



WOMEN'S FUND
of Miami-Dade County

2009 GRANTMAKING PROGRAMS

**Women's Fund of Miami-Dade
funds organizations and programs
within Miami-Dade County that are
committed to creating long-term
gender, racial, economic and
social justice.**

Women's Fund of Miami-Dade believes that all women and girls have the right to equality, safety, opportunity and self-determination in every aspect of their lives. Since 1993, as the only grantmaker in Miami-Dade County dedicated to funding gender-specific projects, Women's Fund has provided more than 300 grants to a wide range of innovative programs that all have one thing in common: they provide women and girls the skills and resources necessary to thrive.

Women's Fund of Miami-Dade recognizes that there is an indisputable connection between poverty, low self-esteem, inadequate healthcare, job access, domestic violence, sexual assault... and being female. To address these inadequacies, we fund, nurture and advocate on behalf of programs that are preventative, confront discrimination, promote leadership and foster economic self-sufficiency.

Women's Fund of Miami-Dade connects our grantee partners with one another and also with our donors. These relationships foster a greater understanding of the needs and opportunities that exist in our community.

Women's Fund 2009 Grantmaking Programs

WOMEN OF COLOR-LED REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE

Women's Fund, along with seven other funds/foundations nationwide, is part of a historic matching grant pilot program that brings new funding and attention to women of color-led organizations engaged in reproductive justice work. With a belief that women who are directly impacted by reproductive injustice must be at the center of any effort to transform the systems that impact their lives, Women's Fund is partnering with the Tides Foundation Catalyst Fund to build a strong Reproductive Justice movement. The Tides Foundation Catalyst Fund matched all donations received in 2008 in support of this initiative. Organizations awarded grants address a broad spectrum of issues that create better lives for women, healthier families and sustainable communities.

Advocate Program, Inc.

\$25,000 to support Bridging Families' establishment of the "Parent Advocacy Program," which mobilize survivors of domestic violence to advocate for their rights to keep and raise their children.

Funding Partners: Young/Legal Professionals RAISE THE BAR and Tides Foundation

Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami

\$25,000 to document the barriers to affordable housing faced by low-income immigrant families.

Funding will also support implementation of a cervical cancer self-sampling screening program for women in Little Haiti.

Funding Partner: Tides Foundation

Florida Breast Health Initiative

\$10,000 to conduct a door-to-door outreach campaign that provides free breast health education and a mobile mammography van to low-income minority neighborhoods.

Grant Underwriter: The Carlo & Micòl Schejola Foundation *in memory of Judy Gordon*

Mi-LOLA (Miami Latinas Organizing for Legislative Advocacy)

\$2,500 to improve access to reproductive health services for all women of color through coordinated partnerships with activists and local, national, and international organizations.

Funding Partner: Tides Foundation

Miami Worker's Center

\$15,000 to engage low-income women in Liberty City and Wynwood around the issue of reproductive hazards posed by poor housing

conditions so that they can influence policy decisions regarding their homes and communities.
Funding Partner: Tides Foundation

National Farmworker Ministry

\$20,000 to educate women workers in the agricultural industry about the specific dangers of pesticide exposure for women and empower them to exercise their rights as workers.

Funding Partner: Tides Foundation

Sahara of South Florida

\$11,250 to implement "Chai-Chats," a series of small dialogues about reproductive health for women in South Florida's Asian communities who are victims of domestic abuse.

Funding Partners: Lalita & Dar Airan and Tides Foundation

South Florida Jobs With Justice

\$20,000 to create an intensive leadership development program for low-wage working women in Miami that will enable them to achieve higher paying jobs.

Funding Partners: Ethel and W. George Kennedy Family Foundation and Tides Foundation

Unite for Dignity

\$20,000 for "The Women Workers Project," which will organize women workers in the cleaning and caring professions to improve their working conditions and assist them in obtaining critical information about their rights.

