

The Women's Fund

of the Community Foundation for South Central New York

March 2009

Women's Fund Awards Five New Grants

At a time when needs among the area's most vulnerable populations are skyrocketing and nonprofits are severely stressed trying to meet them, The Women's Fund is pleased to announce that we have awarded five new grants for 2008 totaling \$7,000 to agencies in Broome, Cortland and Otsego counties that are working hard to support the women and girls of the region.

- \$1,500 was granted to Cortland County Community Action Program (CAPCO) for its *Community Action Angels* program, an all-volunteer effort that works to meet clients' short-term crisis needs that aren't covered by other existing programs or agencies. The grant will provide direct assistance for women in crisis.
- \$2,000 went to Girls on the Run in Otsego County, a structured character development program for girls in grades 3 – 5 that uses training to complete a 5k run as a means to teach essential life skills, commitment to physical activity, and positive attitudes about self and exercise. The grant will be used to expand the program to three additional schools in the county.
- \$700 was awarded to Life Choices Center in Broome County, which will use the funding to supply baby items and consumables for women dealing with short-term emergency needs related to a crisis pregnancy.
- \$1,500 was granted to the *Violence Intervention Program of Opportunities* for Otsego. The money will help female victims of sexual assault or domestic violence with emergency needs including rental assistance, supplies for young mothers, gas cards, clothing for court appearances, etc.

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Join Us!

2009 WF Annual Breakfast

It's not too early to make your reservations for our popular Women's Fund Annual Breakfast! This year's event will be Tuesday, June 2nd at 8 a.m. at The Binghamton Club, 83 Front St. in Binghamton. Marillyn A. Hewson, President



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of Lockheed Martin Systems Integration – Owego will be the keynote speaker. In addition, the winners of the 2008 WF grant awards will be introduced. Tickets are \$30 per person (table sponsorships are available, please call for more information) and a full breakfast is included. Hear how The Women's Fund is making a difference for

women and girls in our region – and bring a friend along to share the good news with! Call 772-6773 by May 22nd to reserve your seat; VISA/MC can be accepted by phone.

Women's Fund Leadership

Lisanne Bobby, *Chair*
Sally Akel
Laurie Ceparano
Lauren Kiley
Catherine Maliwacki
Suzanne McLeod

Suh Neubauer
Jennifer Schorr
Elisa Serfass
Towhee Shupka
Catherine Sickora
Faith Sigler

Sue Stephens
Natalie Thompson
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Honor a Special Woman for Mother's Day With Your Gift to The Women's Fund

Is there a special woman in your life – mother, grandmother, wife, daughter – for whom flowers and candy for Mother's Day just don't seem quite enough? Maybe she always went the extra mile for you, or serves as an outstanding example of compassionate caring in the community. Perhaps she is, or was, an inspiration to countless other women and girls as they grew up and worked to achieve fulfilling lives and careers.



If there *is* such a woman in your life – or a woman whose memory you'd like to celebrate – why not make a gift to The Women's Fund in her honor?

Simply enter the gift information on the enclosed reply envelope, fill out and include the enclosed "In Honor of/In Memory of" card in the envelope with your check or credit card information, put on a stamp and pop into the mail. (Make your check to CFSCNY, noting that it's for The Women's Fund in the memo section.) Or, if it's more convenient for you, call the Foundation office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and we can take the

information by phone, using your VISA or MasterCard. (607-772-6773)

We'll send a thank-you letter to you acknowledging your gift, and a special card directly to the woman you're honoring, notifying her of your gift. Notification of gifts made in memory of a loved one can also be sent to the deceased's family if contact information is supplied.

Your thoughtfulness will not only touch the hearts of those you honor, but will also make a real impact on the lives of woman and girls in our region. *Thank you!*

New Grants for 2008

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- \$1,300 went to the YWCA of Cortland to provide a financial literacy program for the young mothers in its *Model Moms* program. *Model Moms*, a previous WF grantee, offers group support and parental and life skills education for young, low-income mothers in Cortland County.

Last year the Women's Fund Grant Committee, made up of donors to the Fund, chose to expand the grant criteria in response to community needs that became apparent during the 2007 grant cycle. As a result, the Committee in 2008 accepted funding requests from agencies that were working to address emergency needs of women (short-term and/or crisis situations), as well as from agencies seeking funds to support specific program efforts.

Those of you who attend this year's Annual WF Breakfast on June 2nd will hear more about these grants and have the chance to meet those who are doing this good work in our communities. *We hope to see you there!*

Five
in **5** Drive

Goal Update

Total WF assets as of 12/08: \$182,698
Goal: \$500,000 additional for the Fund by Dec. 2012

Dollars received toward the goal (donations and pledge payments):	\$48,417.85
Outstanding pledges:	44,398.00
Total monies and pledges received:	\$92,815.85