



## Ventura County Community Foundation Women's Legacy Fund Grant Making History Record

**TOTAL GRANTED TO DATE: \$845,500**  
**TOTAL # OF GRANTS: 118**  
**TO 56 DIFFERENT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### 2009 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$70,000 TOTAL

The focus of the 2009 grants program was Domestic (Physical, Sexual & Verbal) Violence Prevention & Services and Basic Needs & Safety Net Services for women and their children.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ventura County**, \$10,000 for the *Jamas! Never Again! Program*, to expand the *Violence is Not for Me or My Family Program* in the Fillmore/Piru area to provide healthy relationship and violence avoidance information to the English Language Learner girls in both middle and high school, add follow-up support groups at the *One Step A La Vez Teen Wellness Drop in Center* for girls and their mothers who are presently involved in domestic violence situations, and to provide referral services to assist girls and women in Fillmore/Piru to get the necessary support and placement needed to exit violent relationships.

**County of Ventura, Area Agency on Aging**, \$5,000 to provide eviction prevention, adult diapers and food for vulnerable elderly women in Ventura County. Priority will be given to clients referred from Adult Protective Services and to those women 85 years of age and older.

**Free Clinic of Simi Valley**, \$8,000 for the *Dental Hygiene for Vulnerable Women and Their Children Program*, to provide comprehensive dental health services for low-income, uninsured women and their children. Services include x-rays, screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments and instruction on proper brushing and flossing.

**Interface Children Family Services**, \$5,000 to continue the *Teen Dating Violence Prevention: Youth Empowerment Program*, to provide five 5-week multimedia interactive courses that will educate female youth residing in the juvenile justice system to recognize abuse, build healthy relationships, and break the cycle of violence.

**Many Mansions**, \$8,000 for *Stoll House*, providing affordable housing with on-site supportive services for previously homeless single-parent families. In addition to housing, the program provides case management, job and life skills, development of savings and transition into permanent affordable housing.

**Many Motors**, \$2,500 for the *Domestic Violence Outreach & Vehicle Placement Program*, to provide reliable transportation for women escaping domestic violence. WLF funds will be used to perform vehicle smog checks and maintenance/repairs for vehicles being awarded to female victims of domestic violence.

**Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project**, \$8,500 to expand the *Replacing Violence with Respect: Domestic Violence and the Mixtec Community Project*, which will expand the outreach of Mixtec promotores de salud (health outreach workers) as domestic violence peer counselors, provide outreach to the Mixteco population regarding domestic violence through small group encounters, lead support groups and to provide cultural competency trainings to "mainstream" domestic violence services agencies. In addition, the program expansion will pilot an emergency assistance program to assist Mixtec victims of domestic violence who have exhausted their financial resources with rental and utility assistance and provision of other basic needs.

**Rain Communities, Inc.**, \$5,000 to continue the *Moving Forward Program*, providing crisis counseling to residents at the RAIN Project Transitional Living Center to assist them in acquiring the confidence and emotional stability needed to regain their independence and re-enter mainstream society. Funds will provide counseling services to residents who have been victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence and will also provide childcare for their children during counseling sessions.

**Rescue Mission Alliance**, \$5,000 for the *Lighthouse Women & Children's Mission*, to provide emergency shelter and supportive services for homeless single women and women with children. In addition to shelter and transitional housing, the program provides case management, job placements services, substance abuse recovery, assistance in locating permanent housing, and referrals to counseling programs and other community services.

**United Way of Ventura County**, \$5,000 for the *Fostering Success Fund* of the *United Women's Leadership Council*. The fund will provide emergency support to emancipating and emancipated female foster youth who suddenly find themselves facing urgent critical needs for food, shelter, clothing, child care necessities and transportation in order to maintain stability, and meet employment and/or educational requirements, but for whom no other resources are available.

**Westminster Free Clinic**, \$8,000 for the *WFC Economic Response Project*, providing additional direct health care services, mental health counseling and violence prevention programs for low-income uninsured residents of East Ventura County. The domestic violence portion of the project will include counseling services and a paraprofessional violence prevention training program to empower women in the Latino community to prevent and address domestic violence issues. The health care portion of the project will include provision of direct health services and mental health counseling to low-income uninsured women and their children.

