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Since its inception, The Community Fund for Women & Girls has awarded more than \$500,000 to organizations and programs that foster individual growth, self-confidence and independence in women and girls throughout the region.

1996 – 2011 Grantees

ACCT Associates

For a support group of African-American and other girls of color, ages 8-11, who reside in the urban areas of New Haven to address better understanding of cultural messages that distort their self-image.

ACT NOW!

To foster self-esteem in girls while introducing them to the power of their own voices through video.

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Academy of Our Lady of Mercy - Lauralton Hall

To provide a Summer Academy which will include supplemental educational, social and life-enriching experiences during the summer months for 40 inner-city girls entering the 7th and 8th grades.

All Our Kin

To support the examination fees of six All Our Kin participants taking the Child Development Associate (CDA) examination.

To provide stipends for single mothers on public assistance.

To continue and staff the Family Child Care Toolkit Licensing Project. With support salary for a Family Child Care Coordinator, 60-100 currently unlicensed child care providers will be assisted through the process of obtaining a state child care license using the Toolkit as a tangible guide.

To support the creation of six Toolkit Boxes which will help 20 women become licensed family child-care providers. Each Toolkit contains the necessary paperwork for each step towards licensure, health, safety and educational supplies, and vouchers for necessary CPR and first aid training.

To support the Family Child Care Toolkit licensing project. The project will provide six more licensing tool kits for the existing program, allowing six women to become licensed home care providers for 36 children.



To support the external evaluation of the Tool Kit project. This project provides support, guidance and professional development for day-care providers, and allows providers to learn about and engage in safe practices in order to obtain their license from the State. This program has serviced 170 participants to date.

Ansonia Housing Authority

To purchase uniforms for a 20-member Riverside Housing Complex Drill Team for girls 5-17 years old.

Ansonia Rescue Medical Services

To support a babysitter training program, Red Cross CPR and First Aid Safety training and certification to girls ages 12-16.

Architecture Resource Center, Inc.

To support Design Technology Camp workshops at Camp Farnam. These workshops address the underrepresentation of women in math and science professions and provide hands-on learning and leadership experiences in science, technology, engineering, math and architecture to at-risk girls from New Haven middle schools and high schools.

Arts Council of Greater New Haven

To support A Slip In The Dark, a four-hour festival that celebrates the uniqueness of women while sharing information that promotes women's health issues, self-esteem, violence prevention, addiction and recovery, and communication.

Boys & Girls Club of New Haven

To support the 2008 season of the Lady Blazers AAU Basketball team. The team is made up of 48 girls between the ages of 12 and 15.

To support the SMART Girls program which will equip female club members with the crucial health and life skills needed to become healthy, successful adults. The program will reach a total of 44 eight to twelve-year-olds.

Christian Community Action

To provide support to teens in their new roles in the family by enrolling them in the Red Cross Babysitting Class.

To increase the computer skills and expertise of individuals served in the transitional housing program, shelter, and advocacy group, who are primarily female heads of households.

To support the Promoting Active Civic Engagement (PACE) and incentive based effort of the Advocacy and Education Program in CCA's Stepping Stones Transitional Housing

program. The work promotes social change and justice for women who are poor and of color through empowerment, educational opportunities, grass-roots organizing and leadership training.

To support a new project for the Mothers for Justice program which will design a documentary video of the experiences of women receiving cash assistance from the Federal government through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. There are approximately 4,878 people in New Haven alone receiving TANF cash assistance. This video project will be used at the legislative level to influence government decisions on how to improve the TANF program.

City of New Haven Community Services Administration

To support the development of a status report on New Haven's women and girls in the areas of health, safety, education and economic security. The status report will establish a baseline that can be used for current and future programming to improve the lives of women and girls in New Haven.

Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic

To support Safe Kids/Strong Kids Program, a group therapy program for children ages 5-18 who have been sexually abused.

Collective Consciousness Theater, Inc.

