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### **Women's Fund Grants \$10,000 to Build Community Hoop House**

OSHKOSH, WI – The Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has granted \$10,000 to the final group of the Power of 10 Project to support the building of a community hoop house, Growing Oshkosh.

Following in the footsteps of Growing Power, a world-renowned urban food project developed in Milwaukee, Growing Oshkosh hopes to alleviate economic, environmental and social pressures by repurposing unused urban property into a year-round community farm.

"Growing Oshkosh isn't just an urban farm or community food project," said Dani Stolley, founder of Growing Oshkosh. "We're an organization that wants to grow healthy, affordable and sustainable food, particularly for those people who need it most, while also growing the community."

By providing a learning experience for youth, families and at-risk populations, Growing Oshkosh will ensure inclusion, access and affordability for all. The organization will educate participants about the food they grow and eat, while also creating sustainable local jobs.

"When people--especially young moms, kids and families--know how to grow and cook for themselves, then that is the measure of true community sustainability," said Stolley.

Beginning on August 1, the non-profit organization will have office space inside the Hooper Community Center on 36 Broad Street for planning and administration. Currently, several residencies in Oshkosh are preparing for Growing Oshkosh by growing seeds, starts, plants and soil.

Since 1998, the Women's Fund has provided more than \$500,000 in grants to make resources available for causes of interest to women; foster among women a sense of empowerment and philanthropy; and increase awareness of women's issues. For more [information, please call 920-426-3993 or go to <http://Women.OshkoshAreaCF.org>](http://Women.OshkoshAreaCF.org).