#### **2008 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$66,000 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 2008 grants program was Domestic (Physical, Sexual & Verbal) Violence Prevention & Services and Education, Training & Economic Opportunities for women and girls.**

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ventura County**, \$7,500 for the *Girls Can and Will Program*, to expand the program (currently serving middle and high school aged girls in Fillmore & Piru) to girls in the first two years of college. The program exposes girls to a variety of careers, matches them with mentors for support, and provides workshops to learn the skills they will need to be successful.

**City Impact**, \$8,000 to expand the *Job Shadowing Program*, which provides job readiness and communications skills, business field trips, and job shadow mentorship for at risk young women in Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Ventura.

**Interface Children Family Services**, \$5,000 for the *Teen Dating Violence Prevention: Youth Empowerment Program*, to provide five 5-week multimedia interactive courses that will educate female youth residing in the juvenile justice system to recognize abuse, build healthy relationships, and break the cycle of violence.

**Many Mansions**, \$8,000 for the job and career development activities at *Stoll House*, assisting homeless women and their families to transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic self-sufficiency. Funding will support activities to assist residents to gain employment, increase their job skills, build savings and transition into permanent housing.

**Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project**, \$7,000 for the *Replacing Violence with Respect: Domestic Violence and the Mixtec Community Project*, which will train Mixtec promotores de salud (health outreach workers) as domestic violence peer counselors to provide outreach to the Mixteco population regarding domestic violence and to be available on-call with the Coalition to End Domestic Violence to assist Mixtec victims.

**Rain Communities, Inc.**, \$10,000 for the *Moving Forward Program*, providing crisis counseling to residents at the RAIN Project Transitional Living Center to assist them in acquiring the confidence and emotional stability needed to regain their independence and re-enter mainstream society. Funds will provide counseling services to residents

who have been victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence and will also provide childcare for their children during counseling sessions.

**Rescue Mission Alliance**, \$6,000 for the *Lighthouse Women & Children's Mission*, to provide emergency shelter and supportive services for women who are victims of domestic violence and their children. In addition to shelter and transitional housing, the program provides case management, job placements services, assistance in locating permanent housing, and referrals to counseling programs and other community services. Grant funds will be used to serve clients who have been victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**Westminster Free Clinic**, \$8,500 for the *Teen Healthcare Training Program*, training high school-aged girls to provide clinic outreach and direct patient services, and to mentorship to the girls for continuing their education. The program's Teen Program Coordinator/Career Development Mentor will assist trainees in applying to college and vocational healthcare training programs, locating financial assistance for schooling and in making the life transition from high school to college.

**Women's Economic Ventures**, \$6,000 for the *Business Readiness Workshops* and *Self Employment Training Program*, providing business skills and business development training for entrepreneurial women planning to start or grow a small business.

### **2007 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$60,000 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 2007 grants program was Domestic (Physical, Sexual & Verbal) Violence Prevention & Services and Education, Training & Economic Opportunities for women and girls, with a focus on programs that educate women and girls on local vocational career opportunities, especially those that are nontraditionally female.**

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ventura County**, \$5,144 for the *Violence is Not for Me or My Family* program, which educates girls, ages 14-18 about how to identify and exit potentially violent dating situations, how to cope with being from a family where domestic violence has been present and how to stay safe and cope with violence in our society as a whole.

**Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley**, \$10,000 for the *Exploring Vocational Career Opportunities* module, to be added to the *GoGirlGo! Program*, to help middle school and high school girls to explore vocational career opportunities for women (including both traditional and non-tradition fields for women), and to teach participants about the resources available in their community to pursue vocational careers.

**Foundation for Educational and Employment Resources Development, Inc (aka. Café on A)**, \$3,100 for the *Dirty Little Secrets Workshop Writing and Support Project*, which empowers young women ages 13-21 who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse or incest through the transformational powers of arts and writing. The program will provide participants with counseling, education related to support and justice issues for survivors, and instruction on writing styles and public speaking to communicate the survivor's story most effectively.

**Interface Children Family Services**, \$5,000 for the *Teen Dating Violence Prevention: Youth Empowerment Program*, to provide 8 five-week multimedia interactive courses that will education female youth residing in the juvenile justice system recognizing abuse, building healthy relationships, and breaking the cycle of violence.