To support 20 New Haven area high school girls over the course of eight weeks in the Sticks and Stones program. Through this program, girls will learn how media and society determine how young women make decisions.

The Color of Words

To support a comprehensive, eight week digital media internship for eight girls ages 11-14. The girls will participate in workshops on media literacy, creative writing, script development, research, the images of women and girls in the media, audio/video recording and editing as well as online distribution and marketing.

Columbus House, Inc.

Funding for full-time Case Managers who will support 18 women engaged in life transitions. Grant funding will support Sojourner's Place, a unique program for women who are confronting issues which include mental health, substance abuse, vocational and educational goals, basic life skills and re-unification with family members, especially children.

Common Ground High School

To support a pilot program to launch an all girls physical education program to encourage healthy eating, promote physical fitness and improve self-esteem. The pilot is designed

for girls with physical disabilities, obesity or reluctance to challenge themselves physically in the presence of boys.

To support twenty 2010 summer camp scholarships for low-income girls of color who would not otherwise participate in the camps. Students will be solicited from siblings of Common Ground students and three New Haven Board of Education partnering K-8 schools.

Community Center of Excellence in Women's Health

To support The Healthy Divas health support group, a collaborative initiative between 20 women residing in the Riverside Apartment community, a low-income housing development in Ansonia and the CCOE at Griffin Hospital.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Research Foundation

To support the Middle School Girls' Science Mentoring Program designed to reach over 500 disadvantaged middle school girls in New Haven's public schools through the engagement and leadership of six middle school girls with women scientist mentors.

Connecticut Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Inc.

To support sixteen Elder Law Workshops which will deliver reliable and objective information about the legal and financial issues that confront elders. The workshops will serve approximately 250 female seniors in Greater New Haven.

Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program

To support the A Face Like Mine program, a gender diversity project designed to increase female participation, interest and achievement in male-dominated academic subjects such as science, technology, engineering and math. The project will focus on 50 girls in grades 5-7 at three New Haven Public Schools and their teachers.

Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)

To support a New Haven-based Girls and Tech exposition during the 2008-09 school year. One hundred seventh grade girls and their teachers will participate in workshops designed to enhance their interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and careers.

Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis

To support the Child Empowerment Group that helps young children who have witnessed domestic violence cope with current or past trauma. The program will serve 39 children (at least 90% female) ages 6-11 years of age over twelve weeks and foster personal growth and well-being.

The Diaper Bank

To support the second phase of the Basic Human Needs Policy Project, a multiyear effort to raise awareness at the Federal level about how the provision of diapers strengthens families and the economic security of the poor.

Dixwell Community House

To support the HerStory Theatre Project that encourages young girls aged 12-16 to participate in a weekly performing arts group. This group will provide education and resources necessary to assist the participants in developing personal experiences into works of performing art.

Dwight Hall at Yale

To support the WYSE (Women and Youth Supporting Each Other) project that seeks to serve New Haven by strengthening the lives and communities of women and girls of color. The program is a curriculum-based group and one-on-one mentorship program between 25 Sheridan Middle School and their Yale mentors

To support the participation of 25 girls from New Haven's Sheriden Middle School in the Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE) program. WYSE is a curriculum based one-on-one mentoring program designed to strengthen the lives and communities of women and girls.

Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven

To support the costs of equipment for a playscape to be reconstructed by volunteer workforce.

To support four hours of individual domestic violence/safety planning counseling services per week for adult victims from Branford, Guilford and Madison.

To purchase four new bureaus for emergency shelter bedrooms.

To support two second-year candidates for a Master's Degree in Social Work at UConn. Serving as interns, the candidates will provide individual domestic violence/safety planning counseling services for 100-120 adult female victims 16 years of age and older.

Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

To support the implementation of the Women Reaching for Success project, providing gender-responsive services to 15 – 20 women who have previously been incarcerated and are now re-entering the community. The program will teach participants to advocate for themselves and their families, provide opportunities to increase their participation in positive family and community-related activities, as well as create mechanisms that will strengthen their capacity to earn a higher wage.

