

Women for Women: At-a-Glance

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

What We Do

Empower women to take action

Inspire hope and possibility

Help strengthen Western North Carolina

Where We Focus

We invest in programs that....

- Help economically disadvantaged women become more self-sufficient
- Promote access to quality health care and advance healthy lifestyles
- Ensure women and girls live free from intimidation and abuse
- Ensure educational opportunities that help women and girls reach their full potential
- Eliminate discrimination against women and disparate treatment based on gender
- Promote access for women to legal services and equity within the justice system

How We Came to Be

Women for Women launched in February 2005 and had 213 founding members in the first year, 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 for basic needs to women in our region.

Our Impact Happens through Funding & Advocacy

Since 2006, we've granted over **\$4.1 million** for basic needs, economic self-sufficiency, safety, and security.



67
Grants



46
Organizations



18
WNC
Counties

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

In addition to our grant-making, we are a leading voice on women's issues in the region, educating and advocating for social change on a regional, state, and national level. Together, this advocacy work and our grants process bring about the resources, access, and policies that drive change at the systemic level.

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.

Opportunities to Build Insight and Connection

Engagement beyond your generous contribution is entirely up to you. Your membership brings with it unique opportunities to:



Learn more about regional issues affecting women and girls



Connect with grantees and the people they serve



Make meaningful friendships and build professional connections



Join a Committee that fits your interest: Advocacy and Education, Grants, or Membership and Communications

How You Can Join Us

You can join any time of the year. Just go online to this address: https://cfwnc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate?sorg_id=1034

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

WOMEN for WOMEN
A GIVING CIRCLE

An initiative of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

