

Grants Awarded
2002-2009

104 Grants Total as of 12/18/09

**A Cup of Joy Resource Center
Polished**

Demonstration 2002 (\$2,500)

A Cup of Joy strives "to provide resources designed to strengthen, encourage and enlarge the borders of single-parent families." "Polished," a program that provides computer training and professional, social, and dining introductory workshops for employed or soon-to-be employed single mothers, will increase the self-esteem, earning capacity, employment opportunities, and stability of its graduates.

**Action for Children
Advocating for Universal Licensing of Family Child Care Businesses**

Fall 2005 (\$10,000)

This program will advocate for universal Licensing of all Family Child Care Businesses in the state of Ohio. Action for Children will engage a diversity of stakeholders to build advocacy momentum. Ohio is one of only 5 states in the U.S. that does not require licensing for all family child care businesses.

**Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design (ACCAD) at the Ohio State University
Digital Animation: A Mentoring Program for Young Women**

Spring 2004 (\$10,000)

This project is a summer workshop for high school women in which participants investigate technology through the creative applications of computer-generated animation and web media. In this collaborative effort between ACCAD and the Columbus Public Schools Arts and Communications Academies, approximately two-thirds of the participants come from Columbus Public Schools.

**Amethyst, Inc.
Changing Lives, Changing the Market**

Fall 2008 (\$10,000)

Supported Employment (SE) will provide immediate access to vocational support, rapid job search, and gainful employment for women recovering from addiction. This program advocates for social change through shifts in critical mass by engaging the local business community in a stigma reduction effort and through shifts in policy at the state level to reduce employment barriers for recovering women.

**Art for a Child's Safe America Foundation (ArtSafe)
Pass It On: A Caged Bird**

Fall 2007 (\$10,000)

ArtSafe is currently creating a Facilitators' Guide that will help out-of-school or institutional youth programs make use of our publication, A Caged Bird, written by female juvenile inmates at the Ohio Reformatory for Women. Activities in the Guide help develop literacy skills in participant-readers as they examine the art and literature of their peers; prior to publication, Guide activities will be pilot tested with young women incarcerated in the juvenile and adult corrections systems. To increase its scope and use in the wider community, the Guide will be marketed to Ohio organizations that wish to incorporate an arts-based, violence prevention component into their programming specifically for at-risk adolescent girls.

**Be WISE (Women in Science Education)
Be WISE (Women In Science Education) Math/Science Day Camp**

Fall 2006 (\$2,075)

The Be WISE (Women In Science Education) Math/Science Day Camp, an extension of the current Be WISE Math/Science Camp, is open to girls who will enter sixth grade in the fall of 2007. The program is designed to foster their interest, motivation, and self-confidence as they pursue the study of math and science. The teacher-created, developmentally appropriate curricula address varied learning styles through hands-on activities and real-life problem solving.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio Union County Program *Fall 2006 (\$10,000)*
Moms Offering Mentoring Support (M.O.M.S.) in Union County *Fall 2005 (\$10,000)*

M.O.M.S. in Union County is a mentoring program that will match experienced moms with pregnant girls and young moms in need of support. Mentors will provide friendship and support as well as coaching in child care and basic life skills. Monthly group activities and training will cover topics such as: nutrition, child development, parenting, and community resources. This is the second M.O.M.S. program established in Central Ohio, illustrating that our community has become increasingly engaged in the issues addressed by this program and indicating the potential for long term social change

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County, Inc. *Fall 2004 (\$9,860)*
Grand Bigs

A new initiative that pairs at-risk preschool girls with women role models in a classroom setting to encourage a love of learning and promote positive social skills at an early age.

Capital University *Fall 2008 (\$5,000)*
Girls Reaching Out to Women in Science (G.R.O.W.S.)

G.R.O.W.S. is an innovative program at Capital University that began in 2000 to engage girls from middle schools in the Columbus City Schools district who have expressed an interest in science and math. G.R.O.W.S. pairs these students with women students at Capital who act as mentors and role models to foster their interest in science.