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**Many Mansions**, \$10,000 for *Stoll House*, assisting homeless women and their families to transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic self-sufficiency. The program provides transitional housing, job skills training, financial management planning, childcare and other services for homeless women and their families. Grant funds are to be used to serve clients who have been victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**Rain Communities, Inc.**, \$8,000 for the *Moving Forward Program*, providing crisis counseling to residents at the RAIN Project Transitional Living Center to assist them in acquiring the confidence and emotional stability needed to regain their independence and re-enter mainstream society. Funds will provide counseling services to residents who have been victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence and will also provide childcare for their children during counseling sessions.

**Rescue Mission Alliance**, \$9,756 for the *Lighthouse Women & Children's Mission-Emergency Shelter Program*, to provide emergency shelter for women who are victims of domestic violence and their children. In addition to shelter, the program provides case management, job placements services, assistance in locating permanent housing, and referrals to counseling programs and other community services. Grant funds are to be used to serve clients who have been victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**Westminster Free Clinic**, \$9,000 for the *Teen Healthcare Training Program*, training high school-aged girls to provide clinic outreach and direct patient services, and mentorship for continuing their education. The program's Teen Program Coordinator and Career Development Mentor will assist trainees in applying to college and vocational healthcare training programs, locating financial assistance for schooling and in making the life transition from high school to college.

### **2006 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$103,000 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 2006 grants program was Domestic Violence Prevention & Services and Education and Training for women & girls, with a particular emphasis on preparing young women for higher education and for providing job skills, re-entry education support, entrepreneurship training, childcare and transportation assistance for women.**

**Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley**, \$10,000 for the *You Go Girl! Program*, providing high-school aged girls mentoring and counseling to encourage them to prepare for and attend college, as well as information on college requirements, financial aid resource and application assistance. Girls will also take field trips to local colleges and be paired with mentors from the community who have succeeded in their own careers.

**Future Leaders of America**, \$11,666 for the *Latina Superwoman: Education & Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* program, providing girls (ages 14-16) and their mothers with educational, emotional, and social support to help young women prepare for admission to a 4-year university. The program includes college research and tours, as well as a curriculum focusing on college preparatory requirements, financial aid assistance, goal setting and communication skills.

**Interface Children Family Services**, \$6,866 for the *Safe Journey Transitional Shelter Program* to fund facility safety improvements needed to upgrade the Oxnard Transitional Shelter from an emancipated youth shelter to a shelter for female victims of domestic violence and their children. Funding will support safety improvements in the form of vital repairs, trimming of dangerous trees, and the addition of child-safe handrails.

**Many Mansions**, \$10,000 for Stoll House, assisting homeless women and their families to transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic self-sufficiency. The program provides transitional housing, job skills training, financial management planning, childcare and other services for homeless women and their families. Grant funds are to be used to serve clients who have been the victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**Many Motors**, \$15,000 for the Vehicle Rehabilitation & Vehicle Support Services Program, to provide reliable transportation for women escaping domestic violence. WLF funds will be used to provide outreach to victims of domestic violence, perform vehicle smog checks and maintenance/repairs, and to pay insurance and registration costs for a period of three months until clients are able to support themselves and begin making small car payments.

**Rescue Mission Alliance**, \$15,000 for the *Lighthouse Women & Children's Mission-Emergency Shelter Program*, to provide emergency shelter for women who are victims of domestic violence and their children. In addition to shelter, the program provides case management, job placements services, assistance in locating permanent housing, and referrals to counseling programs and other community services.

**Ventura College Foundation**, \$12,715 for the *Phoenix Program* at the Women's and Re-entry Center to support women re-entry students in completing their education. WLF funds will provide childcare assistance for 12 re-entry students and bus passes for 8 re-entry students in the upcoming school year.

**Westminster Free Clinic**, \$11,753 for the *Teen Healthcare Training Program*, training high school-aged girls to provide clinic outreach and direct patient services, and mentorship for continuing their education. The program's Career Development Mentor will assist trainees in applying to college and vocational healthcare training programs, locating financial assistance for schooling and in making the life transition from high school to college.

**Women's Economic Ventures**, \$10,000 for the Self-Employment Training (SET) Program, assisting low- to moderate-income women to start or expand a small business. The SET Program is a 14-week course that assists participants in writing a business plan, including performing a feasibility study, and developing planning, marketing, and financial planning/management skills.

