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2006 - 2021

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A Message From the Community Foundation

Fifteen years ago, the Community Foundation of North Central Florida recognized the connection between the success of women and that of their communities, and launched our community's first Women's Giving Circle. The idea was simple, yet innovative: to harness the collective giving of philanthropic women in support of programs by local nonprofits benefiting women and girls – with an emphasis on economic empowerment.

Like Jenny. In 2018, with her marriage ending, this 50-year-old mother of two needed to return to work. Jenny hoped to pick up her career as a registered nurse but had been out of the healthcare field for 18 years. Thanks to a grant from the Giving Circle to the Back to Work 50+ program at Santa Fe College, Jenny completed the CPR certification required for her RN renewal license and updated her computer-skills training. Within months, Jenny was hired as a nurse in a local pediatric practice.

And Tammy. In 2012, this seventh grader was among 13 girls selected for Women's Giving Circle scholarships through the Take Stock in Children program. This meant if Tammy maintained good grades through high school, she would be guaranteed a two-year Florida Prepaid College Scholarship. She did: Six years later Tammy entered her senior year at Buchholz High School with a 3.3 unweighted GPA and 18 college credit hours from dual enrollment at Santa Fe College. Today, she is fulfilling her dream of studying at the University of Florida.

What started as an idea shared in a meeting so many years ago has transformed into a vital source of support for women and girls in Alachua County. Since the Circle's inception, more than 200 local women have made possible more than \$1 million in grants to 40 local nonprofits, ranging from the PACE Center for Girls, Peaceful Paths, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Displaced Homemakers and so many more.

Our mission is simple:

To build a lasting network of women philanthropists, and grant funds to support organizations, programs and initiatives that address the needs of women and girls in our community. And by doing so, help all families here.

The needs are great:

- One in four children in Alachua County lives in poverty.
- Alachua County has the second highest rate of poverty in the state among families headed by women.
- 40 percent of single mothers with one or two children live in poverty in Alachua County.

Through the power of banding together in collective giving, the Women's Giving Circle has helped make a real difference in the lives of the women and girls in our community. We invite you to join us in supporting and sustaining women and girls in Alachua County.

Barzella Papa, CFRE
President & CEO

History of the Giving Circle

In 2006, the female members of the Community Foundation of North Central Florida's Board of Directors launched our community's first Giving Circle. In its inaugural year, 85 women came together to grant funds to support organizations, programs, and initiatives that address the needs of local women and girls and to build a community of female philanthropists. Since its inception, more than 200 women have helped provide more than \$1,000,000 in grants and support to local organizations. Our success has garnered the attention of The New York Times as well as state and local publications.

How It Works

While anyone can contribute anytime, the Women's Giving Circle, under the management of the Community Foundation of North Central Florida, begins its formal campaign each September with a contribution deadline of January 31 of the following year. This deadline provides the Grants Committee an amount to start our grants process. Each February, the Grants Committee begins the evaluation process for the Impact Grant and General Grants before passing the final decision to the entire Giving Circle. By May, members meet to discuss challenges facing women and girls in the community and how each of the grant proposals could potentially make a difference. After the members vote, the Community Foundation's Board of Directors ratifies the decision and distributes the grants. The Women's Giving Circle Leadership Team oversees the entire grantmaking process and membership recruitment.

We Can't Do It Without You!

The Women's Giving Circle needs members to serve on the Grants Committee and Leadership Team. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Giving Circle and the grants process, please email us at office@cfncf.org.

The Women's Giving Circle is open to new members year-round!

Save the Dates

15 Year Kick off Social

Tuesday, October 19
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Drummond Bank: 3833 SW
37th Blvd

