

2012



Annual Report

\$60,000 Impact Grant to Ozanam Family Shelter

Each year, our wonderful group of women gather at our annual meeting to celebrate another successful year and to reward four organizations that have shown an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of women and children throughout Vanderburgh County.

The philanthropic spirit that runs through each of our members enabled our organization to grant more money in 2012 than ever before. We were able to award a grand total of \$75,000, with the winning organization receiving \$60,000 and the other three organizations each receiving \$5,000.



Kim Hale (right), gives an emotional account of her time at Ozanam during the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Ozanam Family Shelter

By the end of the night, the organization that was voted as most deserving of our \$60,000 Impact Grant, was Ozanam Family Shelter. The other three organizations, Evansville Arc, Lampion Center, and the YWCA, each received \$5,000.

Ozanam Family Shelter, among a host of other services, provides emergency shelter to homeless families and single women. They currently have the capacity to serve 17 families and six single women.



Members of the Women's Fund stand with staff of Ozanam Family Shelter as they accept a check for \$60,000.

2012 Impact Grant

The project being funded by our Impact Grant will address the unmet needs of families housed at the shelter, as well as upgrading the facility itself.

In two short years, Ozanam will complete a dramatic revitalization that will improve the standard of living and the quality of care for each of their residents.

Among other renovations, this project will enable Ozanam to

- Replace mold-infested drywall in six rooms
- Replace worn carpet with more durable laminate flooring
- Purchase two washers and dryers
- Purchase 25 new mattresses and box springs
- Replace dated A/C units with central heating and air
- Renovate storage space, increasing capacity to serve 5 additional families.

Ozanam will update the progress of their project during our 2013 annual meeting.

For more information about Ozanam Family Shelter, please visit their website at www.ofsevv.org.

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Update: Ark Crisis Child Care Center



On November 10, 2011, the generous spirit of our wonderful group of women enabled us to award the \$55,000 Impact Grant to Ark Crisis Child Care Center. At this year's Annual Meeting, Angie Richards Cooley, the Executive Director of Ark, gave an update of the facility's planned expansion, which included an architectural blueprint of the project which is scheduled to break ground in early 2013.

This grant will allow Ark to expand the number of



Angie Richards Cooley

Ark Crisis Child Care Center

classrooms and increase the capacity of the Center. Classrooms are designed with children in mind. Each room has a collection of age appropriate materials such as educational toys, games, books, music and art. Classroom projects are specifically designed to enhance each child's creativity, socialization skills and self-worth.

Ark offers free, short-term child care for kids age six weeks through six years old whose families are in crisis. This care is offered Monday through Friday, year-round. They also provide a safe environment for children and a resource for parents to help them alleviate the stress in their lives.

All breakfasts, lunches, and snacks are provided for each child in their care. Formula, baby food, and diapers are provided for those in need. Each child receives loving interaction from early childhood professionals and when families find themselves in distress, they can find help at Ark.

The Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County is proud to work with an organization such as the Ark Crisis Child Care Center and look forward to the dramatic changes during the upcoming year.

For updates on this project and for more information, please visit www.arkcrisis.org.

Support Our
Grant Finalists

The Women's Fund encourages fund members and others to learn more about our 2012 grant finalists.



Evansville Arc
812.471.1633

www.evansvillearc.org



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www.lampioncenter.com



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www.ofsevv.org



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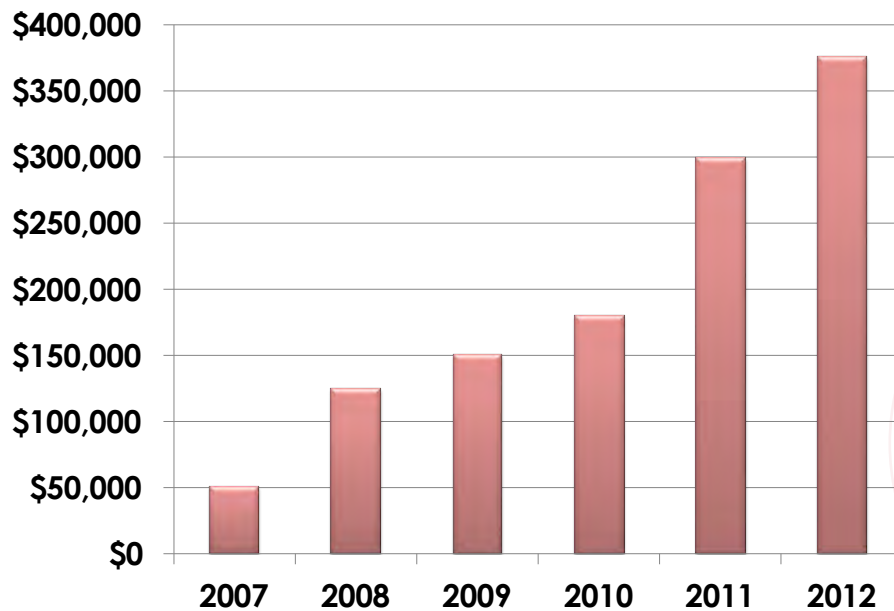
Report on Endowment

Thanks to the continued contributions to the Women's Fund, the endowment continued to grow even in the recent economic downturn. Since the first contribution was made in January 2007, the endowment has grown to more than \$376,000.

The graph below shows how we have grown. Distributions from the endowment fund increase the amount we grant out each year. The first distribution of \$533 at the end of FY08 was included in the 2009 grant. This year, a distribution

of nearly \$10,000 from the endowment is part of the amount that was awarded at the 2012 annual meeting.

Endowments are funds that are kept in perpetuity for the benefit of a charitable cause. The Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County is a fund of the Vanderburgh Community Foundation (VCF). As a member of the Community Foundation Alliance (CFA), the funds are pooled and invested along with other endowments from nine counties in southwestern Indiana.



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Individual Membership: Your contribution of \$1,000 (or more) will allow you one full vote for the nonprofit organization of your choice at the Women's Fund annual meeting.

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Supporter: Supporters are people who believe in the mission of the Women's Fund but are unable to participate as a voting member. Contributions of any amount are welcome at any time from women and men.

Ways to Give:

Automatic Debit: Your bank will automatically transfer the amount you authorize on the date(s) you request, allowing you to spread your gift over the course of the year.

Check or Credit Card: Send your check to the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County, 401 SE 6th Street, Suite 203, Evansville, IN 47713. Or use a credit card online at www.womensfundvc.org or by calling 422-1245.

Employer Match: Don't forget to ask your employer about matching your contribution, effectively doubling your gift to the Women's Fund.

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