



PURSE STRINGS
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The Power of the Purse

Women2Women: Providing Help to 1,035 Women and Counting

**Thanks again for your support...
We could not have done it without you!**

We've had an amazing year at Women2Women!! We were able to establish an endowment through the Community Foundation serving Greeley and Weld County. This was made possible through very generous donors who have continued to believe in our work and have supported us over the past years in a way that made this fiscally responsible decision possible.

We're pleased to welcome Leanna's Closet as a proud program of Women2Women! Leanna's Closet was formed in 2002 in honor of Leanna Anderson. The Closet provided free clothing to women in need of professional attire to enter the workforce. Leanna's Closet was reluctantly closed in 2012, but a small group of women wanted to resurrect Leanna's Closet and began working to make that happen. Lack of funding and difficulty getting 501(c)(3) status in order to accept tax deductible donations made their dream hard to achieve. They approached us with the idea of operating under the W2W umbrella, which would allow them to apply for grants and seek sponsorships using our tax-exempt status. We believe this was a perfect fit and Leanna's Closet was officially re-opened!

*Women to Women has provided over \$429,000 in financial assistance to more than 1,035 women. All of this goes directly back into our local economy! We couldn't have done this without your bighearted support. **As 2017 draws to a close, we send you our heartfelt thanks and wish you abundant health and happiness!***



Patty Gates
President,
Women2Women
Board of Directors

Our Mission:

Women2Women provides one-time financial assistance to women in Weld County who find themselves in the midst of a financial crisis, who have exhausted all other avenues for help, and who have been referred to us by another charitable organization. We do so with open hearts, a respect for the generosity of our donors and the privacy of our recipients, and a belief that we can make our community a better place through our actions and commitment.

Can you believe 1,035 women have received emergency financial assistance from a non-profit that started in a kitchen in 2009? Well, believe it!

In March 2009, Weld Women2Women started raising funds to give women in the Greeley area a helping hand up. Ten women sat around a table and agreed to each ask 10 of their friends to give \$100 to the new non-profit. In just 31 days the goal of \$10,000 was met and almost immediately funds were given to the 1st applicant—a UNC single mom who needed urgent financial assistance.

It is a scary and sometimes very difficult position to have to ask for help.

W2W has made it possible for women with a one-time financial emergency to apply for funds through one of 45 collaborating local agencies and quickly have their requests granted, often within 48 hours.

The money is paid to the bill holder/vendor directly. In return, each recipient is asked to “pass it forward” with an unpaid act of kindness.

Because W2W holds the recipients’ names in confidentiality, we can’t share many details with our donors. We can tell you that W2W has paid for car repairs, tires, rent deposits, dental work, textbooks, kitchen appliances, beds, bus tickets, utility bills and more.

On October 1, we launched our ninth annual fundraising campaign: 100 Women, \$100, 100 Days.

You don’t have to attend an event, buy a silent auction item or serve on a committee. We simply ask you to write a check for \$100 (or any amount) and ask your friends to do the same.

Please visit WeldW2W.org for more info and to donate.



“Women2Women Serves up Hope to Women in Need.”

Helping Weld County Women is a collaborative effort. Thank you to our fabulous partners!

ABC Child Development Center
Abundant Life Tabernacle
A Kid’s Place
A Woman’s Place
Banner Health Oncology Clinic
Catholic Charities
CBR YouthConnect
Connections for Independent Living
Creative Center for Spiritual Living
Crossroads Church of Greeley
Envision
First Congregational Church
Greeley Center for Independence, Inc.
Greeley/Evans Dist. 6 Families In Transition
Greeley Transitional House

Greeley Vineyard Church
Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley
Helping Hands
Hillside Baptist Church
Jefferson High School
Jefferson Junior High Greeley-Evans Dist. 6
LAM Ministries
NCHA Case Management
NCHA First Steps
NCCM Cancer Institute
North Range Behavioral Health
Partners Mentoring Youth
Resrc. Ctr. for Pregnancy and Personal Health
SAVA
Stepping Stones of Windsor

Sunrise Adelante Clinic
Sunrise Monfort Family Clinic
Sunrise Outreach Program
The Adventure Church
Tower 21
Trinity Episcopal Church
TRU Hospice of Northern Colorado
UNC - Marcus Garvey Cultural Center
United Way of Weld County
Volunteers of America
Weld County Probation Department
Weld County School District 1
WorkLife Partnership
Youth and Family Connections

2017 Circle of Sisters

The annual Circle of Sisters luncheon was held on April 28th at the Greeley Country Club. We had over 220 attendees who donated directly and through the silent auction that offered over 40 items.

The event raised \$35,391 and was extremely successful!

Be sure you save the date for our next **Circle of Sisters** event on Friday **February 23, 2018**.



The Kay Broderius Hand-Up Award

Helen Geile was awarded the 2017 Kay Broderius Hand Up Award at the 2017 Circle of Sister's Luncheon.



Helen was an obvious choice for the award because of her many hours of work in the Women2Women "Program." She is responsible for the personal letters that are sent to each recipient who receives financial assistance and also the letters that include the check to the vendor or bill holder.

Helen has written over 1,750 letters during the more than five years doing this task on behalf of W2W.

The group's poet, Nancy O'Brian, read an original poem especially created for Helen, and Helen received the traditional gift of a clock with a commemorative plaque to honor her work on behalf of women in Weld County.

"I feel very privileged to be a part of Women 2 Women. It is a unique organization whose mission is to provide one-time financial assistance to women in need. Our recipients are remarkable women who are

striving to overcome difficult obstacles and should inspire us all to continue to serve others and make a positive impact on our community. There has never been a more important time than now for women to support and care for each other." – **Helen Geile**

Weld Women2Women is kicking off our 9th 100 x \$100 Friend and Fund Raiser, and we hope to whet everyone's appetite to give generously by sharing a Board member's recipe!

We'll be sharing several recipes with you over the next few months so you can see what's cooking with Women2Women. Here's an easy, delicious dip for entertaining!

PUMPKIN FLUFF DIP



1 can (15oz.) pumpkin
 1 package (3.4oz) JELL-O vanilla flavored instant pudding
 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
 1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip thawed



Whisk pumpkin, dry pudding mix, and spice in a large bowl until blended.
 Stir in Cool Whip.
 Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Serve with Vanilla Wafers, Graham Crackers, Angel Food Cake, etc. Enjoy!!!



submitted by Kelli Gonzales

We've provided one-time, financial assistance to over 1035 women. Visit WeldW2Women.org for more information on our 501(c)(3) organization and to make a donation.

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The Spirit of the Gift

