

100 WOMENSTRONG

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100WOMENSTRONG ANNOUNCES \$296,935 IN FUNDING FOR 32 LOUDOUN COUNTY NONPROFITS

*Tenth round of grant funding takes philanthropic group's funding
to area organizations to more than \$2 million*

Leesburg, VA – May 14, 2019 – Loudoun County-based 100WomenStrong, a group of concerned philanthropists seeking to strategically invest in organizations and programs that enrich the lives of Loudoun County residents, is donating \$296,935 to 32 area nonprofit organizations to help them initiate, complete or supplement programs in 2019. With this year's funding, the philanthropic group has now given more than \$2 million to Loudoun County nonprofits to support transformational change in the areas of shelter, health, hunger and education.

"It is an honor to be a part of an effort that has donated more than \$2 million over the last decade to so many organizations that do the hard work every day of helping fill gaps for those who are hungry, need shelter, need educational support or who need mental health services, among other things," said Karen G. Schaufeld, 100WomenStrong founder and president. "We started out with 12 members and have grown to more than 50. Our goal is to reach 100 members to increase the amount we can donate so that all Loudoun County residents can achieve their full potential as active, contributing members of our community."

100WomenStrong also provides ongoing support of long-term impact grants, including a Community School Initiative at Sterling Elementary. 100WomenStrong 2019 grant recipients are as follows:

A Place to Be - \$14,000

- Produce a new “The Same Sky Project” production to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and to promote inclusion.

All Ages Read Together – \$10,000

- Fund a free school-readiness class at the Sterling Library to serve at-risk preschool age children and their families by filling the gap that is left by publicly funded preschool programs.

American Legion Post 2001 – \$6,000*

- Help veterans prevent eviction by providing rent subsidies with the intent to increase the number of families supported from 18 in 2018, to 25 in 2019.

Backpacks for Success (PTSA Loudoun County HS) – \$1,635*

- Provide backpacks and basic school supplies to new freshmen, many of whom are attending an American school for the first time.

BRAWS –Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters – \$9,700*

- Provide disadvantaged female students with feminine care products, bras and underwear with the goal to serve 250 students and double volunteer network.

Children’s Science Center – \$4,000

- Support Family Science Night, Discovery Days and Science on Stage STEM program operational costs to the six Title 1 schools in Loudoun County.

Community Foundation – \$15,000

- Finance a Human Services Strategic Plan for Loudoun County, as well as support strategic planning for specific smaller nonprofit agencies and their operations.

Crossroads Jobs – \$5,000*

- Aid in job search and placement by funding job counselors who provide placement and training services, offer local employers of prescreened applicants and follow-up support for applicants.

Dulles South Food Pantry – \$7,500

- Expand hours for part-time operations staff to support a 40% increase in guests of the pantry. Hire an Operational Staff member to improve consistency between shifts and extend hours of business.

ECHO – \$17,000

- Increase fleet of transportation vehicles to 42 to support expanded services. Install safety equipment (cameras with 24-hr. monitoring) and navigational systems to existing vehicles.

EveryMind – \$8,000

- Support Loudoun’s Serving Together program, which coordinates resources and improves service navigation to optimize outcomes for veterans, service members and their families.

Five Stones Institute – \$4,000

- Support mindfulness training for children in partnership with INMED to include an after-school program, summer camp sessions and training for program staff.

Friends of Loudoun Mental Health – \$8,400

- Provide 24 months of housing subsidies for A Place to Call Home program to prevent homelessness.

Good Shepherd Alliance – \$5,000

- Support for the Six Steps to Self-Sufficiency Housing Program that provides healthy and safe housing and teaches personalized self-sufficiency planning to help end homelessness in Loudoun County

INMED Partnerships for Children – \$15,000

- Support summer day camp and after-school program for low-income elementary school children in Sterling, including transportation so it does not act as a barrier to participation.

JK Community Farm – \$7,500*

- Development of 12 additional bio-intensive raised beds for increased organic crop production.

Just Neighbors – \$8,000

- Provide immigration legal services to immigrant and refugee families in Loudoun County.

Loudoun Abused Women’s Shelter (LAWS) - \$25,000

- Implement a new “Ensuring Safe and Reliable Victim Transportation,” which provides victims of domestic violence and sexual assault transportation to all legal, medical, and other appointments.

Loudoun Hunger Relief – \$20,000

- Purchase a mobile food pantry vehicle.

Loudoun Library Foundation – \$2,000*

- Fund programs designed to improve life skills for adults and children in the Sterling community.

Loudoun Serenity House – \$20,000*

- Fund capital campaign and support a strategy to create a sustainable sober living home for women in Loudoun County.

Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers – \$20,000

- Purchase a wheelchair accessible bus to transport adults and elderly to all appointments.

Makersmiths – \$4,000*

- Support programs to identify and mentor underserved Loudoun County Public School students to learn technology and manufacturing skills in Makersmiths' locations.

Northern Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children – \$2,500*

- Provide free professional development in Loudoun County for early childhood educators.

Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) – \$5,000

- Expand the Violence Prevention and Intervention Program

Postpartum Support of Virginia – \$10,000*

- Establish the Loudoun County Maternal Mental Health Coalition to provide universal education, screening, referrals and treatment

Project Horse – \$8,400*

- Launch an equine wellness initiative and implement three new programs.

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church – \$5,700*

- Fund a "ParentVUE Tech Literacy" Program training English language learners' parents to bolster interaction with schools, as well as use email and other electronic tools to monitor a student's progress.

The Fenwick Foundation – \$10,000

- Provide dental care and treatment for lower-income adults, with a focus on alleviating financial impediments the elderly may face.

The Ryan Bartel Foundation – \$7,500

- Expand the reach of the FORT, the organization's safe community space for teens, as well as provide free workshops and therapies.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake – \$7,600

- Alleviate the increased cost of transportation of the homeless from different service branches

Windy Hill - \$3,500

- Purchase and install four enclosed bulletin boards to provide a central location for important upcoming educational and enrichment messages to residents of Windy Hill.

About 100WomenStrong

Formed in 2008, 100WomenStrong is committed to improving the quality of life for residents of Loudoun County, Virginia, through strategic grants to non-profits working in the areas of shelter, health, hunger and education. Members of 100WomenStrong connect and collaborate to leverage their philanthropic resources as a component fund of the Community Foundation of Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. For more information about 100WomenStrong, contact Pam Ray at Pam@OneHundredWomenStrong.org.

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