The Center for Eating Disorders and Psychotherapy *Demonstration 2002 (\$10,000)*
Tiers of Strength Camp

The Center for Eating Disorders and Psychotherapy provides comprehensive specialized eating disorders treatment through a continuum of care for women, men and children of all backgrounds. The Center's "Tiers of Strength" Camp helps a diverse group of girls and women from different ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds understand how their health is affected by socio-cultural factors and discover and affirm themselves as individuals.

The Center for Healthy Families *Fall 2009 (\$4,000)*
Healthy Families Connection Collaborative

The Healthy Families Connection Collaborative is a hub-centered, service coordination network that makes access to critical services for pregnant and parenting teenage girls easier, less confusing, more comfortable, and above all more likely. The net work represents a groundbreaking local partnership comprising service agencies and organizations in multiple systems-educations, health care, mentoring, financial literacy, leadership development, and employment training.

Central Community House *Fall 2009 (\$12,000)*
The Angel in You: Life Preparation for Girls

The Angel in You is a six-month group program for girls ages 11-15. This program teaches practical life and leadership skills, and develops the ability for girls to listen to their own intuition and inner-voices. In a culturally relevant way, Angel in You develops the self esteem and self-motivation needed for girls to reach their full potential.

Children's Hunger Alliance *Spring 2005 (\$10,000)*
Multi-Cultural Initiative of Franklin County

This program will assist newly-immigrated women in creating home-based child care businesses throughout Franklin County. The participants will learn how to access federal meal program dollars as a stable funding stream into their businesses. The program will also include nutrition and early childhood education training, as well as professional child care certifications for the home-based child care providers.

Children's Hunger Alliance *Spring 2008 (\$9,445)*
Training in Financial Management/Marketing for Low-income Family Child Care Providers

Through this proposal, Children's Hunger Alliance will provide eight intensive trainings in financial management and marketing free-of-charge to a minimum of 120 low-income family child care (FCC) providers in Franklin County. Designed specifically for low-income providers who offer in-home day care, the trainings will help FCC providers to create, operate, market, and sustain their childcare businesses. Strengthening and professionalizing home child care will foster self-sufficiency and financial independence among FCC providers and help assure reliable quality child care for low-income and multicultural communities.

CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. *Fall 2008 (\$1,272)*
Healthy Relationship CHOICES

"Healthy Relationship CHOICES: Empowering & Educating Adolescent Girls" is implemented with adolescent girls who are housed at the Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility. The curriculum addresses the connections between violence, abuse and trauma in intimate relationships.

Columbus ACORN *Fall 2003 (\$10,000)*
Home Child Care Providers Empowerment Program

This program will develop home child care providers in Columbus into strong leaders who are able to advocate for a fairer system, both for parents who utilize home child care, and for the providers themselves. The participants will be empowered through training workshops, which will give the necessary skills to go into their neighborhoods as informed leaders.

Columbus AIDS Task Force *Fall 2006 (\$7,000)*
SISTA (Sistas Informing Sistas on Topics about AIDS) *Fall 2004 (\$9,993)*

SISTA Project (Sistas Informing Sistas on Topics About AIDS), is an evidence-based prevention intervention targeting African-American girls and women. Services are provided at two community agencies serving high-risk youth: the Africentric Personal Development Shop and the Eldon W. Ward YMCA. The five-session program provides predominantly African-American girls ages 14-17 with HIV/STD information, training in communication and assertiveness skills, tools for enhancing self-esteem and self-efficacy, and discussion of issues of gender and ethnicity. SISTA has been proven to increase communication, negotiation, and assertiveness skills and to reduce high-risk behaviors.

Columbus Early Learning Centers/Northside Child Development Centers *Spring 2007 (\$10,000)*
Project Success

This program targets low income, single African-American female heads of households for participation in financial literacy education as a mean to economic independence. With participants, develop individual benefits profiles using the Benefits Bank system to help women identify resources that can help their families and increase disposable income. Successful completion will enable participation in Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) geared to homeownership, post-secondary education assistance and small business start up.

Communities In Schools *Fall 2003 (\$5,000)*
GEWELS Mentoring Project

GEWELS is a mentoring project for girls in the Linden community developed by Communities In Schools.

