

## Philanthropy for Women

### Women for Women

A giving circle formed in 2005 to improve the lives of women and girls through women's collective giving. The giving circle always welcomes new members.

### The Women's Fund

A Community Foundation endowment that addresses the unmet needs of women and girls. Spendable income is granted through the *Women for Women* grant program. Tax-deductible gifts of any size are appreciated and make a difference.

### Power of the Purse®

An annual luncheon that raises money for The Women's Fund and features a keynote from a renowned speaker.

The Community Foundation, *Women for Women* and The Women's Fund are resources, sources of expertise and partners for women who want to give back to their communities.



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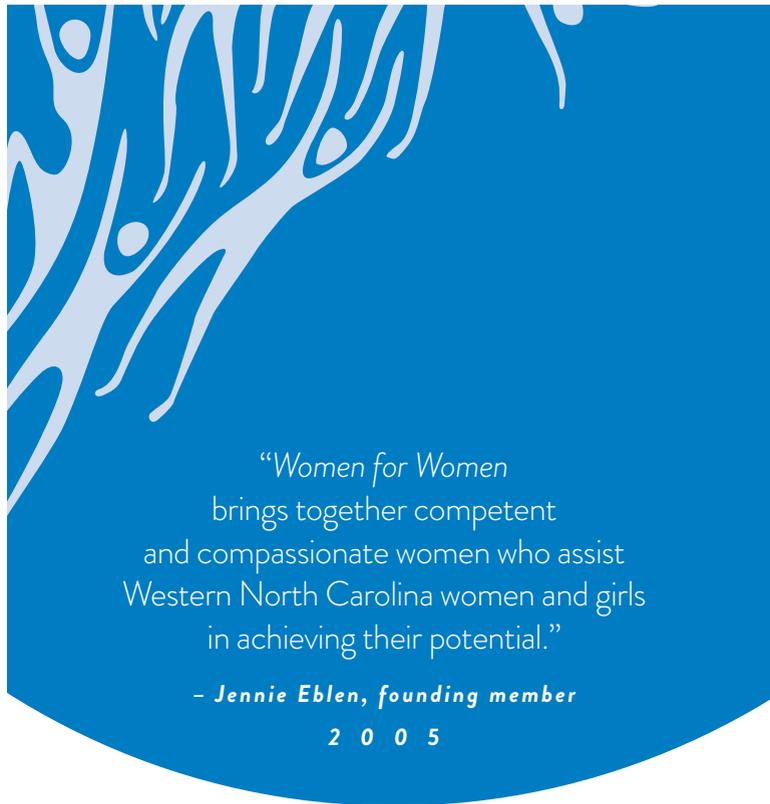
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JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE



“*Women for Women*  
brings together competent  
and compassionate women who assist  
Western North Carolina women and girls  
in achieving their potential.”

– Jennie Eblen, founding member  
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An Initiative of  
*The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina*



EXPERIENCE THE POWER of COLLECTIVE ACTION



# When we join forces, combine resources and work together, we can accomplish what none of us can do alone.

Women for Women is a giving circle formed in 2005 to improve the lives of women and girls through effective charitable giving. We fund vital needs in Western North Carolina. We use the power of our combined voices to advocate for issues impacting women. We partner with nonprofits that share our goals and values. Our efforts ensure that our contributions impact women and girls in our region.

An initiative of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, *Women for Women* has distributed more than \$2.75 million in grants. Funded projects have reached thousands of women and girls. Some grants fund single-agency efforts, such as the purchase of a van to transport women living in a shelter, or collaborative efforts, like the Family Justice Center that consolidates services for victims of violence in Buncombe County.

Learn more: [www.cfwncc.org/womenforwomen](http://www.cfwncc.org/womenforwomen)

## Joining Women for Women

- YOU make a tax-deductible, three-year commitment to gift \$1,100 each year (\$1,000 goes to the pool of grant funds; \$100 provides administrative support).
- YOU learn about issues affecting women and girls in our region.
- YOU serve on a committee – or not. Your level of participation is totally flexible and determined by you.
- YOU decide which grant applications are funded at our Spring Membership Gathering. At our Fall Gathering, you learn about the impact of the grants and issues we need to understand to address them effectively.
- YOU can re-join annually after your first three years.

You can join *Women for Women* any time, including right now! Join online at [www.cfwncc.org/womenforwomen](http://www.cfwncc.org/womenforwomen) or return a commitment form with an \$1,100 check made payable to The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina at 4 Vanderbilt Park Drive – Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28803.



*“As a native of Asheville, I am proud to join with Women for Women leaders and benefactors. As a life-long educator, I am convinced that investment and opportunity for women and girls are among the best ways to create a stronger community for all of us. Women for Women aligns our resources in ways which are more powerful than any one of us could do alone. I am so grateful to have Women for Women among my top philanthropic priorities.” - Anne Ponder, member since 2007*

Women for Women helps you multiply the impact of your charitable gift. You will also build personal and professional networks, while learning about issues affecting our region. You will give back to our community, and make friends and connections at our meetings and social events.



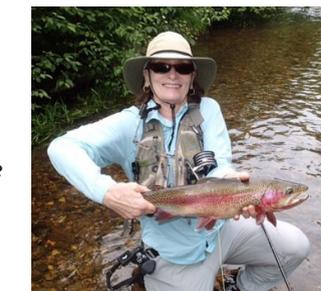
What motivates you to help others? *Women for Women* is one of the most successful women's giving circles in the southeast. We hope you join us. The more women who join *Women for Women*, the more funds we can distribute each year.

## Providing Safe Living Environments for Women and Girls

In 2015, *Women for Women* determined that **Safe Living Environments for Women and Girls** is the funding focus area for the next four years.

Facilitating safe living environments is a serious, complex issue that addresses domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, as well as elder abuse, bullying and sexting. Research has shown that education, transportation, childcare, life skills, jobs, housing and legal representation are factors inherent in the rescue, recovery and rehabilitation of women and girls in violent and abusive situations.

*“It’s been rewarding to join forces with other women to improve the lives of women and girls in WNC. What I hadn’t expected was the pleasure of getting to know awesome women I would not have otherwise met.” - Marla Adams, founding member, 2005*



*“As a wife and working mom, I love the opportunity Women for Women gives me to make a huge impact on the women and children of our community without a large time commitment. Through Women for Women I have truly learned how powerful we are when we work together.”  
- Nicole Ferrell, member since 2014*

**Who joins Women for Women?** Women who are SMART, COMMITTED, COMMUNITY-MINDED, EXPERIENCED, COMPASSIONATE, CONNECTED, DYNAMIC, GIVING, HARD-WORKING, STRATEGIC, WISE, INFLUENTIAL, CURIOUS, COLLABORATIVE, STRONG, THOUGHTFUL.