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06/05/2024

Caring Women's Connection  
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*"The Haven believed in me when I didn't believe in myself.  
Sometimes you have to let other people be positive for you when you can't do it yourself."*

*--Carol, Lake County Haven Graduate*

To Laurie and our friends at Caring Women's Connection,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of \$4,000.00.

Your gift is already at work providing women and children in crisis with nutritious food, a safe, warm bed, and a community of caring people ready to help them at every turn. And now with two shelters, your donation will help even more families in their journey from homelessness to independent living.

We are so grateful to you for making this possible.

I hope you will consider deepening your relationship with us by providing a meal to one of our shelters, joining us for one of our upcoming events, or simply reaching out to us to learn more. To stay up-to-date with the very latest information, please follow us on Facebook or visit our website at [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org).

Thank you again for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Laura Sabino  
Executive Director

*Thank you!*

P.S. If you would like to go a little greener and receive future acknowledgments via email, please reach out to [Kate@LakeCountyHaven.org](mailto:Kate@LakeCountyHaven.org). We'll be happy to set that up for you!

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June 6, 2024

Ms. Kay Lobo  
Caring Women's Connection  
Box 234  
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Dear Friends at Caring Women's Connection,

On behalf of CYN Counseling Center, please accept our deepest gratitude for your recent grant of \$1,500 on June 6, 2024. Your donation will directly impact the lives of the children, families, and individuals who rely on our services. Whether it's providing comprehensive individual and group counseling and therapy services, intensive casework to strengthen families, or violence prevention and interventions, your contribution will make a tangible difference in their lives.

Your support is more critical than ever before. As children, young people, adults and families navigate unprecedented difficulties, the need for counseling and compassion has reached new heights. At CYN, we are committed to supporting and empowering those in need within our community. Your support enables us to continue this mission and reach even more individuals who require assistance and guidance.

Thank you for believing in our work and for your dedication to helping others. Your kindness makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve, and we are incredibly grateful for your support. If you are interested in learning more about our programs or other ways you can help, please contact Janet Gow at [janetg@cyngrayslake.org](mailto:janetg@cyngrayslake.org) or 847-548-6000 x080.

Your generosity towards CYN Counseling Center and those we serve is truly touching.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gail Weil".

Gail Weil  
Executive Director

A handwritten note in blue ink that reads "Thank you so much for your continued support!".

*In accordance with IRS Code section 170 (f) (8), this letter serves as verification that your donation is 100% tax deductible as no goods or services were received in exchange for your donation. Our Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 36-2991247. Please consult with a tax professional to determine the specific tax implications for your individual circumstances.*

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June 6, 2024

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Dear Members of Caring Women's Connection,

On behalf of Ms. Marc L. Jones, Waukegan Township Supervisor, the Board of Trustees, the Staben House Staff, and Staben House residents, thank you so much for your generous financial grant of \$4000. Seven families will benefit from financial support as they transition from our program to permanent housing in the community as the result of your grant.

**Staben House**

3000 Grand Ave.  
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Thank you for supporting Staben House to empower families to transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Your support and advocacy give the women and children hope for a brighter future. If you have any questions or want to visit, please contact me at (847) 244-9944.

**Patricia A. Jones  
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Best Regards,

Loretta K. Pable  
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June 5, 2024

Caring Women's Connection  
P.O. Box 234  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Hello Friends & Caring Women's Connection Grant Committee,

Thank you for the \$3,000.00 grant you made to Keeping Families Covered on 6/3/2024 (check #1163)! Your generosity helps us further our mission to provide individuals and families with basics like diapers and period supplies at no cost. We gave away over 2,000,000 diapers and 257,000 period supplies in 2023, and we have big plans for 2024! **Thank you for your willingness to help us in our efforts to eliminate the barriers that exist to access basic human needs for the most vulnerable across northern Illinois.**

**One in two** families are unable to afford the diapers they need to keep their children clean, dry, and healthy. Studies show that babies who are left in wet diapers are at a higher risk for infections, long-term illness, and even child abuse. Without diapers, a child cannot access early childhood education. Without childcare, parents cannot go to work, further entrenching them in cycles of poverty. Healthy but incontinent adults that are unable to afford supplies often become homebound. Many disabled adults need diapers/incontinence products for school, job training, or work. **One in three** low-income women lack period supplies, which prevents them from attending school, going to work, and fully participating in daily life. Thanks to you, we can support those individuals and families with the essentials they need to help them live better lives.