### **2005 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$85,000 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 2005 grants program was Education & Training and Economic Opportunities (including housing, childcare and transportation) for women & high school-aged girls, with a particular emphasis on programs providing education and training for women & young to enter physical and/or mental health related fields.**

**Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley**, \$10,000 for the *How to Launch a Career in Health & Human Services Program*, providing high-school aged girls information on and exposure to career opportunities in the physical, mental health and social service fields. Participants will go on field trips to different job sites and receive training on basic career necessities such as how to conduct a job search, complete job applications and write a resume.

**Coalition to End Family Violence**, \$11,000 for the *Job Resource Center* at the 30-Day Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter. The Center provides GED assistance, job search assistance, resume creation, mock interviews, a business clothes closet, vouchers for hairstyling, bus tokens for transportation, and computer training.

**Foundation for Education & Employment Resources**, \$5,000 for the Keys Academy Program, providing job skills, leadership skills and college preparation training for at-risk young women in Oxnard.

**Kids to Kids**, \$5,000 to purchase books, school supplies and computers for use by residents at *Restoration House* who are enrolled in the Addictive Disorder Studies program at Oxnard College, training to become peer counselors for substance abuse issues in young people.

**Many Mansions**, \$10,000 for Stoll House, assisting homeless women and their families to transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic self-sufficiency. The program provides transitional housing, job skills training, financial management planning, childcare and other services for homeless women and their families. Grant funds are to be used to serve clients who have been the victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**CAUSE** as fiscal sponsor for **Many Motors**, \$5,000 for the Vehicle Rehabilitation & Vehicle Support Services Program, providing reliable transportation to work for women and their families while transitioning off of state-aid. The auto donation program accepts used vehicles, performs smog checks and maintenance/repairs, and makes the vehicles available to women transitioning off of state aid. Having a reliable means of transportation allows these women more flexibility in the location and hours of their employment, and assists in employment retention due to decreased transportation-related absences and lateness.

**Smart Start Child Development Centers**, \$10,000 for the *Abriendo Puertas (Opening Doors) Program*, this program serves primarily non-English speaking women between the ages of 20-55 and provides English language instruction specific to employment, guidance for getting & keeping a job, and classes in typing, basic computer usage & general office skills. Childcare is provided on-site during instruction.

**Ventura College Foundation**, \$10,000 for the *Phoenix Program* at the Women's and Re-entry Center. The program provides childcare assistance and/or transportation (via bus passes) for re-entry students at Ventura College.

**Westminster Free Clinic**, \$14,000 for the *Teen Healthcare Training Program*, providing high school-aged girls with an opportunity to be mentored by healthcare professionals volunteering at the clinic and to assist directly with the delivery of patient services.

**Women's Economic Ventures**, \$5,000 for the Self-Employment Training (SET) Program, assisting low- to moderate-income women to start or expand a small business. The SET Program is a 14-week course that assists participants in writing a business plan, including performing a feasibility study, and developing planning, marketing, and financial planning/management skills.

#### **2004 GRANT RECIPIENTS \$72,000 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 2004 grants program was Education & Training and Economic Opportunities (including housing, childcare and transportation) for women, with a particular emphasis on programs providing these services for women who have been victims of domestic, physical or sexual abuse.**

**Coalition to End Family Violence**, \$5,000 for the *Emergency Shelter Career Program*, providing shelter and job skills and employment assistance to women who have been the victims of domestic violence. The program provides computer skills training, assistance with resume writing, job searching and interview skills, professional clothing and a haircut.

**Employment, Aptitude & Placement Association**, \$4,200 for the *Women in Need with Dependents (WIND) Project*, providing job skills training, employment placement, and childcare assistance for women who have been victims of domestic violence. Grant funds will be used to hire Community Outreach Workers.

**Lutheran Social Services**, \$5,000 for the *Women Out in the Workforce (WOW) Program*, which assists homeless and low-income women to gain employment and become economically self-sufficient. The program provides funds/vouchers for rental, childcare and clothing and transportation assistance, computer classes, resume writing, mock interviews, self-esteem building, and employment retention training. Funds are to be used for those clients who have been victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**Many Mansions**, \$13,800 for *Stoll House*, assisting homeless women and their families to transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic self-sufficiency. The program provides transitional housing, job skills training, financial management planning, childcare and other services for homeless women and their families. \$7,500 of the grant funds are to be used to serve clients who have been the victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**CAUSE** as fiscal sponsor for **Many Motors**, \$10,000 for the *Vehicle Rehabilitation & Vehicle Support Services Program*, providing reliable transportation to work for women and their families while transitioning off of state-aid. The auto donation program accepts used vehicles, performs smog checks and maintenance/repairs, and makes the vehicles available to women transitioning off of state aid. Having a reliable means of transportation allows these women more flexibility in the location and hours of their employment, and assists in employment retention due to decreased transportation-related absences and lateness.

