

***** Media Welcome*****

Who: Rochester Women's Giving Circle
What: Celebration Breakfast and
Presentation of Grants
Date: 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2019
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**Rochester Women's Giving Circle Awards \$190,000
in Grants to Support Women and Girls**

The Rochester Women's Giving Circle will award \$190,000 to 10 local nonprofits to support programs that enable women and girls living in poverty to transition to a lifetime of economic self-sufficiency.

Since 2007, the Giving Circle has grown from five founders to more than 175 active members and has distributed nearly \$1.5 million to nonprofit organizations in Monroe County.

This year's grant recipients were among 28 proposals collectively requesting \$518,000. The 10 awards range from \$6,000 to \$25,000. Grants will be awarded to the following nonprofits at the Giving Circle's annual grant breakfast:

Cameron Community Ministries: The Respect & Responsibility for Girls after-school support group helps girls ages 10 to 17 in the greater Lyell-Otis neighborhood by fostering self-esteem, financial literacy, knowledge of career opportunities, and improved academic performance through weekly support groups, field trips, Junior Achievement classes, and community mentors. \$25,000

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester: The C.A.S.H. (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) Coach program offers financial education and one-to-one support for low-income working women to help them achieve self-defined goals, strengthen their savings, and develop improved money-management habits. \$17,500

Friends of the Garden Aerial: Green Visions: Growing Healthy Futures is a workforce and career development program for unemployed, out-of-school young adults in Rochester's JOSANA neighborhood that provides training, certifications, and employment to prepare them for future work opportunities. \$15,000

Girl Scouts of Western New York: Out of School Time with Girl Scouts is a year-round program with paid leadership that supports Girl Scout groups in the city of Rochester with emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, financial literacy, leadership, teamwork, and community service. \$15,000

Judicial Process Commission: Women's Legal Action Project & Support Services helps women with convictions overcome barriers to employment by offering legal services and support to obtain identification, correcting Record of Arrests and Prosecutions (RAP) sheets, achieving Certificates of Relief, and making referrals to education, training, and employment-related services. \$25,000

Mary's Place Refugee Outreach: The Job Skills Class prepares refugees for the workforce by teaching American cultural norms, English language skills, and computer literacy, and assisting with resume writing, application completion, interview preparation, and job searches. \$25,000

Society for the Protection and Care of Children: The Teen Age Parent Support Services program helps reduce repeat teen pregnancies and improve employability of young mothers through home-based case management and counseling, employment preparation activities, subsidized work experiences, and job coaching. \$25,000

Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach: The Women's Empowerment Program of Jennifer House provides case management, counseling, mentoring, and support services to homeless women discharged from Monroe County Jail who are stable and focused on pursuing their educational and vocational goals to become self-sustaining and avoid re-incarceration. \$22,500

Unity Hospital of Rochester: Project Independence at Healthy Moms is a job training and placement program customized for each participant that leads directly to employment and increased self-sufficiency by tackling obstacles that keep employment out of reach for low-income mothers with a child under age 3. \$6,000

Veterans Outreach Center: The Women Veterans Self Sufficiency Project helps female veterans reintegrate into the community and become self-sufficient by providing outreach, case management, wellness counseling and assistance with housing, training and employment. \$14,000

The Rochester Women's Giving Circle is a community of philanthropic women where every member makes an annual donation of at least \$1,050 and has the opportunity to participate in the grantmaking process. The money donated each calendar year is granted out the following year. The Giving Circle is an advised fund at Rochester Area Community Foundation. Nonprofit agencies interested in applying for a future grant can get more information about criteria and the application process on the Rochester Women's Giving Circle website at therwgc.org.

Women interested in becoming members may contact Melinda Andolina at helpingwomen@therwgc.org.