Funding Partners: The Friedman-Klarreich Family Foundation, Judy Chorlog, and Tides Foundation

COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING

The following organizations are receiving direct funding from Women's Fund in 2009.

Arts for Social Justice

Organizations highlighted in blue use art and creative expression as a means to achieve social justice and self-discovery for women and girls.

Economic Empowerment

Organizations highlighted in green provide low-income women and at-risk girls with the resources they need to live financially secure lives.

Freedom From Violence

Organizations highlighted in mustard are committed to reducing all forms of violence against women and girls and work towards improving our community's response to survivors of violence.

Girls' Programs

Organizations highlighted in rose address the unique needs of low-income and at-risk girls in our community.

Health

Organizations highlighted in purple provide access to high quality, accurate health information and services.

Leadership Development

Organizations highlighted in peach provide opportunities for women and girls to become leaders as individuals, community advocates and workers.

ArtSpring

\$7,500 for "Inside Out", an expressive arts program for incarcerated women and girls in detention that develops skills for successful re-entry into the community.

Funding Partners: M. Victoria Cummock and Debi Hoffman

Camillus House

\$10,000 for the "Emotional, Social, and Health Enhancement Program," which assists homeless women in achieving self sufficiency by addressing their basic survival needs in a private and dignified manner and then bringing them into a comprehensive continuum of care.

Funding Partners: Sue & Doug Gallagher and Jodi & Bob Dickinson

Carrfour Supportive Housing

\$5,000 to fund the "Blooming Roses" program, which helps formerly homeless women shift

their focus from individualism and survival to proactive and positive relationship-building in the community.

Casa Valentina

\$10,000 to provide girls who have aged out of foster care with the skills and resources they need to have a successful transition to independent living.

Grant Underwriter: M. Victoria Cummock

Catholic Legal Services

\$10,000 to provide immigrant women who are living in abusive situations with free legal assistance in obtaining residency, work permits or citizenship without needing sponsorship from their abusers.

Grant Underwriter: Young/Legal Professionals
RAISE THE BAR

Challenging Christian Women

\$2,500 for "Sister to Sister," which provides at-risk adolescent and teenage girls in Liberty City with the tools they need to live responsibly and meet the challenges of their daily lives.

DIVAS

\$7,500 to teach journalism to African-American teenage girls who then publish *Shenique*, a magazine and website that provides a positive alternative to the negative self-fulfilling stereotypes about women perpetrated by today's media.

Funding Partners: The Helliwell Family Foundation and Melanie & Klein Merriman

Educate Tomorrow

\$5,000 to provide "The Girls Leadership Project," a three-week education course followed by a year-long program that connects girls in foster care who are approaching age 18 with mentors who assist them in managing the college/vocational school application and scholarship/financial aid processes.

Grant Underwriter: Rosalind Ludwig Children's Foundation

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center

\$10,000 to continue "Nou Kab," a program that empowers Haitian immigrant women and girls who are victims of domestic violence by helping them apply for legal status and obtain work permits without the sponsorship of their abusers.

Funding Partners: Greenberg Traurig LLP, The Ethel and Harry Reckson Foundation and Sue & Doug Gallagher

GEMS (Girls Educated and Motivated for Success)

\$10,000 to continue an after-school mentoring, enrichment and tutoring program for at-risk teenage girls that concentrates on educational and vocational success. The program focuses on sending 100% of its girls to higher education and has expanded in recent years to three sites including North Miami Beach Senior High, Miami Edison Senior High and Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High.

Grant Underwriter: NCJW-TEENS

Haitian Neighborhood Center, Sant La

\$5,000 to provide financial literacy and asset development training, free income tax preparation and financial counseling for low-income Haitian women.

Grant Underwriter: Wachovia Foundation

Hands 2 Help

\$10,000 for "Passage to Womanhood," a program that teaches at-risk teenage girls in Liberty City etiquette, grooming, financial management, career skills and job readiness so that they can go on to college or higher education and become mature self-sufficient young adults. The program is provided to teenagers who are in foster care, have been abandoned by their families, are runaways, or have discipline problems.