Eli Whitney Museum

To support the Catherine Green Project to expand learning opportunities for 20 girls aged 9-13 through summer camp scholarships. The Project focuses on creating workshops for girls that allow them to master skills that have traditionally been perceived to be the province of boys. The project also trains teachers to identify and encourage girls with non-traditional aptitudes.

To support the expansion of the Catherine Greene Project in obtaining additional scholarships from other community organizations whose missions expand horizons for girls.

Elm City Girl's Choir

To support the purchase of music for an a cappella performing group of girls, ages 8-16, from diverse backgrounds.

Fair Haven Community Health Center

To support the implementation of the "Safe Date" curriculum for 40 urban Latino & African-American participants from the Fair Haven and Clinton Avenue schools ranging from 11 to 14 years of age. The "Safe Date" program will educate these pre-teens about behaviors often associated with unhealthy relationships, dating abuse and sexual harassment.

Faith Christian Fellowship of Hamden, Inc.

A program training women in entrepreneurial skills through the making and selling of dolls.

Family Resource Center

To provide the opportunity for 12 family childcare providers to participate in the Red Cross CT Child Care and CPR for the Professional Rescuer courses at a reduced rate.

Foundation for Connecticut Women

To support the ongoing work of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, an arm of the Connecticut General Assembly which focuses on work in three priority areas: women's economic security, health and safety, and the elimination of gender discrimination.

Future Stars Children's Foundation

To sponsor 10 at risk or disadvantaged girls, ages 8-15, who are members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley to attend a week of WNBA Summer Basketball program.

Girl Scouts, Connecticut Trails Council

To help 25 girls, primarily of Latino origin, from the Hill section of New Haven, participate in Girl Scout meetings by covering the cost of membership fees, troop dues, handbooks, pins, sashes and activity supplies.

To support the Uniquely ME! Program that provides a series of age and gender-specific activities that are culturally sensitive. The program includes three activity books focused on relevant issues such as healthy eating and identifying eating disorders, learning to communicate better with parents/guardians, and analyzing what contributes to a healthy relationship. Approximately 200 girls between the ages of 8-14 will participate from the New Haven area.

Girl Scouts of Housatonic Council

To support the Financial Readiness for Girls program for 100 underserved girls ages 11-17. The program teaches girls about a four-step process—save, spend, invest, and donate—and gives them tools to be successful financially in their futures.

Hamden Public Schools

To implement the Girls Circle program for at-risk girls in 7th and 8th grades at Hamden Middle School. The 18-20 week curriculum includes units that teach and provide support skills in areas such as friendship, individuality and preparation for the future.

Helping Our Ladies Learn Achievements

To support H.O.L.L.A., a program that provides training to young women in personal grooming, professional dress and demeanor, etiquette, assertiveness training, sexual harassment training, computer skills and resume development as well as healthy living skills.

Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Programs Inc.

To support a mentoring program that matches female college students, who are also Higher Heights alumni, with girls attending Metropolitan High School who are at risk of not enrolling in or completing a post-secondary education.

To support a partnership with James Hillhouse High School in New Haven to increase the college readiness and academic achievement of 50 female students and young parents who are at-risk of not enrolling in or completing a post-secondary education.

Hill Health Corporation

To support the Prison to Community Peer Support Program, a 44 week peer support group serving 40 newly released formerly incarcerated women, led by women who have experienced and overcome substance abuse and/or mental illness and who have made the transition from prison to the community.

H.O.P.E. Program - Hospital of St. Raphael

To support the H.O.P.E. program in recruiting twenty participants for two sixteen-week training sessions focusing on GED completion and preparation for employment.

To support the H.O.P.E. program's employment training program for up to 40 participants, primarily mothers of young children. The H.O.P.E. program grant is also being supported by a grant of \$10,000 from The United Illuminating Company, Inc. in collaboration with the Fund for Women & Girls.

