



To: Principals, Counselors, Teachers and Program Directors

From: Jackie Loya-Torres, Director of Grants, **The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City**

Date: February 2013

Re: Recruiting dedicated high school girls for Girls Grant Project

The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City is pleased to present the Girls Grant Project, a leadership program for teen girls. We are looking for girls who are currently in the 9th, 10th and 11th, grades to apply to become members of the team. Team members will be trained in all aspects of grantmaking, fund raising, leadership, teambuilding and evaluation and will ultimately be responsible for making decisions about how dollars are directed in the community.

Please help us by getting these materials to teen girls in your community. We are looking for young women who have a high energy level and who are strongly committed to their work. Girls who have an interest in community service and in learning more about leadership are also good applicants for the project. Special emphasis will be placed on ensuring that the team is reflective of the Kansas City metropolitan area population at large. To that end, we especially invite girls of color to apply. ***We would also like to make a special invitation for girls from USD 500 in Kansas City Kansas and girls from the Kansas City Missouri School District to make application.*** All young women, who are in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades that have an interest in learning more about philanthropy and in being a part of important decision-making, should apply.

Enclosed are applications and informational brochures about the program. It is our hope that you'll see to it that the girls in your facility have easy access to them and that you'll actually encourage specific girls to apply. The deadline for applications to be completed and returned is **March 8th, 2013.** The selection process will be completed by early May. Team members will be selected for a one-year term. Girls will begin their training in the spring and it will continue throughout the summer. Fall and winter will be spent putting their acquired knowledge into action and actually receiving proposals and making grant decisions. The year's term will finish with evaluation of the grant-funded programs as well as the process in general.

It is our hope that adults, like you, will be supportive of the project and will promote the opportunity among the girls with whom you work. Girls who make application should understand the importance of the project and that a great deal of time will be involved. We will do our best to work with girls and their scheduling issues. You or any girl who has questions about the project is welcome to call anytime. I can be reached at (913) 831-0711, ext. 26 or by email at jackie@wfgkc.org. You can also call me if your supply of promotional materials needs to be replenished.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project. Girls who are selected for the project team will have a unique experience in community volunteerism and will be given the chance to make a difference in ways that most young people never have.



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Here's how we're spending our money this year

Organization: Awesome Ambitions **Grant Amount: \$1,470**

This grant will provide Awesome Ambitions a small amount to get started on their "Financial Literacy" web-based project. Through this program, girls will have the opportunity to learn about financial management, self-sufficiency and career development in a fictitious, online world. Girls will be able to have a career, earn a paycheck, have debt to manage, apply for credit and obtain housing...all from their computer screen.

Organization: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City **Grant Amount: \$2,200**

This grant will benefit the "Career Launch" program which helps low-income, urban teen girls develop essential skills for workforce success. Girls will also be matched with female community volunteers in their chosen field. The pairs will meet twice a month and will focus on goal setting and mapping out a plan for the girls to achieve them.

Organization: Marillac Center, Inc. **Grant Amount: \$2,200**

This grant will benefit the "Discovery Girls" group at Marillac which focuses on the unique needs of teen girls with Asperger's Syndrome. The program will help the girls practice appropriate workplace behavior, executive functioning, such as time management and planning, and conversation skills.

Organization: Migrant Farmworkers Project **Grant Amount: \$4,000**

This grant will provide support to the "Latinas Sin Limites" program. This support group for the daughters of migrant farm workers helps the girls receive education on healthy relationships, diversity, higher education, college application process/ACT preparation, professions, money/financial literacy, nutrition, community service and the environment.

Organization: Operation Breakthrough **Grant Amount: \$3,330**

This grant will support the E4 program for pre-teen girls and helps them identify a career they are interested in and then learn the steps to obtain that career. The girls are matched with a female adult in that chosen career to serve as a mentor or role model. The girls will experience job interview, job shadows, financial planning and literacy, goals-setting and money management.

Organization: Synergy Services **Grant Amount: \$2,000**

This grant will support the "Teen Parent Support Services" program which helps pregnant and parenting teens acquire personal, family and life skills they need to have a safe and healthy life. Services promote independence through educational attainment, employment, improved parenting skills and the utilizations of life skills.

