

Brighter Futures Grant Recipients

(Grantees may reapply for up to three years)

Mary J Treglia Community Garden Kitchen – Mary J

Treglia Community House - \$43,420.00 – MJT was established in 1921 to help newcomers acclimate. The mission is to welcome, empower, educate, & advocate for new Siouxlanders. They offer: pre-school, English Language, nutrition, summer and citizenship classes. This grant will assist in funding a newly remodeled kitchen, including the installation of hot water, which will allow Mary Treglia to become DHS certified. The DHS certification will allow access to additional funding through state agencies to expand the preschool program. Additionally, this funding will be used to bring in a certified nutritionist to teach community classes on meal planning, nutrition and cooking. The goal is to increase awareness of nutrition, healthy eating habits and safety among low-income Siouxland children and their families.

Bridges West Transitional Housing Program —Center for Siouxland \$13,020.24

Bridges West is a transitional housing program that provides safe, temporary shelter for both homeless families and individuals. The program works to resolve the issues that lead to homelessness, poverty, and illiteracy. This program assists clients in obtaining the necessary education, employment, and income to get back into permanent housing, and focuses heavily on self-sufficiency.

PROGRAM GRANTS

(One-time grants for specific projects)

Mary J. Treglia Preschool - Mary J. Treglia - \$2,499

Mary J Treglia was established in 1921 to welcome, empower, educate, & advocate for new Siouxlanders in the community. They offer a variety of program available to the public, including pre-school, English Language, nutrition, summer and citizenship classes. The preschool program primarily serves children identified as at-risk. The grant dollars awarded will be used to purchase milk, vegetables and fruits for our preschool classroom. The hope is to encourage healthy eating in communities that have a history with both food insecurity and obesity. Our preschool works with children and parents to identify health eating habits. We collaborate with ISU extension office. remodel the play room at the Emergency Youth Shelter with bright and colorful walls, new carpet, new books, toys and kid friendly furniture and storage/organization items.

LaunchPAD Children’s Museum —Early Learner Robotics

\$2,499

LaunchPAD is Siouxlands champion of educational play and discovery! Through interactive exhibits and hands-on activities and play, children and their caregivers learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The regionally-focused exhibits incorporate elements of agriculture, wind, water, commerce, drama and much more. The grant funds received, will be used to purchase a KIBO robotics classroom package. This package will serve 10-12 students at a time. The KIBO robot kit will be used at LaunchPAD for Early Learner (ages 4-7) Robotics Camp and in our MakerSpace exhibit. This kit will also be used for Educational outreach in K-1st grade classrooms in local schools. The goal for KIBO is to expose children to robotics at a younger age fostering a love for STEM, critical thinking and problem solving.

The Walking Classroom —Girls Inc. \$1,877

In 1986 Girls Incorporated opened its doors as an after-school and summer enrichment program for girls ages 6 to 18. Today, Girls Inc. helps girls and young women gain the skills, confidence and self-awareness needed to become successful, contributing members of society. The mission is "inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold." The grant funding received will be used to purchase 20 "Walking Classroom" kits. The program is simple: girls take brisk 20-minute walks as a class while listening to a research-based, kid-friendly podcast that comes preloaded on their WalkKit (audio device). Besides the health benefits of walking, girls return to class in better moods, more focused, and ready for discussion. The expected outcomes of this program are as follows: Listening comprehension, Improved cognitive function, and Improved literacy.

a supportive environment for the mothers of young children: Transportation to/from facility; Meals for moms/kids; Qualified childcare on-site during activity; Printed materials, and \$10 grocery gift cards.

Women United’s Community Impact

Since 2006, Women United has awarded 60 grants totaling \$864,886 to local non-profit groups aimed at providing research-based , life-improving programs, for Siouxland youth.

The members of Women United are committed to funding sustainable programs with positive results.



About Women United

Mission:

Women United exists to provide financial support to organizations or groups that demonstrate the ability to enhance the quality of life for our Siouxland youth.

Grant Guidelines

Women United supports projects serving children birth to 18 years. Projects should be innovative, demonstrate the ability to enhance quality of life and provide long - term solutions for challenges facing Siouxland.

Project Priorities

- Preventative approaches focused on breaking harmful intergenerational cycles.
- Create healthy changes in children.
- Leverage partnerships with other programs.

Learn More

Women United engages women as active philanthropists in their focus on youth development. We invite you to join us as we recognize women's efforts to improve our community.

<http://www.unitedwaysiouxland.com/women-united>

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