Grant Underwriter: NCJW-TEENS

Kristi House

\$7,500 to continue the "Commercial Sexual Exploitation Prevention Program," a youth-led empowerment and awareness program that prevents the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Funding Partners: M. Victoria Cummock, Wm R. Myers Family Foundation and Sue & Doug Gallagher

Lawyers for Children America

\$4,000 to pair dependent teenage girls in the juvenile justice system with pro bono female attorneys who will act as counsel, advocate and mentor.

Lotus House at Sundari Foundation

\$8,500 to provide formerly homeless women residing at Lotus House with culinary and food preparation skills and certification that will enable them to obtain entry level positions in the restaurant and hospitality industries.

Funding Partners: Wachovia Foundation and CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women)

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

\$5,000 for "Teaching Girls on the Edge," a program that trains teachers who work with high-risk girls in alternative public schools.

Grant Underwriter: Edward S. Moore Family Foundation

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

\$10,000 to fund the establishment of "Breaking Free" at Young Women's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at J.R.E. Lee Opportunity School, an alternative school for high-risk teen girls that is part of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Breaking Free is an after-school arts program that uses dance, theatre, visual art, writing, and meditation as therapeutic tools for personal development. Grant Underwriter: NCJW – Teens

MUJER

\$5,000 for "Nosotras Viviremos," a HIV/AIDS prevention program that educates Latina women and their teen daughters on sexuality, reproductive health, effective communication, and sex negotiation to reduce risky behaviors

National Coalition of 100 Black Women

\$5,000 to continue "Just Us Girls," a mentoring program that empowers at-risk girls to make positive life decisions through exposure to education and career opportunities, role models and discussion groups. Funding Partners: Macy's, Inc. and the Rosalind Ludwig Children's Foundation

Planned Parenthood

\$12,500 to engage more young women of color in the legislative process by developing their leadership, advocacy and lobbying skills. The project will take a group of girls to Tallahassee to lobby on issues of reproductive rights and reproductive education. Funding Partner: Anonymous

Pridelines Youth Services

\$5,000 to fund "Into the ARTS," a multi-genre arts program for Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning youth ages 13-20 that uses art and creativity to break the isolation that places this population at a higher risk for drug addiction, homelessness, school truancy, harassment, and suicide. Grant Underwriter: Bonnie & Jamie Schaefer Family Foundation, Inc.

Sister Love

\$6,000 for the "Achieving Sisters Program," which takes a holistic approach to providing prevention services, intervention, behavior modification and self-esteem enhancement for girls at Holmes Elementary. Grant Underwriter: Rosalind Ludwig Children's Foundation

Suited For Success

\$6,500 for "Barbara's Girls," a program that eliminates the barriers to employability faced by older teenage girls in the foster-care system by providing them with the pre-employment and interview skills necessary to successfully secure and retain employment including interviewing techniques, appropriate job attire, workplace etiquette, business ethics and job retention skills. Funding Partners: CREW-Miami (Commercial Real Estate Women) and Ellaine Honig

Thelma Gibson Health Initiative

\$10,000 for "The Coconut Grove Girls Group," a program that is breaking the cycle of poverty by providing education, counseling, mentoring, and cultural enrichment to at-risk girls in the West Grove. Grant Underwriter: Sara Oren/The Yulman Foundation

Thomas Armour Youth Ballet

\$6,500 to continue four highly successful classical ballet outreach training programs for economically disadvantaged and minority girls. The long-term goal of the project is to expose the girls to new options and opportunities beyond their current limitations. They offer the free classes five days a week during the school year and the summer in the West Grove, Morningside, Homestead and the Redlands. Funding Partner: M. Victoria Cummock

Urgent

\$7,500 to provide teenage girls in Overtown, Liberty City and Little Haiti with opportunities to increase self-esteem and build a resume through skills and entrepreneurship training, field trips and paid summer work internships. Funding Partners: Ethel and W. George Kennedy Family Foundation and Amelia Balonek & Faquiry Diaz

Women's Emergency Network

\$12,500 to provide indigent and low-income women with reproduction counseling, unbiased discussion of options, referrals and one-time medical care when they have a compelling need to terminate a pregnancy and have exhausted all other options.