To support the continuation of three key components of the HOPE program: transportation, journaling and semiannual parenting workshops for approximately 40 mothers and single women who are working to overcome the barriers of poverty through job training.

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)

To make available onsite childcare service enabling primary caregivers to take English classes at IRIS.

To support the Family Safety for New Americans project which will provide education, training and outreach to approximately 60 refugee and immigrant families, including 30 women and twelve girls, and help break the cycle of domestic violence.

Juvenile Forensic Services, LLP

Provides girls with models of healthy lifestyles to help them manage stress without substance abuse.

Leadership Education and Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)

To support LEAP's Girls' Summer Basketball League. The League is designed to provide 30 girls ages 7-12, who might not ordinarily be able to participate in a sport, with a safe and healthy activity that can build confidence and self esteem and improve fitness and coordination. It also emphasizes skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Legacy Advocacy Organization for Teens

To support a women's group for adolescent women who lack positive female role models and are engaging in risky behaviors, including early and unsafe sexual activity, drug use and criminal activities.

To fund stipends for teens who will serve as peer educators for 12-15 year old girls detained in Juvenile Detention.

Life Haven

To support the purchase of lamps and bookcases for the library to enhance the literacy program.

To purchase a computer, software and videos to enhance the usage of their library and provide educational opportunities to the women and children residents.

To support a program that provides assessment, early intervention and immediate access to appropriate services for children ages 0-5 who are sheltered.

To provide homeless mothers with bus passes and phone cards to assist in their job search.

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven

To support a literacy project aimed at helping 10 Latino women participants move to a higher level of literacy programming so that they can be better parents, employees and members of their community.

To support the creation of a Mother/Daughter Book Club in partnership with the Wilson Branch of the New Haven Free Public Library. 10 girls from local schools and their mothers or grandmothers will participate in the book club to enhance the development of literacy in their lives and homes, promote communication between mothers and daughters on relevant issues and provide participants and their families with a selection of books for their homes.

Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child Resource Center Inc.

For a support group grounded in the principles of psycho education and supportive therapy to help girls age 11 to 14 understand and positively cope with the effects of mental illness in a family member.

To assist Latina adolescent girls in developing positive identities as Latinas, bicultural Americans, and young women.

The Mary Wade Home

To support an intergenerational arts program that will pair female seniors from Mary Wade Home's assisted living residence with teen girls from New Haven's Fair Haven neighborhood for a series of art workshops.

To support a sewing program for 16 Adult Day Center clients between the ages of 62 and 81. Most of the women are impacted by Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. Half of the participants worked in New Haven's now defunct shirt and undergarment industries. The program will help to keep the women with dementia "in the moment", promote circulation for those with diabetes, and help all to maintain

manual dexterity. Furthermore, the program promotes socialization and cooperation and provides participants with a sense of purpose. The quilts and lap blankets the group makes will be donated to Mary Wade residents, clients and other area non-profits.

The Milford Public Library

To support the Women Redefining Retirement program which is aimed at the economic, educational, physical, social, artistic and emotional growth of 240 women in retirement years. The grant will support guest speakers and expand the materials available to the participants including books, DVDs, and books on CD that address retirement issues on practical and spiritual levels.

Music Haven, Inc.

To facilitate positive youth development and community-building for girls from New Haven's underserved neighborhoods through music education and performance.

Mutual Housing Association of South Central Connecticut

To support the creation of Girl-z Talk, a self help group for approximately 66 young women and neighborhood women at the Learning Center in Fair Haven. The purpose is to provide a forum for Mutual Housing Association and Fair Haven community residents to discuss issues and concerns that affect their quality of life or personal development.

Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration

To support a week-long Marine Science Summer Camp, in July, for eighteen New Haven girls chosen from New Haven's middle schools. The participants will work and study with female scientists and other role models from the Mystic community. Funds will go towards round-trip transportation between Mystic and New Haven and activity materials that the girls will use on-site.

The Natural Guard

To support the "Just Us" project that includes the marketing and distribution of a compact-disk filled with poetry written by several young women. Profits from the sale of the CD will be put into an educational trust fund.