Communities In Schools *Fall 2009 (\$20,000)*
Sister 2 Sister

The Sister 2 Sister program will be a partnership among the following organizations: Communities in Schools, Whitehall City School, Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council, The Mentoring Center of Central Ohio, and Yoga on High. Sister 2 Sister will be a 36 week peer mentoring/leadership development program for girls in grades 3-12.

**Community Properties Impact Corporation (CPIC)
Circles Initiative - Moving Beyond Poverty**

*Fall 2009 (\$20,000)
Spring 2008 (\$10,000)*

The Circles Initiative is a national model to engage communities in helping low-income families move out of poverty and to document the best practices of the process. Research gathered from this initiative will help national, state, and community leaders reduce and eliminate poverty. The program is comprised of several components beginning with a 20-week course Getting Ahead in a Just Getting' By World followed by Circle Meetings, weekly participant development meetings, and monthly "Big View" community meetings to identify poverty issues and develop solutions to impact correlating systems change.

Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS)

*Fall 2009 (\$10,000)
Fall 2008 (\$10,000)
Fall 2007 (\$10,000)
Spring 2006 (\$10,000)
Spring 2005 (\$10,000)
Fall 2003 (\$10,000)*

CRIS' project works to reverse an existing social climate that promotes imposed dependence on abused immigrant women. Our program will help reverse the social climate in which abused immigrant women live with imposed dependence that results from a lack of knowledge of the rights available to them under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA.) The program will provide women information on their rights and the services necessary to allow them to exercise those rights and find employment.

Deaf Initiatives

Fall 2005 (\$3,000)

Intern-based Work Experience Model

Deaf Initiatives will offer 6-week paid internships to young women, age 16- 19, who are deaf or hard of hearing. Through a formal training program, the interns will learn skills related to the business of creating heirloom-quality quilts and personal development. This program is designed to address the very low employment of people with a sensory disability.

Delaware County Juvenile Court

Fall 2005 (\$8,236.59)

Mothers Offering Mentoring Support (M.O.M.S.)

Fall 2004 (\$9,429.99)

The M.O.M.S. Delaware program matches teen moms and pregnant teens with an experienced mother who mentors the teen until their infant's first birthday. The mentor and young mom attend monthly group meeting together, mentors visit or call the teen mom at least once a week, and provide support while assisting the teen mom with transportation to doctor appointments, introducing them to local services/resources in the community, and teaching fiscal responsibility skills, healthy meal planning, and mother/infant bonding. This program seeks to reduce the likelihood of a secondary pregnancy within two years of delivery, increase the likelihood of the mother and baby receiving appropriate pre-natal and infant medical care, and increase the likelihood of self-sufficiency through educational and employment attainment, all while helping the mother to effectively manage multiple stressors.

Delta Foundation of Greater Columbus

Fall 2007 (\$8,060)

Shirley Chisholm Conference for Girls in Government: Legacies of the Legends

The Shirley Chisholm Conference for Girls in Government will recruit 50 young women, grades 7 to 10, from across Franklin County to participate in a series of conferences and activities that focus on increasing participation in civic engagement and social action. This program will provide an opportunity for participants to meet and educate their peers from diverse communities, develop social bonds, learn leadership skills, focus on women's historic roles in social action and meet and dialogue with elected women from the Ohio state government.

**Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI)
Get REAL Microenterprise Program**

*Fall 2005 (\$10,000)
Fall 2004 (\$10,000)
Fall 2003 (\$7,000)*

JPMorgan Chase Economic Independence Award

The Get REAL Microenterprise Program assists low to moderate income female entrepreneurs in starting a business by creating an Individual Development Account (IDA) for each participant, as well as providing year-long education and technical assistance. Once a participant's IDA reaches a predetermined balance of her own savings, The Women's Fund and a federal source match contributions to the account giving the woman three times the original dollar amount to purchase an asset for her business. Women gain the knowledge and life skills necessary to achieve economic independence and are connected to resources that are vital to long-term success. *Funding provided in partnership with JPMorgan Chase.*

**Educational Council Development Institute
Summer Leader Institute**

Spring 2004 (\$10,000)

This program provides leadership training to female students who attend public middle and high schools in Franklin County. It is a volunteer driven initiative that exemplifies collaboration between school districts and the community to equip emerging leaders with the necessary skills to remove barriers to success and create positive change in society.