**Keeping Families Covered is driven to address the silent crisis of diaper need and period poverty because no assistance programs cover diapers or period supplies.** Our program helps to fill the gap, and is critical to meeting the growing needs of those that rely on our support every month. We fulfill our mission by raising funds to purchase goods at highly discounted prices, hosting donation drives with community partners, and advocating for those that need our help.

We are grateful for your partnership in the fight to end diaper need and period poverty in our community! Having a sufficient supply of diapers and period supplies changes lives, and your gift enables us to positively impact the lives of thousands of our neighbors in need. Please accept my deepest gratitude for your support of our mission and important work.

Thanks to your commitment to Keeping Families Covered, we can continue our important work to transform our community by providing individuals and families with the basics they need to thrive.

With blessings and gratitude,

*Ann Marie Mathis*

Ann Marie Mathis  
Founder & CEO

*Thank you so much for  
your continued support!  
we appreciate you!*

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June 6, 2024

Caring Women's Connection  
PO Box 234  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047-0234

Dear Caring Women's Connection,


Thank you so much for your grant of \$4,000 to Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center (ZCenter) made on June 3, 2024. We are always working to support sexual assault and abuse survivors as well as to build a community free from sexual violence. Your support is critical and means everything to our survivors.


ZCenter's services reach over 30,000 individuals annually and range from counseling programs for survivors and their non-offending loved one; legal and medical advocacy; and prevention education programs for pre-K children through college students, professional training for first responders and other community members; and a 24 hour support line.

Thanks to this generous gift, our clients have a place to heal in an environment that makes them feel safe.

Thank you again for taking action and joining us to move closer to our human rights mission of eliminating sexual violence. Your commitment and thoughtfulness has made incredible things possible. We could not have done it without you.

With sincere gratitude,

  
Sandy T. Williams  
Executive Director

  
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June 6, 2024

Kay Lobo  
Treasurer  
Caring Women's Connection  
P.O. Box 234  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Dear Ms. Lobo,

I am so pleased for the collaboration and partnership with Caring Women's Connection in support of the Center for Enriched Living's programs and services for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you for your generous grant of \$2,500.00, which will be used of our youth and teen members.

Because of you, members connect to friendship and fun through daily programs offered at CEL. Because of you, CEL members are finding jobs in the community and pursuing their dreams. Because of you, CEL members are enjoying the programs they love. Because of you, hundreds of CEL members, and their families, live with hope for the future.

On behalf of all of us at CEL — Thank you!

Warmest wishes,

Herb Washington  
CEO

*The Center for Enriched Living certifies that no goods or services were provided in consideration of your donation (36-3339009).*

Thank you!

From: Liz Fales (liz@artimpactproject.org)

To: grants@caringwomensconnection.com

Cc: vickie@artimpactproject.org

Date: Friday, June 7, 2024 at 07:38 AM CDT

Good morning!

I am reaching out on behalf of Art Impact Project to extend my sincere gratitude for the generous support of Caring Women's Connection – thank you so much!

Your gift is supporting our youth programming in the areas we are needed most, so thank you once again for making this possible.

We are so grateful! I am happy to come to speak with your group if there is ever any interest in learning more about our program and our impact. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support your group or any questions we can answer.

Warmest regards,  
Liz



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June 10, 2024

Joy Little  
Grants Chair  
Caring Women's Connection  
PO Box 234  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Dear Joy,

Children in Lake County who have been abused and neglected are calling for help. Because of your generous support, CASA Lake County can respond, providing customized advocacy services to hundreds of children in need of a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

On behalf of our Board, staff, and especially our child clients, I sincerely thank Caring Women's Connection for its generous investment of \$5,000.00. The funding will help us promote and protect the best interests of about 550-600 children. Our staff and CASA volunteers are committed to every case/child until a safe, permanent, and loving home is determined. For your records, a grant check was received on 6-7-2024.

I invite you and your charitable colleagues to stay connected with CASA Lake County by visiting our website, <https://casalakecounty.com/menus/casa-in-the-news.html>, to read the latest success stories and learn about upcoming events. We are always delighted to share our programming with those who support us.