Stop by in person or drive
through to receive your
commemorative gift

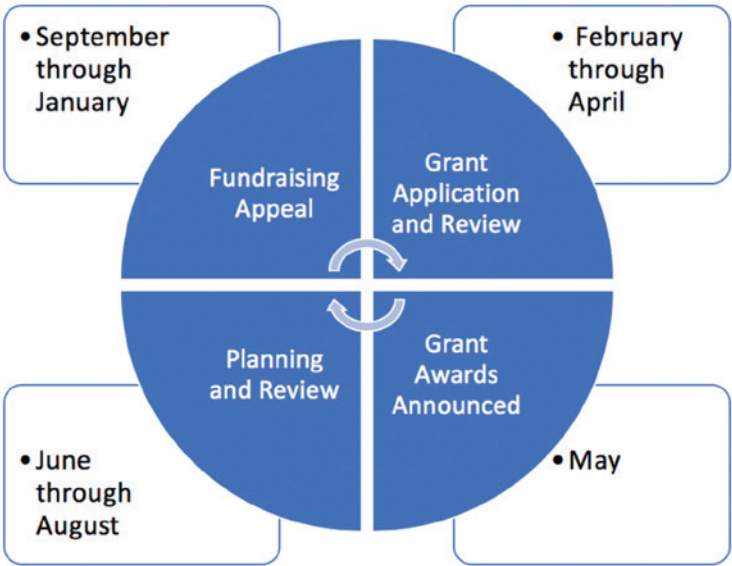
New Donor Reception

Monday, November 15
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Home of Ericka Ryals
Outdoor Courtyard

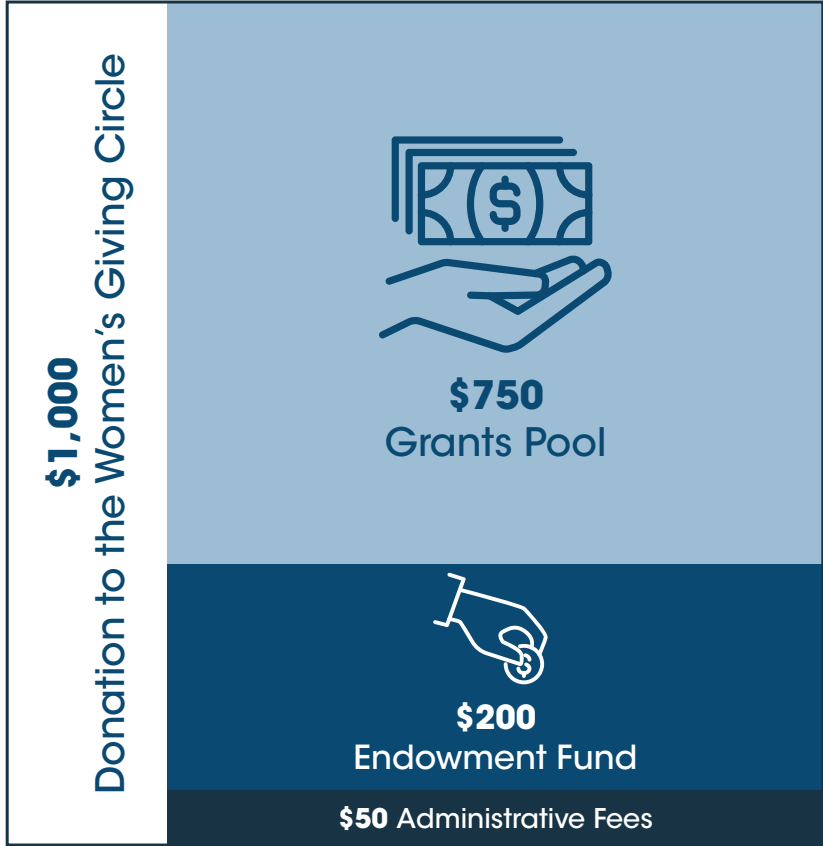
*Stay tuned for details on a
Formal 15 Year Reception
planned for January.*

Women's Giving Circle 101

Thursday, October 28
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
This is for current and potential
donors and will be offered at
two different times.

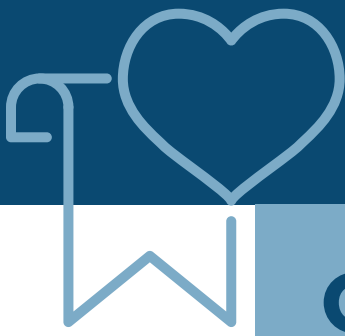


Donation Breakdown



The Community Foundation of North Central Florida handles all communications, convening, grant processing, and financial oversight.