**Educational Council Development Institute
Leader Institute**

Fall 2002 (\$10,000)

The Educational Council Leader Institute is a leadership skills training program for female students in their sophomore or junior year in high schools in Franklin County. The program is a volunteer-driven initiative that exemplifies collaboration between school districts and the community to equip emerging leaders with the necessary skills to create positive change in society. After completing the program, the young women are charged with the responsibility of becoming leaders in their schools and communities and working to effect positive changes.

EnterpriseWorks

Spring 2006 (\$10,000)

Kids Environmental Education Program (KEEP)

The Program originated in 2005 as a program of EnterpriseWorks, a non-profit statewide organization. K.E.E.P. utilizes environmental exploration as a vehicle to increase interest and performance in science among middle school youth, while providing them with valuable information pertaining to realistic career opportunities in environmental fields. The K.E.E.P. program proposed herein will target disadvantaged girls, ages 10-12 providing them the support and validation we believe they need to succeed in experiencing nature first hand, looking at career paths in environmental fields, fostering a personal responsibility for the environment, and developing leadership through direct involvement in their community.

**Girl Scouts Seal of Ohio Council, Inc.
Bonds Beyond Bars**

*Fall 2009 (\$4,000)
Fall 2008 (\$5,000)
Fall 2007 (\$10,000)
Fall 2006 (\$10,000)*

Girl Scouts Bonds Beyond Bars (GSBBB) is a gender-specific prevention program for girls with incarcerated mothers. The works to cultivate leadership development, increase personal growth and improve the mother-daughter relationship. Girl Scouting in Detention Centers (GSDC) provides girls with opportunities to participate in activities that work to cultivate a positive value system, a strong social conscious and the critical life-skills needed to become healthy, productive young women.

**Girls Inc.
Economic Literacy**

Spring 2003 (\$10,000)

Economic Literacy is a program to enhance girls' financial competence and builds confidence by encouraging girls to recognize early on that they can exercise control over their financial future, and to promote within girls a sense of economic justice. The program fosters the development of skills that girls need to make informed decisions. The program is divided into four age-based components: "She's on the Money!" for girls 6 to 8 years old; "Dollars, Sense, and Me" for girls 9 to 11 years old; and "Equal Earners, Savvy Spenders" for girls 12 to 14 years old.

**Habitat for Humanity
Women's Build IV**

Spring 2003 (\$10,000)

The Women's Build IV initiative fosters leadership development and enhancing skill sets by giving women the opportunity to build homes.

**HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc.
It's A Girls' World! Empowerment Groups**

Spring 2008 (\$10,000)

It's A Girls' World! Intensive empowerment groups advance the lives of 4th and 8th grade girls in Delaware County by providing opportunities for them to develop life skills including assertiveness, boundary establishment, knowledge of girls' rights and entitlements, knowledge of historical and modern women, active bystander techniques to advocate and intervene when an individual girl or woman is in danger of being violated or when a cultural institution is discriminating against women and girls, and life planning skills. With women's Fund grant money, HelpLine will implement five It's a Girls' World! groups, each 10 sessions in length. Groups, by their existence and content, work to challenge the root causes of women's oppression and empower young women to become active leaders in changing the culture of their relationships, schools, and families.

**HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc.
"Survivors Speak Out" Teen Support Project**

Fall 2003 (\$9,000)

This program fosters leadership and advocacy skills in teen victims of sexual assault through education, empowerment, and support activities in a small group setting. A public awareness campaign will heighten community support of this issue with outreach and educational activities.

**Heritage Day Health Centers
Building on our Heritage**

Spring 2004 (\$4,272)

During this summer internship program at Heritage Day Health Centers, girls age 13 to 15 will be guided by older adult women mentors and the female leadership of the organization as they assist with general programming at the adult day services facility and participate in discussion groups.

**Homes on the Hill CDC
Homeownership Counseling for Single Female Households**

Fall 2009 (\$10,000)

Fall 2008 (\$ 6,330)

Spring 2007 (\$10,000)

HOTH will provide long term post purchase financial literacy, foreclosure prevention counseling, loan product comparison and origination services. These services help women maintain homeownership by avoiding foreclosure.