Thank you, again, for your generosity. If you have questions or would like to visit our offices, please contact me or our Grants Manager, Monica A. DiVerde, at [mdiverde@casalakecounty.com](mailto:mdiverde@casalakecounty.com) or 847-383-6260, ext. 207.

Sincerely,

Terri Zenner Greenberg  
Executive Director

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July 10, 2024

Joy Little, Grants Chair  
Caring Women's Connection  
P.O. Box 234  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Dear Joy,

I want to personally thank you and Caring Women's connection for your generous \$1000 grant to help our single moms and their kids go to camp. However, my words alone won't suffice. I want you to hear directly from moms who attended camp the first week of July:

*I am so grateful for this trip with my kids and my single mom's community. We grew...while making lifelong memories. This trip was priceless and life changing. Thank you so much for your generosity.—Brittany, mom of 3*

*To the wonderful person who gifted us the trip to family camp, the last week has been nothing but pure bliss. I was able to take my kids on a vacation which I have not been able to do before. They had a wonderful time doing all of the fun activities, they loved youth group, they loved the one-on-one time with me, and spending time with our Thrive single moms group. This truly has been such a blessing for them during this difficult year and a half with their dad checking out of their lives and not being around. I really can't thank you enough for doing this for us. You have provided so much joy and perfect memories for my kids and I.—Christine, mom of 3*

*Dear kind souls, thank you for giving our families at Thrive the opportunity to go to Silver Birch. Not only was it a blessing to be able to have a vacation with my kids, it also was beautiful to experience the connections with the other moms and kids. This trip was so inspiring, uplifting and spiritually moving. I definitely came out of it with new hopes, motivation, and fulfillment for my and my family's lives. —Kate, mom of 2*

*A simple "thank you" will never be enough for your generosity. I don't know how to begin to express my deepest and most sincere gratitude to you. For some weeks leading up to leaving, I thought maybe it would be too much for a single mom, like me, to be able to handle. I thought about not going. I knew I would've regretted not going. I am not an outdoor person but the moments, laughs, and bonds made everything worth it! For the first time, I was able to take my kids on a vacation where it was simply that; a vacation. The memories made will be forever in my heart. I did things that were very scary for me and things that I've never done before. My daughter laughed until she cried! She created bonds with other kids. My son was so loved! I often get this feeling of being "looked passed" but I felt seen. This was all because you decided we*

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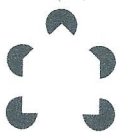
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*were worthy of it. I hope that Jesus continues to bless you every day! Please know, that you changed our lives. It was so special and we are immensely grateful for you. —Sandi, mom of 2*

The support services we provide for single moms are so important, but it's only a part of what the Hope Center does to help women and children in need in Lake County. We run a full-choice free grocery store every Saturday morning, including fresh, nutritious produce from our onsite hydroponic greenhouse and farm. We have an exceptionally low-cost legal advice clinic, frequently helping women get out of challenging or abusive situations. For women and children who are uninsured or underinsured, we have a free health clinic. We are a Safe Families for Children site, allowing respite care for families in crisis that temporarily puts kids in a stable, safe home as an alternative to the foster care system. We offer wraparound support for teen moms, giving them the life skills training they need to successfully parent their children while still being a child themselves. A free clothing closet and help with employment placement and job skills training also contribute to our goal of providing hope for the whole person. I'd love to have you and anyone from the Caring Women's Connection team as my guest on a Saturday morning to see our operations in action and meet the people we serve. You might also enjoy visiting our annual Christmas toy store in early December, where we make sure every child has a hat and gloves along with a toy under the tree.

Thank you again for your generosity and the trust you've placed in the Hope Center, and please share my thanks with everyone in your organization. Because of your yes to us, we are able to say yes to so many more who come to us looking for help and hope, and we are blessed to have your support as we work to fight the giants of injustice wherever we find them. Wishing you rich blessings in return, and a wonderful summer!

With gratitude,

Terrance Wallace  
Executive Director

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June 11, 2024

Caring Women's Connection  
Kay Lobo  
PO Box 234  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Dear Kay,

On behalf of Heart of the City, I want to thank you for your generous contribution to our organization. We received your check in the amount of \$2,000 in support of our student athletes.

Your donation makes a powerful statement of support for the development and success of student athletes in Waukegan and Beyond! Your generous contribution helps us transform and brighten the futures of youth every day.