Neighborhood Music School, Inc

To support a Modern Jazz Dance Program that will provide high quality professional modern jazz dance classes for 10 girls, ages 9-13, and their mothers/caregivers from New Haven's Latino community. Weekly classes are designed to be engaging and to build self-confidence and self-esteem through accomplishment in dance.

To support the participation of 8-10 female African-American and Latina students in the Instrumental Impact program. This program is aimed at closing the musical achievement gap that exists between middle class and economically disadvantaged students.

Newhallville Huskies Association, Inc.

To support a girls cheerleading team to compete locally and nationally in AAU Cheerleading competitions and encourage their participation in community services.

New Haven Boys and Girls Club B.A.B.E.S.

To support Beginning Alcohol/Addiction Basic Education Studies that is a primary prevention program designed to give children a lifetime of protection from substance abuse by offering education and training to youth 13-19 years of age who after completion will then educate children about substance abuse prevention.

The New Haven Diaper Bank

To support a project manager for the Basic Human Needs Policy Grant, a collaboration between the Liman Project, Wiggin and Dana attorneys and other interested parties. The goal is to secure a sustaining source of state and federal funding for diapers, serving over 1040 children regionally, and potentially all children living in poverty in the U.S.

New Haven Ecology Project

To support the participation of girls and young women in Common Ground's environmental programs creating learning and leadership opportunities.

To support a summer science course for high school credit at the Common Ground Science Academy for 10-15 female high school students. The course will be held at a 10-acre urban farm at the base of West Rock Ridge State Park, for a total of 100 hours of instruction.

New Haven Family Alliance

To support 15 thirteen to seventeen-year-olds that are participants of the Street Outreach Workers and Juvenile Review Board programs in a jewelry-making project. The project will teach these girls the art of creating jewelry combined with the skill of establishing and managing a cooperative small business to sell their creations.

New Haven Free Public Library

To support The Harlem Renaissance study project, a supportive collaboration with LEAP in which forty young women ages 11-12 are partnered with 10 Junior and Senior Counselors to study the Harlem Renaissance and other aspects of African-American history.

New Haven Healthy Start

To support Baby Buddies, a consumer education and referral program designed to address possible risk factors that contribute to the deaths of African American infants. Baby Buddies will deliver health information to the African American community in

New Haven through community events, churches, civic organizations, door to door, informational “house parties” and community conversations.

New Haven Home Recovery

To help women living in New Haven Home Recovery’s emergency shelters move to stable, self-sufficiency by providing them with bus passes, moving services, and assistance obtaining birth certificates.

To provide curricular materials for an after-school program, which is part of SEARCH (Services, Education, and Activities Reaching Children who are Homeless). This program will include structured play and other activities to develop math and reading skills. KidzLit, KidzMath and the Together in Learning Family Literacy Curriculum will provide academic enrichment for a varying number of children, and their mothers.

To support the "Women on the Go" Project and provide 60 bus passes to very low-income women in a NHHR program who are working, or engaged in GED classes, literacy programs, job training or job preparation classes.

To support the cost of two computers and a printer that will be used at the CareWays family shelter for clients to learn basic skills, word processing, and more advanced programs to train for higher paying jobs.

To support 10 girls ages 6-14 from the homeless shelter in attending a 5 day summer camp through the Schooner Summer Education Program or the Peabody Museum Camp.

To support the Transportation Program which provides transportation to 150 women who are poor, homeless and in some cases, disabled. The transportation allows women to get to work and access job training programs and behavioral health services, all designed to help residents achieve stability and self-sufficiency.

New Haven Network for Public Education

To provide support for the "Becoming a Young Woman of Virtue and Dignity" program at the Katherine Brennan School. Twenty-five sixth and seventh grade girls will engage in a series of monthly programs during the school year that focus on character development, decision-making, personal virtue, and good citizenship. Guided by volunteer school staff members, each girl will participate in a variety of in-school activities, and keep a personal journal. Field trips will include a visit to the New Haven District Court, a local bank, a homeless shelter, a Town Meeting with the Mayor, a trip to the Shubert and to Hartford to meet state officials.