**Innovative Farmers of Ohio
Growing Together: Central Ohio Women in Sustainable Agriculture**

Spring 2004 (\$10,000)

This project engages select Central Ohio women farmers to understand and meet their professional development priorities and gain an understanding of what is required to create a sustainable, visible community of women farmers.

**Interprofessional Commission of Ohio
ROX* Ruling Our Xperiences**

Fall 2009 (\$20,000)

Spring 2008 (\$10,000)

Spring 2007 (\$10,000)

Spring 2006 (\$10,000)

The ROX-Ruling Our eXperiences program is a self-esteem and empowerment program for girls in Central Ohio that focuses on key issues that girls face throughout their lives. This 15-week evidenced based curriculum focuses on training young women on issues of body image, gender roles, female leadership and career development, dealing with harassment and discrimination, sexual violence, and physical self-defense. Through a collaborative effort of school, community, and University personnel, this program will be expanded, refined, and delivered to elementary, middle and high school girls in Central Ohio by a team of experts whose mission is to train girls to resist negative social pressures and messages, to increase body image and satisfaction, to improve career development, and to develop young female leaders and role models.

**J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center
Teen Hope & Empowerment**

Fall 2007 (\$10,000)

Teen Hope and Empowerment is a year-long program which will replicate successful, comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention and youth development activities while maintaining a focus on areas of need specific to teenagers on the west side of Columbus (zip codes 43223 and 43204). These activities include exposure to mentors and role models, self-advocacy, leadership, post-secondary opportunities, and workforce development. The center will assess and continue to monitor the risk factors of the girls involved throughout the program to ensure the development of positive outcomes.

**Jewish Family Services
Putting Your Financial House in Order**

Spring 2004 (\$10,000)

Participants in this program learn to develop financial goals, create a workable financial plan and budget, and implement their plan. The program participants will include young women attending an alternative high school, working women employed in an Empowerment Zone, and senior women attending a place of worship in an Empowerment Zone.

**John Glenn School of Public Affairs
NEW Leadership Ohio**

Fall 2009 (\$20,000)

Fall 2007 (\$5,500)

Fall 2006 (\$10,000)

Fall 2005 (\$10,000)

Demonstration 2002 (\$10,000)

NEW Leadership Ohio engages young women in public leadership training through a week-long residential program for undergraduate women from across the state. The program strives to empower a new generation of women leaders, inspire their interest in policymaking and political work, and encourage them to run for public office. The program is delivered at no cost to the students. Students are exposed to women in a variety of political and policymaking roles, providing an opportunity to learn from their experiences, participate in hands-on skills-building workshops, and discuss and develop their own concepts of leadership.

**Licking County Coalition for Housing
Licking County Individual Development Account (IDA) Program**

Spring 2003 (\$10,000)

The Licking County Individual Development Account promotes economic independence through home ownership via a 2:1 matched savings program. Economic literacy training, disciplined savings, and homebuyer workshops are components each participant is required to complete, and will be evaluated via exit testing. The end result is economic independence, home ownership and family stability through the ability to meet financial goals.

**Licking County Coalition for Housing
Positive Balance Financial Literacy Program**

Spring 2007 (\$10,000)

Eight hundred (800) Licking County women who are disadvantaged because of poor life choices will have an opportunity to increase their financial awareness and reduce financial pressures through the Positive Balance Financial Literacy Program. Financial literacy education and personal financial coaching are offered by Positive Balance at the Women's Unit at the Community Corrections Center, the Courage House Women's Recovery Center, and the New Beginnings Domestic Violence Shelter (one additional site is under discussion). Residents at all three facilities have an opportunity to attend classes on a variety of financial topics and meet individually with a financial coach to discuss their own personal financial situation, including developing a budget and working with their credit report.

**Lower Lights Ministries, Inc.
Rachel's House**

Fall 2004 (\$10,000)

Rachel's House is a re-entry program that provides support for female offenders in Central Ohio in the transition process from an institution to the community. By offering safe housing, employment services and life training skills, the program seeks to prevent recidivism and assist participants in becoming self-sufficient.

**Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio
Women's Leadership Group**

Fall 2002 (\$10,000)

The Women's Leadership Group will help economically disadvantaged women and girls broaden their perception of women's roles as leaders in the community and help improve self-esteem and leadership potential. Women who parent children at Broadleigh Elementary School will participate in a monthly group to explore perceptions of women in society and will develop personal growth and support plans for leadership. Girls in the after-school program at Broadleigh will learn basic principles of women's equality, the role of women in the workplace, and leadership roles for women in the community.

**Mental Health America of Licking County
Getting Ahead**

Fall 2009 (\$20,000)

Spring 2008 (\$10,000)

Spring 2007 (\$10,000)

Spring 2006 (\$10,000)

Spring 2005 (\$10,000)

Getting Ahead strives to end generational poverty by using woman-power to investigate community resources and problems, to build social skills and partnerships with people in the middle class, and to encourage low-income women to take a seat at the tables where decisions are made that affect them and their families. In 18 sessions we plan to teach 12 women in poverty, especially single moms and women who are in recovery from mental illness or addiction to learn social skills that will help them thrive in a business environment and to achieve economic independence. Getting Ahead addresses social change, not just for women in poverty, but also for women in middle class, employers, and community organizations by involving them in the struggle on a personal level.

**Ministry for Community
Mentorship Program for Girls in Madison County**

Spring 2005 (\$10,000)

The project will develop an effective mentorship program for young women, ages 12-17, within Madison County. The goal of the program is to help the girls become productive citizens who will be successful in school, build friendships with positive peers and adults, and make wise choices about substance abuse and sexual activity. This is the first grant awarded by The Women's Fund to a program in Madison County.

**Ministry for Community (MFC)
The Path Mentoring Program**

Spring 2008 (\$10,000)

Fall 2006 (\$10,000)

The Path Mentoring Program fosters the creation of structured and trusting relationships that bring girls, ages 12-17, together with caring, adult, female volunteers who offer guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the character of the mentee. Mentors and mentees devote 1-3 hours each week toward this relationship which may include activities such as: Cooking together, completing a craft project, going to the park, visiting a library or having a casual conversation. In order to foster the development of life skills, mentees also participate in life skill group events with other mentees and their mentors such as: A self-defense class, a community service event, a career exploration event and a cultural/art event.

**Nationwide Children's Hospital
Parent Enrichment Program**

Fall 2003 (\$7,000)

This program at Children's Hospital is one of the child abuse prevention initiatives under the umbrella of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy. The Program is designed to give teenage mothers not only the resources to raise their children in an environment free from violence, but also to empower them with the life skills they need to become more productive, self-sufficient members of the community.

**Neighborhood House, Inc.
Directory of Resources**

Demonstration 2002 (\$7,500)

Neighborhood House, Inc. exists to assist kids, families, and single adults in their efforts to become self-sufficient. By developing a directory of resources for women seeking assistance with the creation, funding or further development of their own businesses, Neighborhood House endeavors to help women navigate the obstacles that might once have been barriers to their success.

New Directions Career Center**New Directions***Fall 2006 (\$4,500)**JPMorgan Chase Economic Independence Award*

New Directions is a 105-hour, 4-week program held 8 times per 12 month period for women, of all income levels and mostly single heads of households, who experience significant barriers to achieving or maintaining economic self-sufficiency through employment. The program provides self-exploration exercises for career and education planning; instruction in exploring the world of work opportunities; decision-making, goal setting and job/education placement. As a result of their graduation from *New Directions*, approximately 200 women

will become economically self-sufficient by gaining and retaining quality employment or additional education/training opportunities.

Funding provided in partnership with JPMorgan Chase.

New Directions Career Center*Fall 2009 (\$20,000)***Computer on Your Terms**

The mission of New Directions Career Center is to assist individuals, especially women in transition, to attain and maintain economic self-sufficiency through meaningful employment with fair compensation and benefits, regardless of their ability to pay.

Ohio Dominican's Village to Child Program*Fall 2002 (\$10,000)***Young Women's Urban Philanthropy Project**

The Young Women's Urban Philanthropy Project is a partnership of Ohio Dominican University and its Village to Child program, the Columbus Foundation, the Women's Fund of Central Ohio, the Junior League of Columbus, the Columbus Compact Corporation, Columbus School for Girls and Columbus Public Schools. The project is designed to promote philanthropy and community service among young women in Columbus. As part of the project, young women will develop grant-making criteria, accept proposals, award grants, and monitor the implementation of funded projects and evaluate their success.