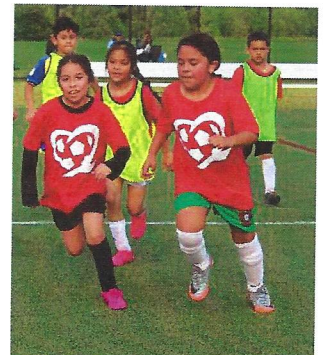
You are making a difference in the lives of over 1100 student athletes giving them opportunities that will further develop their education, leadership, and personal growth. Through Heart of the City's soccer and youth development programs, student athletes receive top-quality coaching, job-readiness opportunities like referee certification courses and coach training, assistance with college and career readiness, and access to free and reduced health and wellness resources.

We are fortunate to have supporters like you, who believe that young people deserve access to programs that inspire them to be competitive on the field, successful in their school, and productive in their community. Thank you for giving youth in our communities the opportunity to play the game they love while they grow, learn, and lead happier, healthier lives.

Every dollar donated to Heart of the City increases access to wraparound services and the life-changing game of soccer in Lake County. Thank you for your support. You have made a real difference in the lives of the youth and families we serve.

With deep appreciation,

Rena Lee  
Executive Director



*Kay -  
Thank you so much  
for your belief in our  
mission and support of  
the community!  
Rena*

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June 11, 2024

Caring Women's Connection  
Box 234  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Dear Kay and Caring Women's Connection:

On behalf of the School District 95 Educational Foundation Board of Trustees and the Joanie's Closet Board, I thank you for your grant of \$5,000.00. Your grant will help support the needs of under-resourced children and families across District 95.

Joanie's Closet was founded in the spirit of May Whitney Elementary School's long-time nurse, Joanie Bednarz, who passed away unexpectedly. Since that time, because of donations like yours, we have been able to confidentially provide resources to families including warm coats and boots, schools supplies, emergency food and gas cards, and household supplies. District 95 is not exempt from the widespread challenges of the past few years, which have increased the need in our community. Through Joanie's Closet, we are very fortunate to be able to continue to offer help to whoever needs it.

We greatly appreciate your help in keeping Joanie's legacy of humanitarianism, empathy and kindness alive by supporting all of the learners in our community.

Warm regards,

Lisa Warren  
Treasurer

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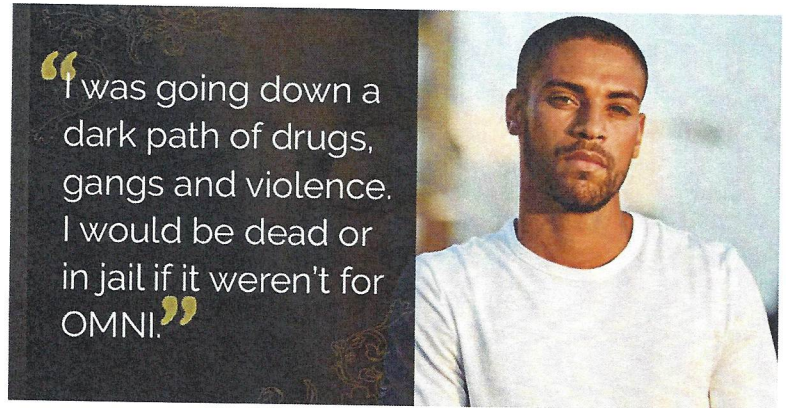
June 28, 2024

Kay Lobo  
Treasurer  
Caring Women's Connection  
Box 234  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Dear Kay and Caring Women's Connection,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to OMNI on June 3, 2024 for substance abuse counseling for Mundelein High School teens! We are thrilled to be one of the organizations you chose to support.

Because of your donation, OMNI continues to expand its mental health counseling. Last year, 924 clients received mental health counseling – almost double the number of people in one year.



Mental health counseling teaches how to reverse unhealthy and unproductive patterns, and it sets our clients up for a pathway to healthy behaviors.

Together, we are creating a healthier and more productive community. We are giving our neighbors and friends the tools to thrive and cope. We look forward to continuing to partner. I would be delighted to present at a meeting for your organization. Feel free to reach me at [lchilvers@omni4all.org](mailto:lchilvers@omni4all.org) or (630) 379-3270. If you have any comments or questions, feel free to reach me.

Thank you,

Lauren Chilvers, MLIS, CFRE  
Community and Business Development, Associate Director