Parent Child Resource Center Inc.

To support training of a clinician in the Bright Beginnings Program at the Ackerman Institute. The Bright Beginnings program is designed to teach at-risk moms the skills they need to effectively care for and nurture their babies and young children. In turn, the trained clinician will take the knowledge gained in the workshop and deliver services in accord with the design of the Bright Beginnings to young mothers and their babies involved with the Young Adult Services. Initially 5-12 young women will benefit and it will expand to the Moms Group at Youth Adult Services.

Pequenas Ligas Hispanas de New Haven

To support an instructional and competitive Volleyball program for young Latinas from low- and moderate-income families in New Haven.

To place 2-3 underprivileged Hispanic middle school and high school girls at summer athletic camps.

To sponsor 10 to 15 girls in the Girls Instructional Volleyball Program for classes and workshops of dances from various countries.

Planned Parenthood of CT, Inc.

To support the STAR (Students Teaching About Responsible Sexuality) program that works with 12 Greater New Haven high school students to provide peer to peer opportunities for young people to access medically accurate information. STAR uses young people's willingness to listen to their peers to dispel myths and rumors regarding healthy sexuality. In addition, these peer educators will produce one peer education conference for peer educators and joint presentations for two other conferences.

To support the Real Life Real Talk program, a social change initiative that utilizes social marketing and community partnerships to foster open, honest and balanced talk about healthy teen sexuality for 285 New Haven mothers and their children.

Quinnipiack Valley Health District

To provide confidential and free on-site Pap tests at the outpatient clinic in Hamden High School.

'R Kids

To support an additional weekly Mother's Group held at the 'r Kids Family Center. This group delivers parenting curricula supplemented by therapy. It also encourages peer support for women whose children have been removed from their care by The Department of Children and Families.

To provide parenting education and peer support for mothers whose children have been removed from their care by DCF.

To support The Community Mentoring Mom Project that is designed to provide 6-8 mothers who have been reunified with their children with their own "Mom" to call when they need reassurance, guidance and comfort from a trusting, supportive resource. This mentoring project will increase the rate of successful reunifications, stabilize children in their homes and enhance the family's ability to learn how to nurture, protect and advocate for its stability.

To support the development of a tracking and assessment tool that establishes 10-12 criteria for the appropriate level of legal representation from the time a child is removed from parent's custody through to the decisions regarding reunification. Data gained will be used to inform the Commission on Child Protection, the Office of the Chief Child Protecting Attorney, legislators, and DCF and improve the quality of the legal representation of children and parents in child welfare cases.

To support the development and implementation of a 12 week support group curriculum focused on the needs of mothers and their early adolescent daughters. The curriculum will be used in the 'r kids post-reunification support group for 20 – 24 mothers and their daughters, ages 11-14.

Rape Crisis Center of Milford, Inc.

To support the purchase of new video and media materials for the Center's continuing education programs. Focusing on risk prevention and primary prevention, the curriculum includes lessons that cover communication skills, conflict resolution, stereotyping, media influence and internet safety. The programs will be offered for over 7,000 pre-K, kindergarten, second and fourth grade students. This grant is provided by the Alumnae Committee of the Fund for Women & Girls.

Rachel's Table

To supply uniforms to 36 homeless women learning culinary skills for employment in the food service industry.

Saint Raphael Foundation

To support the Centering Pregnancy Model of Care provided to pregnant teens, first-time expectant mothers, and women whose lives have changed significantly since their last pregnancy.

SARAH, Inc.

To support classes and a resource library on women's health issues for women with intellectual disabilities.

Schooner, Inc

To support implementation of the G.I.R.L.S. project for 25 middle schools girls in grades 6-8 for a three day adventure in August 2007. This three-day adventure will provide leadership opportunities for young girls and non traditional, hands-on marine science activities.

