



Women's Giving Circle members, Whitney Sanger with her daughter Evelyn, Marge Herrig and Kristie Arthofer

Together We Share | We Build | We Give Women's Giving Circle

"We each started out by sharing a story of a woman who inspired us to be generous," recalls Marge Herrig. "It was so amazing hearing each person's story that I knew right then that this was for me."

This was the genesis of the Community Foundation's Circle. Ten years later, Marge is still an active member and regularly attends events along with her daughter Kristie Arthofer and granddaughter Whitney Sanger. The Circle is now more than 100 women strong, with members representing a broad range of ages, professions, income levels and charitable interests.

"The more we gather, the more enthusiastic we get," says Kristie. "These women just genuinely care; they want to know about you and they want to empower you—and it makes you want to do the same."

Our Mission

Share the joy of giving.

Build the ethic of living generously for future generations.

Help members address the most important needs in our community — together.

What We Do

We have two meetings per year to award grants, celebrate our impact and enjoy each other's company. We also host opportunities throughout the year to learn about community issues and introduce prospective members to our group.

Make An Impact

We annually invite nonprofits working in our region to submit grant applications. Members who serve on our grantmaking committee research community issues, accept and review grant applications, and make funding decisions. Grants are awarded to organizations whose programs and services promote self-sufficiency for women and their families.

48 grants awarded since 2006

\$125,000 granted to nonprofits since 2006

Become A Member

We invite all to join us at any giving level. Typically, members give a gift of \$250 per year to our endowment. These gifts are invested, ensuring that the endowment will continue to support local organizations serving women and children — forever.

Members also are recognized at the following levels:

Founding Member: initially contributed \$1,000 to create the Women's Giving Circle Endowment and continues to give annually

Sustaining Member: has given a minimum of \$1,000 (over time) and continues to give annually

Member Benefits

- Be as engaged as your schedule permits and in ways that are meaningful to you — there are no monthly meetings.
- Participate in the grantmaking process: Review grant applications and make funding decisions.
- Enjoy events and meet others with a shared vision of improving the lives of women and children.
- Make a greater impact with your giving through resources pooled in the Women's Giving Circle Endowment.*

*Gifts made to the Women's Giving Circle Endowment are eligible for the Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit.

Get Involved



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