Current Endowment Balance: \$300,000, generating approximately \$15,000 additionally per year for the grant pool



Grants in Action



List of all Donors

Beth Davis
Becky Cato
Ester Tibbs
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 Anne Little*
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 Candy Kendzior
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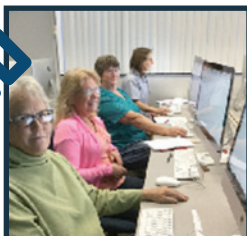
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 Sandra Chance
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 Ashley Fieldman
 Tara Massini
 Yvette Godet
 Kelli Vaudreuill
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 Joanne Edde
 Alison Cannon
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 Stephanie Sutton
 Ali Brighton
 Deborah Magee
 Mary Wimsett
 Nancy Hardt
 Karen Bjornal
 Melissa Rawal

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Grants in Action

Grant Recipients Since Inception	Total
Girl's Place, Inc.	\$120,800.00
Peaceful Paths	\$79,812.00
Girl Scouts of Gateway Council	\$78,000.00
PACE Center for Girls	\$77,218.00
Displaced Homemakers	\$76,500.00
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare	\$64,238.00
Catholic Charities	\$60,086.00
Family Promise	\$60,000.00
The Education Foundation of Alachua County	\$55,000.00
Santa Fe College (RISE)	\$50,000.00
SWAG- SW Advocacy	\$50,000.00
Take Stock in Children	\$35,000.00
GRACE Market Place	\$25,000.00
Women Build	\$19,750.00
ACORN	\$18,200.00
Arbor House, Inc.	\$16,800.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$14,927.00
Partnership for Strong Families	\$12,380.00
United Way	\$10,193.00
Elder Options	\$10,000.00
St. Francis House	\$9,981.00
Cade Museum	\$9,918.00
Kids Count	\$9,000.00
The ARC of Alachua County, Inc.	\$8,700.00
Girls on the Run of Alachua County	\$7,335.00
The Harn Museum	\$7,000.00
UF Mobile Outreach Clinic	\$6,200.00
Alachua County Perinatal Mental Health Coalition	\$5,000.00
Community Research Maps Update	\$5,000.00
Child Advocacy Center	\$4,875.00
Days for Girls	\$4,820.00
Working Food	\$4,600.00
North Central Florida YMCA	\$4,100.00
Alachua County Public Schools Foundation	\$4,000.00
Early Learning Coalition	\$3,000.00
Helping Hands Clininc	\$3,000.00
Southern Scholarship Foundation	\$3,000.00
Santa Fe College (Training Matters)	\$2,626.00
Alachua Habitat for Humanity	\$2,500.00
Dream on Purpose	\$2,500.00
Mommy Reads (UCG)	\$2,500.00
Junior Achievement of Alachua County	\$2,000.00
Junior League	\$1,500.00
Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$1,437.00
Rural Women's Health Project	\$750.00

Back to Work 50+



Back to Work 50+ is a program at Santa Fe College designed to help job seekers who are 50 years of age and older update their skill set and practice interview techniques to help them land a new job in the modern economy. Back To Work 50+ also offers students in the program various networking opportunities, enabling them to feel more comfortable while searching for a new job and getting back into the market.

The Women's Giving Circle provided \$50,000 as seed money for the pilot program for women in 2015

Karen found herself laid off after 27 years of service. "My confidence level was around zero when I entered the Back to Work 50+ classroom for the first time," Karen said. "I truly felt washed up in my career. After participating in the program my confidence level was as high as when I graduated college 30 years ago. It showed too - within weeks of completing the program, I interviewed for a position in my field and received a job offer." Karen secured a full-time position with benefits as an IT programmer for the local school board, where she earns more than \$50,000 annually.

The Women's Giving Circle is one of those organizations where the donors don't know the impact they have made. Women walk into businesses, establishments and places all over the community and have no idea they are interacting with a woman they have fully invested in through a Women's Giving Circle grant. The investments are all over our community.

– Dr. Bea Awoniyi, Santa Fe College



Girls Place

Girls Place empowers girls to grow courageous, strong and self sufficient. They inspire girls to celebrate themselves—their minds, their hearts, and their physical well-being.

Girls Place was one of the first grant recipients in 2006/2007 for the Women's Giving Circle. They were awarded a \$50,000 Impact Grant in 2018 to help expand their building to serve more girls in our community.

The Women's Giving Circle has invested more than \$120,000 in Girls Place over the last 15 years.

The above photo was taken 15 years ago as part of a grant report for the Women's Giving Circle.



