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 website: [https://cfwnc.org/initiatives/women-for-women](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

For a list of all WFW grants, visit cfwnc.org/grants/women-for-women

EVENTS AND ADVOCACY TO INSPIRE AND INFORM

Let’s Connect!
Follow Women for Women on Facebook for updates from our grantees, information about upcoming events, and relevant news about our focus area:
@womenforwomenwnc

♦ 2020 Grant Awards Luncheon, May 19: Celebrate Women for Women’s 15th year of grant giving at our Grant Awards Luncheon at The Omni Grove Park Inn. The event will include recognition of our 2020 grant recipients, success stories from past grantees, highlights of our advocacy efforts, and information about our plans for the future. 3/31/20 update: Unfortunately, the luncheon has been canceled due to the outbreak of COVID-19. 2020 grants will still be awarded, however, we won’t host an event honoring the grantees.

♦ 2019 - 20 WFW Advocacy Campaign:
  • Amend Assault on a Female definition to qualify as a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence
  • Adopt Erin’s Law to expand education about safety, abuse, and prevention
  • Codify judicial discretion for firearms removal in Domestic Violence Protection Order

Women for Women always welcomes new members. As our membership grows, so does our capacity to help. Our current membership consists of over 240 women.

For more information about Women for Women, call 828-367-9919 or email wfw@cfwnc.org