Women United in Philanthropy

GRANTS HISTORY

Women United in Philanthropy (WUIP) is New Jersey's first women's giving circle. Since 2004, we have awarded $1,300,000 in grant funds to programs that address chronic problems impacting women and families in Bergen County, NJ.

2026
Bergen CASA, Family Touch & Women's Rights Information Center

In an effort to grapple with dramatic public funding cuts and to expand its impact across more women in need, Women United in Philanthropy awarded three grants totaling $63,000 in 2026 to the following agencies:

- Bergen CASA – Fostering Futures Program
- Family Touch - Women's Health, Safety, and Family Stability Initiative
- Women's Rights Information Center – First Responder Case Manager

2025
Families for Families, Wyckoff

Families for Families was awarded $40,000 to support their Strengthening Foundations program which supports women during their crucial transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

2024
YWCA Northern NJ, Ridgewood

The YWCA Northern NJ's program Operation Sisterhood was awarded a $40,000 grant to provide case management, resource connections, workforce development, sexual violence survivor services, mentorship, and sisterhood for female veterans as they find their place in civilian life.

2023
The Food Brigade, Dumont

The Food Brigade was awarded a $40,000 grant award to strengthen and expand their home-delivery food program by purchasing a commercial vehicle for home deliveries of food, infant diapers, adult diapers, and feminine hygiene products to mothers and families.

2022
Geriatric Services, Teaneck

Geriatric Services was awarded a $60,000 grant to address the financial challenges of retirement age women by providing a retirement-security education, counseling services, and one-on-one money management assistance.

2021
Center for Hope and Safety, Rochelle Park

The Center for Hope and Safety was awarded a $60,000 grant to provide financial literacy & advocacy, and housing advocacy services to help clients take steps toward financial independence and housing stability.

2020
COVID-19 Emergency Response

For 2020, Women United in Philanthropy changed how we awarded grants, in response to the immediate needs that nonprofits in Bergen County were experiencing due to COVID-19. It was a rapid response process undertaken in partnership with The Foundation of Northern Jersey, which committed a dollar-for-dollar match for every gift made to WUIP up to $20,000. In all, we awarded $90,000 across 11 agencies to help local families during this crisis.

2019
Women's Rights Information Center, Englewood

The Women's Rights Information Center was awarded a $60,000 grant to fund the Center's Shared Housing program in its efforts to increase support to women seeking housing assistance.

2018
Children's Aid and Family Services, Paramus

Children's Aid and Family Services was voted the recipient of our $65,000 grant to recruit, train and support a peer group for women who have loved ones suffering from addiction.

2017
Bergen Family Center, Hackensack/Englewood

$65,000 was awarded to "Project Speak Up," a program designed to provide evidence-based education and training to teachers, students, administrators and the community at-large to help eradicate sexual violence against women and girls.

2016
MS Center at Holy Name Medical Center, Teaneck

$75,000 was granted to the "Keeping Women with MS in the Workplace" program to help women in Bergen County who are diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis retain their jobs.

2015
YWCA Northern NJ, Ridgewood

$75,000 has been awarded to the "Moving Forward" program to support women in Bergen County in their job searches.

2014
Bergen Family Center, Hackensack/Englewood

$75,000 trained women ages 16-30 for nontraditional careers in the building trades.

2013
Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Shelter Our Sisters), Hackensack

$80,000 established a multicultural outreach program for victims of domestic violence as a gateway to services for women who have traditionally not utilized them.

2012
YWCA Northern NJ, Rape Crisis Center, Hackensack/Ridgewood

$100,000 established an individual counseling program, facilitated by a licensed therapist, to help women and girls (over 13 years of age) heal from sexual abuse.

2011
Christ Church Community Development Corporation, Hackensack

$80,000 piloted a gender-specific program for women in emergency shelter to help them overcome the traumas commonly experienced by homeless women and move successfully to a permanent home.

2010
Women's Rights Information Center, Englewood

$70,000 created a transition and training program for local servicewomen returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, offering remedial pre-college education, career services and family legal assistance.

2009
Zoe's Cupcake Cafe, Teaneck

$100,000 launched Zoe's Cupcake Cafe in Teaneck, a revenue-generating bakery business and training program for teen moms needing job training, skills and experience to earn a living wage and care for their babies.

2008
55 Kip Center, Rutherford

$65,000 started Caring for You/Caring for Me, a program for older women who have no one to care for them, teaching them how to navigate life alone through weekly classes and online support groups, and with the help of an onsite medical team and in-home volunteers.

2007
Family Promise of Bergen County (formerly InterReligious Fellowship for the Homeless), Teaneck

$50,000 opened a new transitional house for single mothers and provided financial workshops, educational scholarships, computer training and after-school care for women and children living in family shelters.