Funding Partners: The Ethel and Harry Reckson Foundation and Anonymous

YES Institute

\$5,000 for the "Course Leader Apprentice Program," which provides communication and leadership development to young lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women so that they can take on leadership roles in the community, facilitate educational workshops on communication, gender, and orientation, and protect other gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth in our community.

Grant Underwriter: Bonnie & Jamie Schaefer Family Foundation, Inc.

THE PORTRAIT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN MIAMI-DADE RECOMMENDED GRANTS

In 2008, Women's Fund embarked on a groundbreaking project of research, documentation and analysis of the lives of women and girls in Miami-Dade County. The first module of the Portrait – Women's Economic Security – published in Winter 2009 yielded findings that led us to support the following organizations.

Alliance for Early Care & Education

\$5,000 to form "The Early Learning Advocacy Network," which will build the first of its kind women-led grassroots coalition in support of high quality early childhood education.

Honey Shine Mentoring Program

\$7,000 to assist low-income and at-risk teenage girls in developing and implementing a plan for their futures that includes preparation for college/vocational school.

Funding Partner: Macy's, Inc.

ITWomen

\$5,000 for their "Role Model Speakers Program," which encourages female students to pursue careers in Technology by providing exposure to successful female IT Professionals as speakers and mentors. IT Women also provides college scholarships to young women pursuing higher education in this field.

Grant Underwriter: The Friedman-Klarreich Family Foundation

Partners For Self-Employment

\$10,000 to provide female-headed households and their children with financial literacy training. Their research has shown that when children are included and come to realize the benefits of savings and making responsible spending choices, their mothers are more likely to achieve savings goals.

Grant Underwriter: Braman Family Foundation

Redlands Christian Migrant Association

\$8,000 to provide childcare for low-income Hispanic migrant women while they attend free GED preparation, ESOL, computer literacy and job skills classes.

Funding Partners: Bank of America and Carlos & Pamela Rodriguez

2009 Technical Assistance and Training Program

The Technical Assistance and Training program runs complementary to the Women's Fund Community Grants program to provide all Grantee Partners with the resources, expertise and training they need to achieve their proposed goals. Quarterly, in a Roundtable setting, Grantee Partners convene and present to one another their best practices and strategies for serving women/girls in their smaller communities around Miami-Dade. Because of the relationships fostered at these roundtables, more than half of past Women's Fund Grantee Partners have expanded geographically into other areas of the county; are sharing resources and knowledge regularly and have strengthened the referral network of services for all women and girls.

As part of this program, Grantee Partners and the larger non-profit community (who work with women and girls) receive unlimited technical assistance, mentoring, access to referrals for clients and employees professional development, access to other funding sources, and trainings in topics such as fundraising, grantwriting, non-profit financial management, and more.

Judith Gordon Volunteer Management Fund

Judy Gordon was a treasured volunteer for the Women's Fund of Miami-Dade for many years. When she died of ovarian cancer in 2008, Women's Fund and Judy's friends established the Judith Gordon Volunteer Management Fund to provide volunteers in the community with meaningful opportunities to contribute their time and talent. In 2009, this Fund will support management of the 2010 Grant Selection Committee, special event volunteers, office volunteers, and will link volunteers to our Grantee Partners' programs.

WOMEN'S FUND OF MIAMI-DADE is a catalyst for social change and economic justice with the goal of creating a community where all women and girls reach their full potential.

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