Sisters

To support a mentorship program that will match ninth and tenth grade girls with professional women in the community.

Soul-o-ettes Drill Team

To support the Soul-o-ettes drill team and mentoring project for 25-100 African American and Latino girls, ages 4-19. This project is designed to provide guidance and support to the girls as well as a sense of pride through their skill development. The girls will learn drill routines, compete, and perform at a competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

To assist with the purchase of 25 jackets for the new girls joining the Drill Team. The Drill Team provides a positive activity for the participants from the Rockview, Brookside and Westville Manor communities. The Drill Team strives to enrich the lives of the participants by helping them become healthy and self-sufficient, attain new educational heights, enjoy economic empowerment, and achieve success and greater human dignity.

Stetson Branch Library

To support "Eyes Wide Open", a day-long conference on domestic violence presented by Digital OverDose Musical Productions, hosted by and held at the Stetson Library.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for Your Place: Youth Center

To support three sessions (Summer, Fall and Spring) of the "Go On Girl" group for a total of 45 at-risk teen girls from New Haven, Hamden and North Haven who have been affected by or involved in violence.

To support a continuation of the 2009 Women & Girls grant for a 26-week, three session after-school program called the Women's Group. 15-20 thirteen to seventeen-year-olds from New Haven will help design and format the sessions.

St. Luke's Services, Inc.

To prepare, serve, and distribute healthy food to compliment the planned health education, "Wellness Program."

St. Martin de Porres Quilting Workshop

To fund scholarships to women/girls wishing to learn the art of quilting and experience a feeling of community through working with others. Involvement with Prescott Bush Senior Center and Hispanos Unidos adds a cross-generational cultural aspect.

Solar Youth, Inc.

To provide funds for Solar Youth to facilitate a week-long wilderness adventure experience for up to eight young women from the Westville Manor public housing development. The goal of the trip is to provide an extreme adventure experience during which staff will lead the teen girls in discussions and challenges that will help them to reflect on their lives and envision goals for their future.

To support three youth leaders in becoming Wilderness Leaders during a summer 2010 group outing. These experienced young women will lead the trip participants in discussions and challenges that help them reflect on their lives and envision goals for their future.

Soroptimist International of Greater New Haven

To support four workshops for 25 female clients of the Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) organization. Workshops will be related to job readiness, business development, healthcare and adult education, and will include post-workshop mentoring.

Southern Connecticut State University Foundation Inc

To support the Sixth Annual Women and Girls in Sports Day for approximately 200 girls from minority, inner city and low-income families from New Haven County. Girls will interact with coaches and women athletes who are successful, positive role models.

Student Parenting and Family Services

To support an Intensive Case Management program at the Elizabeth Celotto Center at Wilbur Cross High School. The case manager will be able to work with 16-20 teen mothers several times throughout the school day and develop strong supportive relationships with them. This grant has been funded through the generosity of the Junior League of Greater New Haven, in collaboration with the Fund for Women & Girls.

Survivors of Domestic Violence

To support the upgrade and landscaping of the shelter's backyard, providing a safe play and social area for children and families.

Two Sisters

To underwrite expenses associated with a program which aims to change behavior through one-on-one meetings.

Valley CARE Team

To support Family Ties Project, a yearlong project with the purpose of empowering families to cope with the overwhelming challenges of HIV and AIDS by offering educational and recreational programming at the Valley YMCA and on site at the Birmingham Group Health Service.

Valley Parish Nurse Program

To provide a health education program that teaches three generations of women healthy eating habits to help prevent life-threatening health problems like hypertension, diabetes, obesity and heart disease. The program will impact 60 participants over a 15 month period and consists of discussions, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center, Inc.

To provide a trained professional to run an educational program for women living with disabilities about making safe and healthy decisions about sexual relationships.

