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## **Women for Women Awards \$40,000 in Local Grants**

*Giving circle's grantmaking has topped \$220,000 in nine years*

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

The 2017 grant awards, totaling \$40,000, were presented to Compass for Kids, Girls on the Run of Central Illinois and The Parent Place:

- **Compass for Kids - \$20,000**  
To add one class of approximately 20 students in grades K-5 to Camp Compass, an academic and enrichment-based summer camp for at-risk and homeless elementary students in Springfield.
- **Girls on the Run of Central Illinois - \$3,000**  
For the purchase of updated curriculum manuals and coach playbooks.
- **The Parent Place - \$17,000**  
To expand the Nurturing Mothers Education and Support program for mothers recently out of the Department of Corrections, Sangamon County jail and/or referred through local court.

Women for Women Founding Member Peggy Ryder served as this year's grant committee chair and reflected on the growth of the giving circle since its first grant award nine years ago.

"By joining together, we have become more thoughtful and engaged philanthropists," said Ryder. "Being a member of Women for Women and serving on the grant committee is an extremely rewarding and humbling experience. You see the great power that can

come from women pooling their resources to make our community a better place to live, and you also get exposed to some of the most critical issues facing local women and children.”

Community Foundation President and CEO John Stremsterfer congratulated this year’s grant recipients and the donors who made the awards possible.

“It is because of Women for Women members and their shared philosophy of collective, community philanthropy that hundreds of local lives have been improved today and for the long-term,” said Stremsterfer. “Women for Women has become an important resource for our community, and the Community Foundation is honored to be able to support the group’s efforts.”

*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 Susan White (chair), Terri Benson, Deborah Berman, Sarah Beuning, Jane Denes, and Peggy Ryder.

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

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