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**Rochester Women's Giving Circle Awards \$192,500
in Grants to Support Women and Girls**

The Rochester Women's Giving Circle (RWGC) has announced the 10 recipients of its 2020 grants totaling \$192,500.

Grants are made to organizations in Monroe County that help women and girls living in poverty to gain the education, training, skills and jobs necessary to achieve economic independence.

This is the 13th year that RWGC has awarded grants, and in that time it has distributed \$1.7 million to nonprofit organizations aligned with the Giving Circle's mission.

A total of \$192,500 is being awarded to support programs and services at 10 organizations. The 2020 grantees and programs are:

Cameron Communities Ministries: Respect and Responsibility for Girls program.

Center for Employment Opportunities: Support Services for Formerly Incarcerated Working Women in Rochester.

Center for Teen Empowerment: Young Women's Leadership and Employment Project.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service: Creating Assets, Savings, & Hope (C.A.S.H.) Coach.

Friends of the Garden Aerial: Green Visions: Growing Healthy Futures.

Girl Scouts of Western New York: Out of School time with Girl Scouts.

Judicial Process Commission: Women's Legal Action Project and Support Services.

Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach: Women Empowerment Program at Jennifer House.

Unity Hospital/Healthy Moms: Project Independence at Healthy Moms.

Volunteers of America: Training Scholarships for Women in VOA Programs.

The Rochester Women's Giving Circle remains committed to partnering with organizations in Rochester that support girls and women in our community. Agencies interested in applying for a future grant can get more information about criteria and the application process at www.therwgc.org.

RWGC is a community of women who recognize that they have greater strength and potential for positive community impact when they give together. 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.

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