

Perspectives: The Newsletter of the Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis



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The mission of The Women's Foundation of Greater Saint Louis is to be a catalyst for change in raising awareness and providing funding for women's issues using a collaborative philosophy.

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Dear Mary,

[The work of women is the heartbeat of change.](#)

These are the first words on our website home page and the essence of what the Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis aspires to be - the driver of inspired work that changes the lives of women and girls in our region.

Please read the many features below to find out how you can become part of this exciting work. And visit our website often to find a growing [catalog of articles](#) that will inspire you further.

Pat Rich, President

Join us for PERSPECTIVES...

...on violence against women in Missouri. The Women's Foundation is co-hosting a meeting with the Missouri Foundation

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The Women's Foundation of Greater Saint Louis is affiliated with the national [Women's Funding Network](#), a group of funding organizations who are changing communities through thoughtful charitable investment.

The Foundation embraces diversity and supports a non-political agenda. The Foundation welcomes support from anyone who is committed to removing the societal and economic obstacles women sometimes face in the St. Louis region.

When Women and Girls Prosper, Communities Thrive... When Communities Thrive, the World Becomes A Better Place for Everyone.
--- **THE WOMEN'S FUNDING NETWORK**

"Countries are more stable when women are economically and politically empowered."
Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Oct. 31, 2008 - St. Louis

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[Women's Funding Network](#)

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for Health (MFH) focusing on violence against women on April 6, 3:00-5:00 pm at the MFH headquarters (1000 Union Station, Ste. 400). A panel consisting of experts from MFH, ALIVE (a women's shelter in St. Louis), and the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence will address this provocative issue.

Seating is limited so email your [RSVP](#) as soon as possible.

During our recent grants cycle, we were in contact with several organizations doing similar work. The Foundation is discussing with other women's groups possible collaboration in this arena.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our donors who made our first round of grants possible. By pooling our resources we were able to make four grants in 2009. Thirty organizations that serve women and girls were invited to submit proposals. Almost all did. We wish that we could have funded all of them. We were pleased to award these four grants.

Partnership Grant

After reviewing proposals, we designated four organizations to visit. The committee selected [Girls, Inc.](#) to receive a partnership grant of \$5,750. The grant allows Girls, Inc. to add Project BOLD to its after-school curriculum for girls ages 10-12 years-old. The Project provides age-appropriate and gender-specific violence prevention programming to give girls the skills, strategies, and support for personal safety and safety in their communities.

\$500 Grants

Let's Start, [Woman's Place](#) and [Women in Vision](#)

Let's Start is a program led by and for formerly incarcerated women with the goal of stopping the cycle of incarceration in families by providing services to women that enhance their self-image, self-esteem and self-confidence. The program utilizes support groups facilitated by the women being served and by counseling and referrals from the Let's Start staff. The grant is for operating expenses.

INSPIRED PHILANTHROPY

How do you decide what organizations to support financially? Tracy Gary, author of [Inspired Philanthropy](#), has some suggestions about how to make these decisions. We highly recommend her

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book as thoughtful reading.

A much-appreciated grant to the Women's Foundation from the Crawford-Taylor Foundation will enable us to bring Ms. Gary to St. Louis later this year. Watch for the date and invitation. In the meantime, the Women's Foundation's "Women Making Change" presentation is ready for prime time. It's about an hour of discussion and information and we promise that it's interesting.

Do you have a group of friends that are interested? Let us know: wf_stl@yahoo.com.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Women's Foundation nominating committee will be meeting in March. If you are interested in being considered for a board position, please let [Pat Rich](#) know. Expectations include participating in board meetings, making a personal donation, and volunteering to help with our projects and on committees.

VOLUNTEER

There are several opportunities to volunteer with Girls, Inc. to help with various events throughout the year (e.g., ice cream social, pajama party, etc.) Also, volunteers are needed to help with homework after school (approximately 4-5 pm daily) as well as to teach science, art, dance and computers. Any amount of time that you could give would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, call Jan Hendrickson, our Grants Chair, at 314-345-7020, call Girls, Inc. at 314-385-8088 or visit their [web site](#) and click on the volunteer link on the left-hand side.

GIVE

Do you care about women and girls in the Greater St. Louis region? Do you want to be part of the *only* foundation in our area whose giving goes exclusively to organizations working on women's issues?

Honor the special women and girls in your life with a gift to the Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis. It's the gift that keeps on giving!

Visit [our website](#) to make your gift today.

Please forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested in the Women's Foundation.