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### ***Women 4 Women Announces Grant Recipients***

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (May 6, 2015)** Women 4 Women is excited to announced the recipients of \$110,000 in grants awarded to nonprofits throughout Metro Louisville. These grants were made as a result of the ongoing Women 4 Women Champion fundraising campaign.

#### **GRANT RECIPIENTS**

- **Girls on the Run**
- **Legal Aid Society**
- **LaCasita Center**
- **New Directions – Repair Affair**
- **Louisville Girls Leadership**
- **Kentucky Science Center**
- **Prodigal Ministries**
- **Beaded Treasures Project**
- **New Roots**

In January of 2014, Women 4 Women announced a new grant program dedicated to supporting other nonprofits in Metro Louisville that are currently addressing needs of women and girls in a strategic and collaborative way. In May of 2014, \$100,000 was awarded to grant recipients. In February 2015, local nonprofits once again submitted grant applications and April 21, the Champion donors who contributed to this initial grant fund, met to determine the recipients of those grants.

“This was a very difficult decision,” said Misty Cruse, managing director for Women 4 Women. “The Women 4 Women Grants Committee reviewed nearly 40 grant applications from wonderful organizations throughout our community. The committee focused on the extent to which the request aligned with the mission of our organization, the organization’s collaboration with others within the community, as well as, the impact the organization’s specific program or service would have in our community.”

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Awarded grants focus on the four areas of the Women 4 Women Economic Self-Sufficiency Model – Education & Leadership, Social Change & Single-Parent Economy, Jobs & Earnings and Health & Safety. These areas were identified in the Benchmark II Study (available at [w4w.org](http://w4w.org)), released in 2012, as the primary areas responsible for women achieving and maintaining economic self-sufficiency. Following the release of both Benchmark I and II Studies, Women 4 Women has continued its research and partnerships with organization within the community to continually monitor the changes and the impact these areas have on women. Strategic funding and partnerships with community leaders and The Fund for Women and Girls at the Community Foundation of Louisville, allow the organization to continue its research and collaboration to address an ongoing need in our community.

The grant deadline for 2016 grants will be announced later this year. Any organization not receiving funding during this initial process is encouraged to apply in the future. To review 2015 grant guidelines and application, visit [w4w.org](http://w4w.org).

### **About Women 4 Women**

Women 4 Women is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls in the Louisville community through grant making. The organization strives to empower women and girls through the Women 4 Women Economic Self-Sufficiency Model, which focuses on four key areas: Education & Leadership, Social Change & Single-Parent Economy, Jobs & Earnings and Health & Safety. By encouraging individuals to collectively pool their fundraising dollars with Women 4 Women and the Fund for Women and Girls at the Community Foundation of Louisville, we can make grants with greater impact in these crucial areas of need for women and girls in Louisville. Women 4 Women believes that by empowering women and girls we are empowering entire family units that will have a lasting impact on our community and future generations.

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