

CIRCLE CONVERSATIONS

Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund members met at the Wilkinson Alumni Center on Tuesday, October 22, to review nonprofit applications and recommend grant awards. The two giving circles granted a combined \$59,205, with the Women's Giving Circle awarding \$51,705 to nine organizations and the Circle of Friends Giving Circle awarding \$7,500 to four.

Women's Giving Circle Grants

- **Angels Among Us** will provide financial assistance to cancer patients.
- **Cherokee County Health Dept.** will provide alternative menstrual products to Cherokee County women.
- **Coffeyville Regional Medical Center Foundation** will purchase a new fetal-monitor system.
- **CHC/SEK** will acquire ultrasound equipment to train students to provide prenatal care.
- **Fostering Connections** will provide college care packages for young women aging out of foster care.
- **Horses of Hope Riding Center** will develop the Georgia Becker Memorial Trail.

Coming Up

- **December 3:** CFSEK Match Day 2024*
- **January, April, July, November 2025:** *New Circle Conversations*
- **September 2025:** WHF grant applications accepted; annual donations due
- **October 2025:** Grant-review meeting

Plus: Stay tuned for details on upcoming WHF Coffee & Conversation events!

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WHF Annual Grant Review Meeting

At right, members of the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund giving circles pose for a photo during the 2024 grant-review meeting.



2024 grants (cont.)

- **Hospital District 1 Crawford County Foundation** will purchase an ultrasound system for the Girard Medical Center clinic in Frontenac.
- **Safehouse** will provide essential household items to help women survivors of domestic violence.
- **Wilson Medical Center Foundation** will provide free mammograms to 10 uninsured women age 40 and up.

Circle of Friends Grants

- **Catholic Charities** will provide furniture and household items to women survivors of domestic violence.
- **Families and Children Together** will host "Mom's Night Out" events to help mothers manage stress and promote good mental health.
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Four States** will provide specialized nursing kits to support mothers with babies in the NICU.
- **SEK Women Helping Women** will provide funding for dental-care services to women.

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 \$100,000 to match community donations to 42 endowments benefiting local organizations, 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!

***Match Day is Dec. 3**

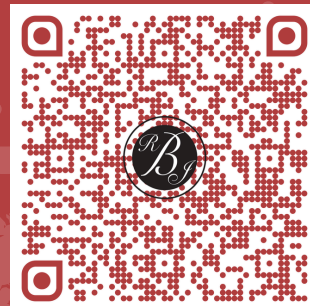
Excerpt from a Thank-You

I know Rita would be pleased to see her vision has continued to be fulfilled by those who knew her and understand what she hoped to accomplish and those new to the Circle, who are contributing to her legacy.

*Rita told me early on that she wanted to see women helping women, especially those who were disadvantaged or lacked access to care. **Thank you for making that possible every day through your support.***

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