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Women's Fund group donates \$10,000 to YMCA Strong Moms program

OSHKOSH, WI – The Women's Fund Power of 10 Single Moms focus group has selected Strong Moms of the Oshkosh Community YMCA to receive a \$10,000 grant to support programming and outreach.

After several focus group meetings, participants identified issues that single moms face on a daily basis: financial literacy, child care support, connecting with other single moms and information on nonprofit organizations within the community.

The group discovered the YMCA's Strong Moms program addresses many of those.

Strong Moms debuted in January 2009 thanks to a \$10,000 grant provided by the Women's Fund Working Moms Power of 10 focus group. A small, but enthusiastic group of six moms attended the first meeting. Since then, the group has grown to about 40 moms in attendance.

The free community program for working mothers presents a different topic or workshop each month. On-site, free child care and dinner is provided. Strong Moms meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. (For more information, contact Angela Flanigan at 920-230-8439 or e-mail her at AngelaFlanigan@OshkoshYMCA.org.)

The Power of 10 is the 10th anniversary initiative of the Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Ten focus groups have been charged with identifying the issues and obstacles facing women of all ages in our community. The participants then discuss, debate and decide where their \$10,000 would be best put to use.

The Single Moms focus group is the eighth of 10 groups to donate \$10,000 toward an initiative that will create social change for Oshkosh girls and women.

Since 1998, the Women's Fund has provided more than \$400,000 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 visit <http://Women.OshkoshAreaCF.org>.

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