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Women for Women Awards Four Grants

Local giving circle has granted more than \$186,000 in eight years

Springfield, IL – The **Women for Women** initiative at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](#) has announced the recipients of its eighth annual grant awards.

The 2016 grant awards, totaling \$35,000, were presented to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region, Memorial Behavioral Health, The Matthew Project and UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership.

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region - \$5,000**
To continue the successful Girl Talk program that was piloted in 2015 and provides peer-to-peer life skills lessons and mentoring to girls in grades 5-12.
- **Memorial Behavioral Health - \$15,000**
In its first-ever multi-year grant commitment, Women for Women is using its grant dollars to expand The Children's MOSAIC Project's "MOSAIC Moms" program that connects low-income single mothers and their children to critical social and emotional supports.
- **The Matthew Project - \$10,000**
To provide homeless children in District 186 with summer academic tutoring, healthy food, sports and access to mental health screenings through the YMCA's Summer Camp.
- **UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership - \$5,000**
To launch a regional "Children in Poverty" conference that will explore evidence-based prevention measures and how to translate those into evidence-based practice.

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“The Community Foundation congratulates this extraordinary group for awarding more than \$186,000 to local nonprofits over the last eight years,” said John Stremsterfer, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. “The members of *Women for Women* are very pleased to see the growth and impact this initiative has already had for programs that support local women and children.”

Women for Women is a special initiative at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln and aims to help members “build a legacy together” by pooling their annual contributions and creating a permanent resource for local programs that support women and girls. *Women for Women* Steering Committee members are Jane Denes (chair), Terri Benson, Deborah Berman, Mary Loken, Peggy Ryder, and Susan White.

The Community Foundations encourages local charities to watch its website – www.CFLL.org – and sign up to receive alerts when other funding opportunities are available throughout the year.

Through philanthropic services, strategic grantmaking and community leadership, the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) “connects people who care with causes that matter.”

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