds we can distribute.
- Each member has a voice and a vote in how the funds are distributed.

Where We Focus

- Facilitating safe living and work environments is our current area of funding. This serious and complex issue includes intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking, as well as elder abuse, bullying, and sexting.
- We fund projects focused on prevention, rescue, and recovery, which often include education, transportation, life skills, jobs, and housing.

How We Came to Be

- The brainchild of Eleanor Owen, *Women for Women* launched in February 2005, bolstered by a Community Foundation of Western North Carolina grant from the Kellogg Foundation.
- By the end of 2005, we had 213 founding members, including "founding mothers" Eleanor Owen, Pat Smith, Marla Adams, Sue McClinton, and Janice Brumit.
- In 2006, we awarded our first grants, totaling \$213,000, providing basic needs to women in our region.
- Since 2006, we've granted over \$3.8 million for basic needs, economic self-sufficiency, safety, and security.

How You Can Join Us

You can join any time of the year. Just go to our web site: <https://cfwnc.org/initiatives/women-for-women>

How You Benefit

- Your participation beyond your generous contribution is totally flexible and determined by your interest level and availability.
- As a member, you have opportunities to learn about regional issues affecting women and girls, and to help make high-impact grants that help them.
- Our meetings and social events are fun and informative, making it easy to make meaningful friendships and build professional connections.
- You can also join a Committee that fits your interest: Advocacy and Education, Grants, or Membership and Communications.

2019 GRANTS AT A GLANCE

ABCCM: \$44,800 to expand services to women affected by intimate partner or sexual violence who are actively involved in Buncombe County’s Drug Treatment Court

Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County: \$32,000 to provide year-round, out-of-school care and programming for children living in domestic violence situations

Council on Aging of Buncombe County: \$100,000 to provide support, education, and advocacy to older adults in situations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation

Homeward Bound of WNC: \$100,000 to transition chronically homeless women with a history of intimate partner or sexual violence into safe, permanent housing

Working Wheels: \$45,000 to increase their capacity to repair donated vehicles and provide dependable cars to survivors of intimate partner violence

Youth OUTright WNC: \$20,000 to provide outreach, advocacy, and age-appropriate consent education to schools and youth-serving organizations

All grants listed will be used over two years

2018—19 HIGHLIGHTS



Events, Education, and Networking

- ◆ Fall Focus: *Crucial Conversations—Keeping Women and Girls in WNC Safe* with speaker Holly Jones from NC Dept. of Justice
- ◆ Dinners for Six for members and guests at area restaurants
- ◆ *Celebrate Women for Women* annual holiday party
- ◆ Diversity and Inclusion Workshop for WFW Committee Members with UNCA Professor, Dr. Susan Clark Muntean
- ◆ Brown Bag Lunch and Learn: *Update on 2018 Collaborative High Impact Grant and Taking Action on WFW Advocacy Agenda*
- ◆ Haywood County Outreach Event at Wells Events Center
- ◆ New Member Orientations
- ◆ Spring Membership Gathering at Omni Grove Park Inn
- ◆ Grantee and Advocacy updates via Facebook, E-News, and Email



Women for Women Featured at National Conference

WFW members Sydney Green and Barbara Norman presented information about our 2018 Collaborative High Impact Grant to female philanthropists from around the country at the Women’s Collective Giving Grantmakers Conference in Philadelphia, PA

Mark Your Calendar (and invite your friends, too)!

Women for Women Fall Focus: How Local Government Works to Keep Women and Girls Safe

Monday, September 23, at 5:00 p.m. at Highland Brewing in Asheville

Panel discussion with Buncombe County Manager, Avril Pinder, Asheville City Manager, Debra Campbell, and government representatives from neighboring counties