Established in 1999 with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, Women for Good (formerly Women in Philanthropy) grants to nonprofit organizations changing the lives of women and girls every year through the Women’s Fund endowment. Women for Good was established with a $50,000 donation from local philanthropist, Pauline Barrett, who saw a vision and purpose for this program. For over 20 years, through membership dues and donations, the Women’s Fund endowment has granted over $135,000 to programs and projects impacting women and girls. The need continues to grow.

70% of Iowa’s female-headed households struggle for economic security.


40% are living in poverty


30% do not earn enough to support their basic living expenses
THE GAP
The Women’s Fund is an endowed fund which means its impacts are forever. To ensure the fund fulfills its purpose, only a percentage of the interest is granted and the rest is invested to grow and create greater impacts. Currently, the fund is granting approximately $20,000* per year to nonprofits supporting women and girls. This graph shows the gap between requests and the amount granted in 2019.

2019
Women’s Fund
Grantmaking
Gap

$162,732
$23,408*

The Women’s Fund
Grantmaking Gap

*includes additional dollars from Women for Good operations fund

THE CAMPAIGN
Significant growth of the Women’s Fund endowment is crucial to make lasting impacts in Black Hawk County. Our goal is to grow the fund to $1 million to provide a $40,000 grant opportunity. To accomplish this, we have secured $75,000 in matching funds from generous donors who care about the women in our community. All gifts to the Women’s Fund will be matched dollar for dollar until funds are gone.

$75,000 IN MATCHING GIFT FUNDS AVAILABLE

Your gift to the Women’s Fund Matching Gift Campaign will more than double grant dollars available to award to nonprofits providing critical programs to women and girls in Black Hawk County.

When barriers are removed and opportunities opened to them, women and girls thrive and our community wins.

Dominique found courage to escape an emotionally and mentally abusive relationship, finding herself without a home for her and her children in the process. Then she found House of Hope, a Women’s Fund grantee.

At House of Hope, Dominique found a home and support that helped her become self-sufficient. Today, her children are thriving and so is she, providing for her family with a great job and a grateful heart.

“It brings joy to my heart to wake my kids from their own beds and tell them I have to go to work. I’m my own person and I made it better for me and my kids. I feel like I’m a success story.”

DOMINIQUE, FORMER HOUSE OF HOPE CLIENT

Enclosed is my check for $________________________

Name______________________________________________

Address_____________________________________________

City/State/Zip ________________________________________

Phone ______________________________________________

Email ________________________________________________

My gift is made in honor/memory of: _______________________

Make checks payable to “Women’s Fund.”

Please send checks to:
Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa
3117 Greenhill Circle
Cedar Falls, IA 50313

Gifts can also be made on our secure webpage at fund.cfneia.org/womensfund.

☐ I would like information about additional giving opportunities such as stock gifts, retirement assets, etc.

☐ I would like to learn more about leaving a gift in our will or estate plan.