

# Women's Fund of Gibson County



Women Reaching Women  
Annual Report 2010

# Women's Fund of Gibson County 2009 - 2010 Members

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# Women's Fund of Gibson County Awards Grants for 2010

The end of September led to an exciting beginning of October thanks to the Women's Fund of Gibson County (WFGC). On September 30th, the WFGC presented grants to the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana and Doulos Family Services in order to fund events and projects devoted to empowering women throughout Gibson County.

The WFGC is a group of women that strive to improve the quality of life for the women of Gibson County by funding charitable events and projects. This year, the WFGC was able to contribute \$1,500 to the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana Gibson County's "It's A Girl Thing" event. This funding will assist the organization and implementation of this event in late August or mid-September in 2011. "It's A Girl Thing" is an all-day event for young girls from Kindergarten



through sixth grade to participate in three of ten fun, interest-driven exercises. Each of these activities acknowledges one of three areas: confidence, competence or connectedness. These areas have been found to affect the healthy development of positive self-image and self-esteem. As a result of "It's A Girl Thing," the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana hope to show these young women what the organization has to offer and encourage them to continue their involvement through the Girl Scout program. The Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana aims to mold these girls into young women of "courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place."

In addition to the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana, the Doulos Family Services's Women's Well-Being Advocate Project was funded by the WFGC as well. It will consist of a monthly meeting in a relaxed atmosphere with a prepared luncheon. During this meeting, the women will be providing and receiving support corresponding to the established topic. Also because of this funding, one-on-one counseling intervention will be offered at a lower rate. This project hopes to encourage women to avoid isolation, to be able to participate in counseling sessions for a lower price if needed, to receive support and knowledge on subjects, to help establish goals to counteract issues and to provide referrals for other needs. The WFGC was able to grant \$2,760 to Doulos Family Services for this project.

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In total, the WFGC was able to grant over \$4,000 to the projects and was very enthusiastic in doing so. "The WFGC is very excited to be able to contribute to these projects," says Sharen Buyer, Vice-Chair of the WFGC's Advisory Board. "These initiatives implemented by the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana and Doulos Family Services have the potential to make a tremendous impact on the lives of the women in Gibson County."



## *WFGC Hosts 2nd Annual Tea & Fashion Show*

On May 6th, 2010, the Women's Fund of Gibson County held its second high tea. This year the event was held at Hillside United Methodist Church and was sponsored by Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana. Over 150 women were in attendance as the Women's Fund presented information about the fund and the Graceful Lady of Ft. Branch put on a style show.

The evening began with social time and tea and hors d'oeuvres. The first presenter of the evening was advisory board member, Leslie Mustard. Leslie spoke about what the Women's Fund is and what they are doing. Leslie was followed by representatives from the two organizations that received grants from the Women's Fund the previous year. Stephanie McKinney from the American Red Cross of Gibson County spoke about the impact their funding had and how they were able to provide CPR training to over 25 women. Tammy Scheller from the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force talked about how the funding they received from the Women's Fund allowed them to rent office space and expand the services that they can provide here in Gibson County.

The finale of the evening was the fashion show put on by the Graceful Lady of Ft. Branch. Models of all ages made their way through the crowd showcasing the latest in fashion. The ladies wore outfits that are available at the Graceful Lady. They also showcased Vera Bradley and Brighton accessories.

