

CIRCLE CONVERSATIONS

The women of the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund giving circles met the morning of October 13 to review grant applications and select projects to fund. The two giving circles granted a combined \$52,511.43, with the Women's Giving Circle awarding \$46,711.43 to eight organizations and the Circle of Friends Giving Circle awarding \$5,800 to four.

Women's Giving Circle Grants

- **Coffeyville Regional Medical Center Foundation** will purchase vitals machines and portable jaundice meter to better serve women patients at CRMC.
- **CHC/SEK** will purchase a transcutaneous bilirubin monitor for post-nursery management of newborns.
- **Fostering Connections** will match 16-to-21-year-old young ladies with a positive role model as they transition out of foster care.
- **Kansas Angels Among Us** will help cancer patients with financial needs.
- **Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters** will host an event for Big and Little Sister matches that focuses on the beauty that radiates from within!

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Coming Up

2023

- **November 28:** Match Day*

2024

- **January:** Next *Circle Conversations*
- **April:** New *Circle Conversations*
- **May:** Coffee & Conversations with grant recipient TBA
- **July:** New *Circle Conversations*
- **August:** Annual membership contributions due!
- **September:** 2024 grant applications available



Women's Health Fund 2023 Grant Review

Left: Members of the Women's Health Fund pose during the 2023 grant review at CFSEK.

*Match Day is 11/28

2023 Grants (cont.)

- **Labette Health Foundation** mobile carts to house fetal-heart monitors.
- **St. Mary's Colgan Catholic Schools** will purchase curricular items for use in Lifespan Development, Early Childhood, and Parenting courses.
- **Wildcat Extension Education Foundation** will provide basic cooking supplies to women exiting Safehouse Crisis Center.

Circle of Friends Giving Circle Grants

- **Cherokee County Health Department** will purchase first-aid and CPR training materials for community members.
- **Four County Mental Health Center** will reward mothers with free diapers and wipes for engaging in healthy behaviors.
- **Inspire Health Foundation** will host a health-career day for high-school girls.
- **Special Olympics Kansas** will host meetings and special events to educate athletes on accessing local healthcare resources.

Congratulations to all this year's grant recipients, and thank you for everything you do for the women and girls of SEK!



CFSEK is offering \$70,000 to 43 local organizations with endowments at CFSEK, and the Women's Health Fund's Nightingale Endowment is included! The Nightingale Endowment supports future technology enhancements at the Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing Simulation Hospital at Pittsburg State University. Visit **SEKGives.org** for more information!

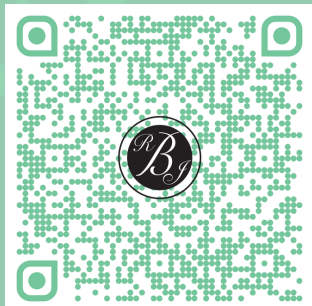
Why I Joined

I was raised in a home of helping others. As a small child I saved money to donate to a church children's fund. Now as an adult I see the power of pooling my money with other women who have similar interests in helping other women during challenging times in Southeast Kansas.

Belonging to the RJB Women's Health Fund is a great opportunity to see firsthand the impact the grants we give have made on the individuals and organizations we support. Giving is more fun when we do it together with a great group of women right here in Southeast Kansas!

Lyndee Wilkinson

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