The Ohio State University*Fall 2006 (\$10,000)***Institute on Women, Gender, and Public Policy**

The mission of the Institute on Women, Gender, and Public Policy is to bring coherence and stability to existing efforts (e.g. Count on Her report produced in 2004 by the Women's Fund) to research complex societal problems through the eyes of women and children, to enhance and expand these efforts in interdisciplinary ways, to maximize and increase our capacity to have substantial impact in addressing complex problems and issues, and to engage various stake holders (locally, nationally, and internationally) systematically in the quality of dialogue that supports sustainable action.

The Ohio State University Foundation*Fall 2008 (\$10,000)***OSU ACCESS Evening Program**

The OSU ACCESS Evening Program: Support for Low-Income, Single, College Students with Children is an academic and social support program for low-income single parent students who are heads of their household, attending The Ohio State University. The Program increases degree achievement by coordinating university and community support services, therefore creating permanent social and economic for women and their children.

Ohio Supercomputer Center*Fall 2002 (\$5,600)***Young Women's Summer Institute**

OSC's young Women's Summer Institute (YWSI) empowers middle-school girls to pursue computer, math, and science careers by providing hands-on and project centered experiences. YWSI helps girls develop an interest in these subjects by allowing them to work on a practical, interesting scientific problem using the latest computer technology. YWSI also recruits teachers to serve as mentors to the girls and learn about innovative approaches to teaching science and math to take back to their own classrooms.

Opening Doors of Ohio, Inc.*Fall 2008 (\$10,000)***Opening the Door to Trauma Recovery**

Implement trauma-specific interventions and a trauma-informed care system at Ohio Reformatory for Women (Union County) impacting cultural change in the prison community by creating indigenous leadership among long-term incarcerated women and supporting the healthy recovery of women with short-term sentences.

The Organization of Chinese Americans and The Multicultural Center at The Ohio State University**Women's Votes, Women's Voices***Fall 2007 (\$10,000)*

Women's Votes, Women's Voices (WVWV), a non-partisan project, will seek to increase young female voter registration and promote voting participation among women in Central Ohio through a student voter education and registration initiative and events on college campuses in Delaware, Franklin and Licking counties.

PAST Foundation*Spring 2006 (\$10,000)***Forensics in the Classroom**

Forensics in the Classroom partners the legend of Indiana Jones with television's popular Gil Grissom-Students learn what real forensic archaeologists, anthropologists and scientists do to assist law enforcement officers in solving crimes. This program allows high school science teachers in partnership with local law enforcement to teach real forensic science in a classroom setting. This program consists of three phases-working hand-in-hand with teachers, scientists and students to develop a national program right here in Columbus, Ohio.

Pickaway County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)*Spring 2003 (\$2,250)***Stepping Up**

Stepping Up will provide the opportunity to community women, including but not limited to, single mothers, teen mothers, and past/present domestic violence victims to empower themselves with knowledge, self-confidence, and economic independence. These assets will be obtained by providing weekly mentoring groups that include guest speakers who will perform hands-on sessions ranging from budgeting skills, educational and life-skill information, and childcare support/advice to self-defense education. Stepping Up will promote the advancement of women by assisting group participants in becoming mentors to their peers within our project and within other community programs.

Pickaway County Job and Family Services*Fall 2008 (\$10,000)***The Getting Ahead Program***Fall 2007 (\$10,000)*

The Getting Ahead Program will provide education for understanding economic class in order to build economic stability. The program will empower women by teaching them how to develop social skills and social supports that will help them break free from poverty. The participants will be linked with community resources needed for them to take action of their future plans.

Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio*Spring 2003 (\$2,750)***Responsible Sexuality Education**

Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio provides age-appropriate, participant-sensitive, comprehensive reproductive health and sexuality education programs to Central Ohio high school students promoting positive communication skills and empowering freedom of choice. The three-day program, using researched, tested and proven curricula, offers straightforward discussions about sexually transmitted infections, prevention and treatment, in addition to methods of contraception including abstinence. Encouraged through role playing, honest dialogue and controlled activities, young people become more knowledgeable about their bodies, reproduction and disease as well as community resources and options, enabling them to believe in themselves, retain greater self-respect and become healthy, responsible adults.

**Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio
Peer Education Project Pilot**

Fall 2009 (\$20,000)

PPCO will engage 10 teenage women as Peer Educators, developing them into informed leaders that will provide education for 300 to 400 of their female peers in the prevention of unintended pregnancies, STI's, and HIV/AIDS. Peer Educators will strengthen their peers' skills in building healthy relationships, refusing and delaying intercourse, making responsible decisions, and planning for adulthood, and will be empowered to advocate for changes in government and school policy to encourage women's rights and comprehensive sexual education.

**St. John Learning Center
The Home Childcare Provider Training**

Fall 2003 (\$10,000)

This 14-week program helps to prepare women to open their own home-based childcare businesses. It is an initiative coordinated by St. John Learning Center, Central Community House, Southside Settlement House and Columbus State Community College.

**TECH CORPS Ohio
Gidget: a Technology Pipeline for women and girls**

Spring 2006 (\$10,000)

Spring 2005 (\$10,000)

This program will develop a Girls Technology Club and curriculum for elementary school girls in two Columbus Public Schools. These clubs will be part of a sustainable and replicable "pipeline of support" which stretches from elementary school into adulthood, helping girls to build critical technology skills tied directly to their future educational and professional success. Ultimately, the pipeline will produce women with the essential skills and networks to participate fully, and assume leadership positions in a technology driven society.

**TECH CORPS Ohio
Supporting Future Women in Technology Today**

Spring 2003 (\$10,000)

Supporting Future Women in Technology Today will recruit female technology professionals from the community to be matched with at least 10 elementary, middle, and high schools from the Columbus, South-Western, and Whitehall school districts. The resulting Project Teams of educators and technology volunteers will create and support Girls' Technology Clubs in schools, aimed at encouraging and supporting girls' interest in technology, providing them technology skills critical to their educational and professional success, and introducing them to a variety of technology-related careers. TECH CORPS Ohio will recruit both technology volunteers and schools, provide training and consistent follow-up support throughout the 2003-04 school year, and conduct a multi-part evaluation program at the project's conclusion.

**The Tobias Project Inc.
Umoja-Women**

Fall 2008 (\$10,000)

Umoja-Women strives to form a more structured network out of the informal networks existing in African-American beauty shops in order to arrest the growing devastation HIV/AIDS is having among African-American women in Franklin County. The goal is to provide comprehensive, consistent, and culturally based HIV/AIDS information to African-American women through group and outreach activities. This intervention helps create a social environment in which individuals feel comfortable making the decision to avoid high-risk sexual behaviors.

**United Somali Refugee Women
Women's Sewing Club**

Fall 2002 (\$8,000)

The sewing club for Somali refugee women helps the women it serves develop the skills to make their own clothing. The program provides social interaction, breaking the isolation the women often experience and the skills they learn can be used to manufacture clothing for sale, promoting their economic independence.

**United Way of Central Ohio
Project Impact**

Fall 2003 (\$7,000)

This 10-week leadership forum for immigrant women provides participants an opportunity to gain the tools needed to effect change in neighborhoods and communities by increasing and harnessing the leadership capacity of the participating women.

University Area Enrichment Association
University Area Women Leading the Way

Fall 2009 (\$20,000)
Spring 2008 (\$10,000)
Spring 2007(\$10,000)

JPMorgan Chase Economic Independence Award

"University Area Women Leading the Way" supports women from high school age past retirement in achieving civic leadership roles in the University Area. Participating females are involved in monthly support group meetings and have access to weekly networking opportunities and administrative assistance. These women clearly articulate their hopes and dreams for this community and work to implement their plans to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods and to the benefit of the larger community.

Funding provided in partnership with JPMorgan Chase.

YWCA

Fall 2008 (\$3,400)

Gen Y Leadership Project

The Gen Y Leadership Project is an initiative designed to recruit, train and empower the next generation of female leaders in central Ohio and link their enhanced skills to the needs of the community. The Woman's Fund will invest in the project evaluation to determine the efficacy of this program on women-led leadership in Central Ohio.