**RAIN Communities, Inc.**, \$12,000 for the *Moving Forward Project*, providing financial and emotional support services to previously homeless women at the RAIN Transitional Living Center. The program will provide credit review, counseling and assistance in rebuilding credit to allow for rental qualification as well as counseling to address the emotional issues caused by homelessness that often hinder clients from obtaining full employment. Funds will be used to assist those women who have been victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**Rescue Mission Alliance**, \$10,000 for the *Lighthouse Women & Children's Emergency Shelter*, providing shelter and employment assistance for homeless women with children. The program offers a 60-day shelter, during which clients receive counseling, job-skills training, resume writing assistance, interview skills and job search assistance to

homeless women with children. \$5,000 of the grant funds are to be used to serve clients who have been the victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

**Women's Economic Ventures**, \$12,000 for the *Self-Employment Training (SET) Program*, assisting low- to moderate-income women to start or expand a small business. The SET Program is a 14-week course that assists participants in writing a business plan, including performing a feasibility study, and developing planning, marketing, and financial planning/management skills.

### **2003 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$50,000 TOTAL**

**The 2003 Grants focus on programs under two broad, but interrelated categories that are extremely important to women in the current economy. The committee combined these priorities to support programs that provide Education and Training, and Economic Opportunities for women over the age of 18.**

**Coalition to End Family Violence**, \$8,099 to expand the *Battered Women's Shelter Career Counseling Program*, which assists clients who are exiting abusive relationships with the skills they will need to become self-sufficient, such as the creation of resumes and references, identifying employment opportunities, obtaining professional clothing, and training in interview skills and computer skills.

**Interface Children Family Services**, \$5,001 (partially funded by the *Barbara Meister Fund for Women*) for the *Convivir Teen Mom Work Service Project*, which provides training in basic workplace skills through service learning to 18-19 year old single mothers. Participants receive a small stipend to work at the Convivir food pantry/closet, while learning retail skills, operations management, basic word processing and business etiquette. The program also provides one-to-one time with a mentor who will help participants define career goals and work through employment-related issues.

**Many Mansions**, \$10,000 for the career and economic development programs offered at *Stoll House*, serving single mothers and their children. These programs aim to break the cycle of poverty by assisting women in transitional housing with completing their GED, completing a career development course, gaining employment, saving a portion of their income and transitioning to their own permanent housing.

**Services United**, \$9,900 for the *Achieving Career Destinations program*, providing career-building workshops for women with a history of alcohol and substance abuse and those living at or below the poverty level. The program curriculum includes understanding self-image, work-style assessments, career goal setting, identifying and overcoming barriers, resume writing, skills for job search, interviewing, and employment retention.

**Ventura College Foundation**, \$3,000 to provide textbooks for low-income re-entry women who are part of the *Phoenix Program at the Women's & Re-Entry Center* at Ventura College. The Textbook Lending Library at the Center provides textbook loans for low-income adult female students who are unable to purchase their own books. Books are returned at the end of the semester, for future students to use.

**Westminster Free Clinic**, \$4,000 for the *Professional Life Skills Training Pilot Program*, which will mentor low-income minority female volunteers (ages 18-22) at the Clinic who are pursuing a college degree or advanced certification in the healthcare field and transitioning into a career as a bi-lingual healthcare professional. Training will include applying for advanced education programs, budgeting for educational and living expenses, independent living skills, time management, seeking financial aid, study skills, networking, overcoming barriers and achieving goals.

**Women's Economic Ventures**, \$10,000 for the *Self-Employment Training Program (SET)* which assists low to moderate income women who are potential entrepreneurs through a comprehensive course teaching microenterprise skills (business planning, marketing, financial management, etc.) and assisting them to write a business plan in order to start up or expand a small business. The class is offered in both English and Spanish.

## **2002 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$66,750 TOTAL**

**The 2002 grants focused on Education and Training and Job and Career Development. Funded programs focused on using self-esteem, self-respect and empowerment as a methodology in encouraging the Education and Career goals.**

**Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley**, \$6,500 for *M.O.M.'s (Moms or Mentors) and ME Program*, offering bi-lingual computer and career learning opportunities for women, mentors and their female children.

**Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley**, \$5,250 for "*Girls Rule*," a program to develop skills for setting and achieving goals and enhancing self-esteem for girls 10-17 years old.

**City Impact**, \$6,000 for the *Technology Training Academy*, improving employability of high-risk females.

**Conejo Elementary School District**, \$5,740 for *STAR (Science, Technology Adventures and Research)* a mentoring program for girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Conejo Elementary School.

**Conejo Youth Employment Services**, \$2,800 to provide job training skills to young women to assist them in their career pursuits or starting their own business.

**Goodwill Industries**, \$7,800 to provide occupational skills training in computer applications to unemployed and low-income women.

**Many Mansions**, \$10,000 for *Stoll House*, assisting homeless, unemployed and marginally employed single women with children.

**Miracle House**, \$4,160 for the *Women's KEYS (Keys to Enable You in the System) Academy*, promoting economic and emotional self-sufficiency for women.

**Moorpark Unified School District**, \$5,000 for the *Supporting Underrepresented Women and Girls in Their Pursuit of Higher Education project*.

**Westminster Free Clinic**, \$7,500 to provide a paid internship for young girls as they receive training in the medical field and serve as volunteers at the free clinic.

**Women's Economic Ventures**, \$6,000 to assist potential entrepreneurs through our comprehensive micro-enterprise training, loan fund and technical assistance resources.

## **2001 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$63,050 TOTAL**

**The 2001 grants addressed family violence, child abuse and anger or programs that strengthened self-esteem, empowerment and self-respect. Programs using arts as a methodology were especially encouraged.**

**Boys and Girls Club**, Ventura County, \$12,500 for the *SMART Girls Program* for girls to develop healthy attitudes and lifestyles.

**Carnegie Art Museum**, \$2,000 for the *Visible Strength: Women & Art program*, empowering students to positively handle personal and social trauma by understanding the history of women artists who have overcome obstacles.

**Children's Services Auxiliary**, \$5,000 for *Foster Parent Mentor Program* to assist potential and current foster parents in caring for abused and neglected children.

**City Impact**, \$2,000 for youth/family violence prevention project, an expansion of their services to high-risk females.

**Conejo Elementary School**, \$4,000 for *STAR (Science, Technology Adventures and Research)* mentoring project for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and scholarships to the AAUW's Math/Science Conference for Girls.

**El Concilio Del Condado De Ventura**, \$10,000 for young *Women's Symposium*, an early intervention and education project for at-risk girls.

**Interface Children Family Services**, \$5,000 for *the Community Action Theatre Team*, a teen led theatre project to educate about domestic and dating violence.

**Kids and Families Together**, \$1,500 for the *Healing Into Wholeness program* for young women in the foster care system with a history of violence and abuse within their families.

**Many Mansions**, \$10,000 for *Stoll House*, empowering homeless, unemployed and marginally employed women and their children to obtain self-sufficiency.

**Prototypes**, \$2,000 for horticultural vocational job training program to enable residents living in the substance abuse facility to prepare for a career.

**Rubicon Theatre Company**, \$1,050 from the **Barbara Meister Fund for Women** for *Women Beyond Borders Theatre Festival's community* education outreach program.

**Ventura County Ballet Company**, \$5,000 for *Therapeutic Dance for Children*, to teach dance to children and girls suffering from the effects of child abuse, abandonment and neglect.

**Ventura County Discovery Center**, \$3,000 for *STARLAB HUGS (Heads Up Girls)* project to interest girls in the science of astronomy and to enhance self-esteem.

### **2000 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$35,600 TOTAL**

**The 2000 grants focused on issues that contribute to family violence, child abuse, anger and women being on welfare.**

**Boys & Girls Clubs**, Ventura County, \$4,000 each for *SMART Girls Program* for girls to develop healthy attitudes and lifestyles.

**Blanchard Community Library's FLAIR Program**, \$1,200 for *Parenting Program for Parents of Adolescents* to improve literacy, promote positive role modeling and instruct parents in using books to teach their children.

**Kids and Families Together**, \$2,000 for an education support group for adoptive moms and daughters.

**Many Mansions**, \$6,000 for *Stoll House* for homeless, unemployed and marginally employed women and children, helping women become employed, offering free on-site child care, free or low cost housing, on-site job training and independent living.