The Women's Giving Circle's support for our girls shows us that we aren't alone. We are incredibly grateful for the Women's Giving Circle donors and their investment in our girls.

*- Christi Arrington,
Executive Director
Girls Place*



Peaceful Paths

In 2012, the Women's Giving Circle granted \$25,000 to help with microcrediting through the financial literacy program at Peaceful Paths. Microcredit is the distribution of small dollar loans at a zero percent interest rate to help clients build positive credit, avoid financial crises, or start an emergency savings fund.

To launch, Peaceful Paths worked with the Credit Builder's Alliance for reporting payments to credit bureaus and pulling survivors credit reports and FICO scores for reviewing, repairing and rebuilding credit.

This original grant funding allowed Peaceful Paths to set up 17 Individual Development Accounts, and 11 micro loans in 2012. The funds have continued to support the economic empowerment program. Because the microlending portion is paid back from the client loans, this program has remained self-sustaining. The initial investment of the Women's Giving Circle has perpetuated the program for the last ten years.

The Women's Giving Circle supporting the Peaceful Paths' microlending process has allowed our agency to start and maintain a critical program in our Economic Empowerment work. Credit Repair is a vital step in the path to self-sufficiency for survivors. The Capital Grant provided the initial investment in Credit Builder's Alliance, and the seed money for the original microlending funds that we still use today. The ability to loan small amounts of money for immediate needs, in conjunction with existing financial assistance means that our agency can help a family overcome an obstacle that could prevent achieving employment, housing, and transportation. By supporting our project in this way, the Women's Giving Circle has been a key partner in serving 166 families in the past five years, and will serve hundreds more in the years to come. This impact cannot be overstated, and they have truly saved lives and created change!

**-Dr. Theresa Beachy
Executive Director Peaceful Paths**

Become a

LIFETIME LEGACY MEMBER

Establish a \$25,000 endowed donor advised fund at the Community Foundation and your fund will forever support the Women's Giving Circle.

Let this fund generate your annual \$1,000 gift plus you will be able to give direct grants to your favorite charitable organizations.

Thank you to our founding Lifetime Legacy Members: Sheila Dickison, Nancy Perry and Kay Ayers.

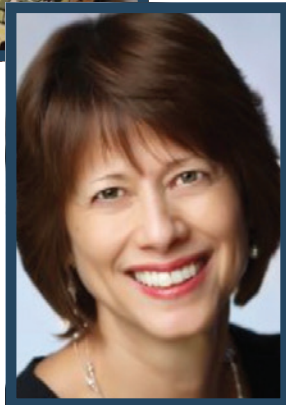
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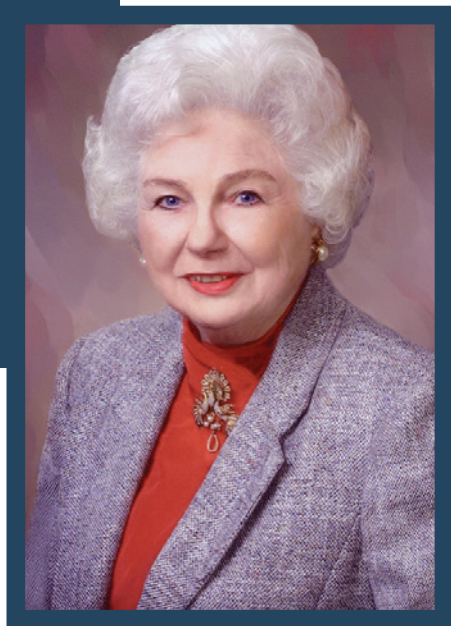
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Honoring the life and legacy of Vam York



Mrs. York was an Emeritus Board Member at the Community Foundation. She was also a founding member of the Women's Giving Circle.

In 2015 Vam and her husband, the late Dr. E.T. York, were honored as recipients of the Donor Award at the Community Foundation's annual Legacy Awards. Upon her death in 2021, Vam left a \$50,000 bequest to the Women's Giving Circle Endowment Fund. This gift will help continue to build the permanent fund to support women and girls in our community.

Please reach out to Barzella Papa at b.papa@cfncf.org to learn how you can leave a lasting legacy for women and girls in our community through a planned gift for the Women's Giving Circle.

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