Girls Grant Project Team Members 2012-2013

Aubrey Awe, Platte County High School
Emyla Baker, Park Hill High School
Olivia Barling, Shawnee Mission South H.S.
Kimberly Chexnayder, Paseo High School
Tatiana Darby, Shawnee Mission Northwest
Osacere Eke, University Academy
Ayanna Fields, Lincoln College Prep Academy
Bailey Hockett, Olathe South H.S.
Jatiah Holt, Olathe Northwest H.S.
Courtney Hyland, Blue Valley High School
Sarah Kostoryz, St. Teresa's Academy
Cianan Lesley, The Pembroke High School
Clara Ma, Shawnee Mission East H.S.
Natalie Mayer, St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.
Ashley McBride, Lincoln College Prep Academy
Samantha McCall, Oak Park High School
Brittany Multer, Shawnee Mission South H.S.
Ami Nanvaty, Blue Valley Northwest H.S.
Allyson Ng, Oak Park High School
Sabrina Norris, Southwest Early College Campus
Sofia Paz, Shawnee Mission West H.S.
Jordan Petrich, Oak Park High School
Priyanka Rao, Blue Valley Northwest H.S.
Claire Reid, St. James Academy
Sydney Ruffin, Winnetonka High School
Kamryn Schropp, Notre Dame de Sion H.S.
Iris Siadati, Staley High School
Brooke VanSickle, Staley High School
Harpreet Whar, Olathe Northwest H.S.
Maggie Wilcox, Nortre Dame de Sion H.S.
Rachel Winders, Park Hill High School
Emily Wood, Platte County High School

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Hey Girls, have we got a **challenge** for you!

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Girls Grant Project

Rachel
Alexandra
Girls Grant
Project

Giving a voice
to the girls of
Kansas City

What's it all about?

The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City is looking for a few good young women to be part of an exciting leadership opportunity. If you are looking for a challenge and a way to be involved in decisions that affect the well being of other girls in your community, then the Rachel Alexandra Girls Grant Project could be for you. The Women's Foundation raises, invests and grants funds to promote equity and opportunity for women and girls. The Women's Foundation needs the expertise of young women, like you, in order to make solid decisions about how money is best spent on programs for girls. Young women will be selected from a diverse group of Kansas City area high schools to serve on the Girls Grant Project Team.

- Grades 9-11 may apply
- Selected from the KC metropolitan area
- Make decisions about how grant dollars are used for girls programs
- Make new friends and have fun!

What will it take?

Members of the Girls Grant Project Team will meet on a regular basis to take a closer look at the issues facing young women today. In the process, you'll likely learn a lot about yourself and gain skills that will assist you in planning for

their futures. Together, members will-

- Participate in trainings
- Establish guidelines for what kinds of girls programs will be eligible for funding
- Send out request for proposals to community groups and agencies that work with girls
- Decide which proposals will get money from the Girls Grant Project
- Evaluate those programs
- Conduct a community service project

Are you up to the challenge?

The Women's Foundation needs young women who are energetic, creative and above all, committed to getting things done. Selected members of the Girls Grant Project Team must be-

- Open to learning new ideas and concepts
- Available for regular meetings (2-3 times a month), especially during the summer months

Note: The Girls Grant team will meet when members are most available and at a place that is centrally located. The Women's Foundation will make every attempt to assist with transportation when it is needed.

- Willing to be an active member of a team
- Committed to issues that affect

young women

If you fit this description and are feeling up to the challenge, please fill out one of the applications and return it by **March 8th, 2013**. Selections will be made in early May. Meetings and trainings for girl members will begin shortly thereafter. Parents will be invited to attend an informational meeting as well.

If you or your parents have any questions about the project, or are feeling unsure about whether or not to apply, you can call Jackie at the Women's Foundation office and get more information. The number is (913) 831-0711, ext. 26.

The Girls Grant Project promises to be an opportunity for young women to have their voices be heard. You are the experts on the issues that are facing young women today. The Women's Foundation cannot do this without the assistance of dedicated young women like you.

Speak up for
the girls of
Kansas City!
Apply Today!!!