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Women for Women Awards Two Grants

Giving circle awards \$50,000 to two local charities at its 11th annual grant reception

SPRINGFIELD, IL – In their mission to engage women of all generations in the power of community philanthropy, **Women for Women** members announced two grants at their 11th annual grant awards reception held May 2 at INB Conference Center in Springfield.

The 2019 grant awards, totaling \$50,000, were presented to Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living and Wooden It Be Lovely:

- **Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living - \$25,000**
To continue the Deaf Wings program, including the establishment of confidential phone services for victims, educational workshops available to the public and continuing education for deaf advocates.
- **Wooden It Be Lovely - \$25,000**
To launch the Lovely Product Diversification Program, which will diversify the types of products made by women who are transitioning to a more stable life from abuse and addiction.

This year's awards bring cumulative grantmaking by the group to over \$325,000 since its inception in 2006.

Women for Women Founding Member Susan White served as this year's grant committee chair.

"It is truly special to help further the missions and work of both organizations," White said.

"Being able to unite with fellow Women for Women members and serve on the grant committee is an extremely rewarding and humbling experience. We look forward to continuing to impact the lives of women and children in central Illinois."

Community Foundation Vice President of Programs and Marketing Stacy Reed congratulated this year's grant recipients and the donors who made the awards possible.

"Women for Women was founded to provide women with an opportunity to leverage their contributions for more impact," Reed said. "By connecting with one another and the community, they have become more informed as philanthropists and had a lot of fun along the way. It's a real testament to the power of collective giving."

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 children. *Women for Women* Steering Committee members are Susan White (chair), Terri Benson, Deborah Berman, Sarah Beuning, Julie Krehbiel, Peggy Ryder, and Karen Witter.

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.

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