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WOMEN MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY

240 Women Join Together to Make a Difference

The Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County has completed its third year on a very high note. In 2009, more women than ever before — a total of 240 — became members and contributed \$106,000!



Valerie McKinney, Jingle Hagey, and Lisa Jones present the \$50,000 grant to Amy and John Rich, Co-Executive Directors of Patchwork Central.

Their contributions allowed for the \$50,000 grant that was awarded to Patchwork Central during the Women's Fund annual meeting last November. Members gathered at St. Mary's Manor Auditorium to hear presentations from the four nonprofit organizations ranked as finalists during the grants committee's deliberation process and then voted to determine which organization would receive the coveted "major impact grant" for its work in service to women and children in Vanderburgh County. By a preferential vote, the members awarded the \$50,000 grant to Patchwork Central.

Patchwork Central began in 1977 as a faith-based neighborhood outreach organization for an inner-city neighborhood in need. Today, Patchwork Central continues its outreach to Evansville area neighborhoods in need with a variety of programs and services, such as a food pantry and many unique children's programs. According to the 2000 census, Patchwork serves an area that includes six of the seven poorest census tracts in Evansville. All of the children currently participating in the organization's after-school programs are from low- to extremely low-income families. Patchwork is uniquely positioned as a neighbor to those it serves—in the last year alone, approximately five thousand people came through the doors to receive services from Patchwork Central.

The \$50,000 grant from the Women's Fund will be used to provide much-needed repairs and improvements to the "Meeting-

house," Patchwork Central's main building, which has received very few significant upgrades since it was constructed nearly 25 years ago. The grant will allow Patchwork to replace worn items and address building deficiencies before they become costly emergencies. The building revitalization plan includes replacing an out-of-code kitchen fire suppression system, buying a new industrial range to replace the old range with faulty pilot lights, treating rust spots on the roof and painting the roof, buying energy-efficient refrigerators and freezers for the food pantry, replacing worn carpeting, repairing and painting walls, and repairing exterior doors and locks.

Additionally, the grant will be used to provide training for program staff, hire a consultant to help assess and respond to the needs of the neighborhood, and extend the after school programming.

The other three finalists — the EVSC School Community Council, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville, and Ozanam Family Shelter — each will receive a \$1000 grant from the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County. The remaining \$53,000 raised this year was added to the Women's Fund endowment.

SUPPORT OUR GRANT FINALISTS

The Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County encourages fund members and other interested donors to learn more about our grant finalists. All finalists welcome donations of any amount.

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For information on The Women's Fund, contact Barbara Dicken, director of the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, (812) 422-1245 or e-mail barb@vcfoundation.org.

Why is the Women's Fund for Me?

Have you ever thought, "I wish my charitable giving could have greater significance in my community"?

It was this same "wish" that brought the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County into existence—it's at the core of what we're about. We believe that our charitable giving will have greater significance in our community when we pool our resources and that together we can have a greater impact on the lives of our community's women and children than most of us could ever dream of alone.

The Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County is taking the lead in redefining grassroots philanthropy by viewing the act of giving not merely as charity but as a means to foster connections within the community. Engaging in strategic charitable activities increases our knowledge about community issues and the organizations that provide solutions.

Leading women philanthropists have long pointed to the empowerment of women as a successful strategy for achieving sustained economic growth and productivity in communities



Rita Eykamp, Julie Mallory, and Susan Partenheimer



Kristen Tucker, Jessica Campbell, and Jennifer Roe



Karen Bosler and Mary-Beth Owen

Join Us... Here's How!

Individual Membership: Your contribution of \$1,000 (or more) will allow you one full vote for the nonprofit organization of your choice at the Women's Fund annual meeting.

Shared Memberships: Shared memberships are typically made up of individuals who join with others, such as family, friends, or coworkers, and together are allowed one vote for the nonprofit organization of their choice at the Women's Fund annual meeting. Contributions to a shared membership must total \$1,000 (or more). **Please make sure your shared membership contributions are submitted together.**

Supporter: If you believe in the mission of the Women's Fund but are unable to participate as a voting member, your contribution of any amount is welcome at any time. Contributions in honor or memory of a special woman are encouraged from both men and women.

around the world. One way women throughout our country are empowering themselves is by becoming members of giving circles like the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County.

Through the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County, we have the opportunity to participate in smart, strategic giving that is focused not on how much we give but on how what we give creates lasting change. To this end, at the same time that each year's Women's Fund contributions allow for the award of significant impact grants, they also are used to build an endowment that will continue to give back to the community forever into the future.

By joining the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County, you will make a difference that far exceeds what you might be able to do individually. Together, we are strengthening our entire community by supporting programs that improve the lives of women and children.

We, the members of the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County, believe that when women and children thrive, the entire community prospers.

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **Automatic Debit:** Your bank will automatically transfer the amount you authorize on the date(s) you request. This allows you to spread the payments over the course of the year. For example, you can authorize just \$83.34 per month for 12 months to become a full member of the Women's Fund.
- **Cash or Check:** Send your check to the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County, c/o Vanderburgh Community Foundation, 123 NW 4th Street, Suite 220, Evansville, Indiana 47708.
- **Credit Card:** Use a credit card online at www.womensfundvc.org or by calling 422-1245.
- **Employer Match:** Don't forget to ask your employer if they will match your contribution, effectively doubling your gift to the Women's Fund!
- **Stock Transfers:** Save on capital gains taxes by donating appreciated stock to become a full member. Call 422-1245 for transfer information.

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