To support a series of classes on sexual decision making for 25 female students provided at Vista by instructors from Planned Parenthood of CT. The classes will focus on topics such as healthy and unhealthy relationships, relationship building, dating, values, assertiveness, self-concept and safer sex.

Walsh Intermediate School

To offer " Girls Night Out", a program for 8th grade girls who are graduating from middle school.

West Haven Child Development Center

To assist in the start-up costs of a playground for a new infant/toddler program.
To purchase musical equipment for the infant toddler program that will stimulate development in young children.

West Haven Community House Association, Inc.

To support and expand the Teen CHAT positive youth development program to serve twenty-four girls who attend Bailey Middle School. Each girl will attend three after-school group sessions monthly which focus on the Smart Moves and Street Smart curricula developed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The specific focus of the program is to reduce teen pregnancy by building "protective" factors, including good school attendance, open communication with peers and parents, positive self-worth and self-control. Staffed by a Life Skills Educator, a Teen and Family Support Director and a Tai Chi instructor, this program has already had positive results at Carrigan Middle School in West Haven.

Women's Campaign School at Yale

To support one-day programs for minority women of all ages in Greater New Haven which teach them how to challenge local government by getting involved and raising personal concerns as informed, educated constituents.

To support 5 scholarships awarded to Latino, and/or African-American women allowing them to attend six one-day programs.

To provide scholarships to local minority women.

Women and Families Center, Inc.

To support the Creative Expressions workshop, geared towards 40-50 twelve to eighteen year-old-girls, which strives to mitigate the harmful behaviors and attitudes that contribute to the acceptance and normalization of sexual violence. This grant will help fund four eight-week workshops.

Women and Family Life Center of Guilford, Inc.

To provide older women the computer skills they need to establish new forums in which to share common concerns.

To support strategic planning activities of the Center in memory of Valerie Minter.
Women of Wisdom

To support a "Cozy Coats" program at Hill Cooperative Youth Services. The program makes and distributes coats to area shelters and develops technical and entrepreneurial skills.

Women of Power Network, Inc.

To support the second-year component of the Developing Leaders Mentoring Program that academically and socially prepares girls attending New Haven public high schools for college.

Women's Business Development Council

To support an entrepreneurship training program for women from the New Haven and Valley regions who earn low incomes.

Women's Health Research at Yale

To support efforts that focus attention on the fundamental inequities in modern health research that adversely affect women and girls.

Women's Campaign School at Yale University

To support a partnership with the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of

Women's Young Women's Leadership Program that educates and encourages young women to explore participation in the political process through learning and networking opportunities.

Yale University School of Medicine/North Haven Middle School

To provide curriculum materials for an interpersonal violence prevention program at North Haven Middle School to prevent sexual victimization and foster healthy peer relationships.

Young Parent Program of Milford, Inc.

To support an Outreach Facilitator to expand a pregnancy prevention program in the community. The facilitator's role will be to collaborate with health educators and nurses in the Milford school system and teach pregnancy prevention through health classes. The program is designed deliver prenatal services in West Haven while broadening and enriching the Milford-based teen education program. Approximately 60 young women under age 21 will be served.

To support an interactive workshop for 50 pregnant and parenting teens. This workshop will educate teens about services available from community parenting agencies.

Youth to Youth Peer Advocates

To offer and conduct a series of weekly life skills workshops and seminars for girls between the ages of 10-13 facilitated by high school peer advocate girls 15-18 years old.

Youth Continuum, Inc.

To support Sista2Sista, a program that empowers and educates homeless young women, ages 16-23, about positive decision making, housing, educational support, job training, counseling and life skills.

To support instruction in employment and life management skills to young women who are currently homeless and in care of the Youth Continuum resident facility.

To provide women leadership development opportunities for female Youth Continuum human service workers.

To support the Girls FIRST (Fitness, Image, Relationships, Self Esteem, and Trust) gender specific life skills curriculum for 24 girls and young single mothers. Girls FIRST will enhance the current curriculum with the addition of workshops on body image/eating disorders and healthy relationships, and activities such as yoga.