



WOMEN'S GIVING
ALLIANCE
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



\$5M+
GRANTS MADE

400+
MEMBERS

\$3.4M
ENDOWED FUNDS

3
MAJOR RESEARCH
PROJECTS

While the Women's Giving Alliance was created to be a significant grantmaker in Northeast Florida, WGA is so much more than a hefty checkbook. Through its active membership, it adds value beyond the dollars it invests in these and many other ways:

- Research based grantmaking
- Topic education programs for members
- Resources to advocate for women and girls
- Leverage to attract other funders for change
- Heightened community awareness and conversation

WOMEN TOGETHER CHANGING LIVES

The Women's Giving Alliance, an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, is a dynamic group of diverse women who pool their philanthropic giving to make a lasting impact on the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida. WGA utilizes a research-based approach to all of its initiatives, first finding the data and then identifying issues. WGA's focus on strategic philanthropy has resulted in fundamentally changing the conversation in our community around issues such as mental health and girls in the juvenile justice system. WGA has already begun strategically investing our resources in breaking the cycle of female poverty. Join our 400+ members and our community partners in this important work.



OUR NEW FOCUS AREA:

BREAK THE CYCLE *of Female Poverty*



Educational
Attainment



Physical and
Mental Health



Economic
Empowerment



In Florida, 40 percent of families with children living in poverty are female-headed households. And children who grow up in the bottom fifth of national family income are more likely to remain in poverty as adults.

Nationally and locally, programs that show promise of breaking the cycle have demonstrated that a focus on just one problem facing these women is not enough to achieve lasting success.

According to WGA's most current commissioned research, some of the supports for women and girls that would allow more opportunity for economic stability are access to:

-  Quality healthcare
-  Mental health services
-  Affordable housing
-  Transportation
-  Quality education
-  Pay equity
-  Job training
-  Quality childcare
-  Medical/family leave in the workplace



Finding Stability

Jenifer Cooley, 26, is raising her daughter, Nicky, 8, and her niece, Tera, 17. Their lives were forever changed by the Single Parent Program at BEAM, which was supported by a grant from WGA.

"I grew up with nothing. I don't want that for my daughter," she said. ***"I'll do what they tell me"*** to get ahead.

She stayed in school, got a high school diploma and an A.A. degree, had a job at \$11.50 an hour, but still she struggled. ***"I'd flip out with anxiety when a bill came in."***

At BEAM, she learned about budgeting and saving. When her car was totaled last fall, she could manage a replacement. ***"I feel stable for the first time,"*** she said.

Parenting classes and family counseling have helped her ***"stay calm. It's not good for the girls to see me panic."***

Jenifer said, ***"I'm so confident within myself now.... I'm going to be successful supporting myself and my child. Since I've been in the program, it's the best year of my life."***

BIG IMPACT:

WGA's Focus on Mental Health 2011-2016

In 2011, WGA embarked on a journey to not only to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in mental health services but also to create awareness in our community about the severe lack of resources available. Mission accomplished. More than 2,250 lives were changed because of WGA's investment and our impact keeps growing.



5
YEARS



\$1.9
MILLION

invested in the mental health of women & girls in Northeast Florida

ADVOCACY SUCCESS STORY

1 busload of WGA members in Tallahassee



1 letter to the Governor

\$3M

in new funding to provide services to sexually exploited children

16
NONPROFIT
AGENCIES



22
GRANTS



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