

# Women's foundation doles out grants

Organization gathers to give  
back to community

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The summer has been filled with events designed to raise money. But this week was all about giving it away, as the Wood River Women's Charitable Foundation announced its 2013 grant recipients.

The Wood River Women's Charitable Foundation engages women in the power of collective giving. It is a membership organization of 163 women who pool talents and funds in support of local nonprofit organizations.

The mission is to inspire and educate women to become leaders in philanthropy and to bring significant, positive change to the community by pooling and distributing its members' resources.

Board member Carol Scheffle-Holmes said the group proudly hit the \$1 million in giving mark following the grants that were announced at a meeting held at the Valley Club north of Hailey Tuesday, Aug. 6:

- The Advocates' and St. Luke's Center for Community Health will share \$25,000 for the Youth Engagement and Leadership Project, which will offer local youth opportunities for leadership and real employment experience by participating in building and maintaining a healthy community.

- The Blaine County Education Foundation got \$5,000 to provide funding for extra classes to assist students who are struggling with core academics and life skills.

- The Blaine County Education Foundation is also a participant in a joint grant. The other partners are The Community School and Nurture. The purpose of the \$35,000 grant to these three partners is to give children the knowledge and skills necessary to make better decisions about

- The Blaine County Senior Council's grant of \$8,200 will provide scholarships for low-income participants in The Connection Club, which provides enriching activities and stimulation for those dealing with Alzheimer's, dementia, aphasia and brain trauma, while providing a respite to their families and other care-givers.

- The Crisis Hotline received \$6,000 to underwrite educational and volunteer training programs.

- The Flourish Foundation got \$10,000 to go toward the Mindful Awareness Program, in order to expand the program into middle and high schools, and to evaluate the effectiveness of programs.

- Girls On The Run's \$5,000 grant will provide scholarship assistance, fund the showing of issue-based films, provide training and assess psychological and physical development among girls third to fifth grades.

- The Hunger Coalition's \$12,000 for the "From the Garden to the Table" series will fund workshops and projects focused on nutrition and life skills through growing, cooking and preserving foods utilizing The Hope Garden in Hailey.

- I Have A Dream Foundation's \$25,000 will help in underwriting the first year of their commitment toward sending approximately 50 under-resourced students, who are currently in the third grade, to college.

- Planned Parenthood's received \$25,000 to fund the startup and pilot of a Teen Council Program in Blaine County, which will consolidate and build upon existing educational programs and employ a local community educator.

- Wood River Community YMCA's \$7,500 will go toward the Make a Splash program, which teaches basic swimming and water-safety skills to third graders.