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## **Women's Fund Awards Grants**

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The Women's Fund of the Willmar Area Community Foundation has awarded grants to two area nonprofit organizations serving teenage girls. The Women's Fund grant recipients for 2009 are Heartland Community Action Agency and Willmar Community Education Recreation (WCER) Child Guide Program.

Both Heartland and the Child Guide program serve teenage girls in Kandiyohi County, a priority population and geographic focus for the Women's Fund. The grant to Heartland will support Kitchen Kamp for minor teen girls who are parents, where they will learn kitchen and cooking skills, smart shopping to help meet monthly budgets and preparation of simple nutritional meals. The Child Guide grant will connect teen girls with community activities and resources through trained advocates, mini-mentors, and lunchroom buddies providing gentle intervention as needed.

The Women's Fund was established in 2008 as a component fund of the Willmar Area Community Foundation with the mission to support programs that provide access to lives of economic and social strength for women and girls. According to Suzanne Napgezek, Chair of the Women's Fund Steering Committee, "We are supported and directed by women of this community. We have a long view of a community of increasingly healthy, educated, and confident women in families and the workforce."

Through its philanthropic outreach and initiatives the Women's Fund seeks to re-invest in women and girls in the greater Willmar area. To make a gift or for more information about the Women's Fund, visit [communitygiving.org](http://communitygiving.org), click on Willmar Area Community Foundation, then Willmar Women's Fund.