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Women's Fund grants \$10,000 to Mobile Dental Clinic

OSHKOSH, WI – The Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has granted \$10,000 to a Mobile Dental Clinic to serve needy children in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties.

The project would expand the reach of the Tri-County Community Dental Clinic and its efforts to bring free oral health care services to the Oshkosh area and beyond.

More than 2,600 children in the Fox Valley area have received dental care through Tri-County Clinic's Focus on the Children program. The Mobile Dental Clinic would allow for 3,600 additional children to get treatment.

"When we learned of the plan to create this mobile clinic, it was a no-brainer to put the Women's Fund support behind it," said Karlene Grabner, director of the Women's Fund. "The lack of dental care for women and children in our community has been a real problem, not just in terms of basic health care needs but also for women to be able to get a job and children to have better attendance in school."

The new Mobile Dental Clinic would provide treatment to children at public schools in Oshkosh at least two days per week and provide treatment to children in outlying regions of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago counties — including Omro and Winneconne in Winnebago County — three days per week.

The treatments would include dental screenings, fluoride varnish applications, hygiene education and restorative dental care.

Access to health and dental care has been identified as priority by focus group members of the Women's Fund Power of 10 granting initiative. The Health Care Power of 10 focus group granting \$10,000 in 2010 to Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services Inc. in Oshkosh to support its community dentistry program. The Women's Fund has also supported numerous other community health programs through its competitive grant cycle in past years.

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Regular supporters of the Women's Fund have contributed \$8,500 in additional grants to the Mobile Dental Bus project, for a total of \$18,500 of Women's Fund support so far.

The community support in combination with a \$100,000 grant from the John E. Kuenzl Foundation and a \$100,000 matching grant from the Community Foundation, and gifts from other Community Foundation donors, will cover about half of the \$400,000 the Community Foundation has committed toward the project.

The Women's Fund is one of several major funders supporting the creation of the Mobile Dental Clinic, including the J. J. Keller Foundation, which has provided \$300,000. Other major funders of the Mobile Dental Clinic include the Theda Clark Medical Center Foundation, the Mielke Family Foundation, Oshkosh Corp. and the Jane and Tad Shepard Family Foundation.

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 go to <http://Women.OshkoshAreaCF.org>.

To contribute to the Mobile Dental Clinic, send a check written to:

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230 Ohio Street, Suite 100
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Please include Mobile Dental Clinic in the Memo line.

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