**Ojai Valley Youth Foundation**, \$4,000 for *Teen Mentoring Program* for mother and daughter meetings, to train high school girls facilitation skills for teen-to-teen mentoring groups.

**Tres Condados Girl Scout Council**, \$2,400 for *Teen Talk Outreach Program* to help at-risk Latina girls grow into successful leaders in their communities.

**United Parents**, \$4,000 to expand *Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training* to teach parents the skills to interrupt escalation of negative behavior and help calm conflict in emotionally disturbed children.

### **1999 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$100,000 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 1999 grants was on programs that offer Welfare to Work transition assistance for the hardest to serve women, Women as Caregivers, and Awareness and Promotion of Health Care Programs for Women.**

**Alzheimer's Association**, \$10,000 for emergency respite care for Ventura County families with victims of Alzheimer's Disease, up to \$500 per family.

**Camarillo Hospice**, \$10,000 to support their new program, *Empowering Women Caregivers: Assistance for Those Who Are Caring for Someone With a Life-Threatening Illness*. The program reached up to 300 women from Camarillo, Somis, Moorpark and Santa Rosa Valley.

**Conejo Valley Senior Concerns**, \$12,500 to support "Women as Caregivers" for 150 women per month in Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park and Westlake. It supports women through education, respite in and out of the home; referral information, consultation, support groups and seminars.

**Fillmore Unified School District**, \$20,000 for *UN ALTO!*, a Fillmore Area Center for Transition Services to assist 100 women with a variety of services in a one-stop concept. Assistance in searching for jobs, getting job-skills training, women's health issues such as breast cancer and domestic violence information, Child Care Provider training and access to computers and the internet for job search and skills training.

**Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura**, \$11,500 for purchase, repair, registration and insurance, for the primary source of transportation for low-income households headed by females, in increments not to exceed \$1,000 per family.

**Many Mansions**, \$18,000 for a matching grant to *Stoll House*, for 13 homeless, unemployed and marginally employed women and their children in Ventura County. The program helps women become employed, offers free on-site child care, free or low cost housing, one-site job training and independent living skills.

**Salvation Army, Oxnard**, \$6,000 to establish the only free dental clinic serving Ventura County. This grant was conditional on getting the dental clinic up and running and that at least half of the clients served with WLF funds be women.

**Soroptomist International of Oxnard**, \$2,000 for haircuts and large-sized clothes for 100 welfare-to-work clients in Oxnard, Camarillo and Port Hueneme. The program provides the job seeker with the appropriate professional appearance necessary for job interviews and their new job placement.

**Ventura County Jewish Family Services**, \$10,000 for the *Essential Skills for Life Change program*, a year-long project for 175 CalWorks mothers, covering Ventura and Ojai.

### **1998 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$26,100 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 1998 grants was family violence/child abuse/anger management, and assisting women in the transition from welfare to work.**

**The Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence**, \$7,973 to begin a program of support services, outreach and intervention in the City of Port Hueneme for girls, ages 12-18, who have been abused or molested.

**El Centrito De La Colonia**, \$4,015 to develop a *Latina's Leadership Group* that assists young women to develop proactive resiliency building and coping skills through a leadership and decision-making group process and mentoring program with Latina professional women.

**The Harrington Family Center**, \$7,500 to implement a *Mentoring Moms and Daughters Project* that links women and girls to a series of educational, social, medical and counseling services, along with a mentoring program to help them establish a plan and reach their set goals.

**Interface Children Family Services**, \$6,612 to establish the *Safe Journey-Mentoring for Battered Women in Transition Project*, recruiting, training and supervising 8-12 volunteer mentors for the women residing in their Safe Journey single housing units for battered women and children.

#### **1997 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$24,000 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 1997 grants was Teen Pregnancy, with an emphasis on prevention, assisting pregnant teens in making positive life choices for themselves and their babies, and assisting families in counseling, supporting the teen parent and helping the children to have a healthy future.**

**Apollo Continuation High School** in Simi Valley, was given \$7,020 for their *Minor Parent Program* which focused on providing teen parents necessary child care and the support to complete their high school education and/or learn a job skill.

**Conejo Free Clinic**, \$4,640 for their *Teens at Risk Program* which provided educational materials on pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, a medical clinic for teens and an awareness program through ads in school newspapers.

**Fillmore Unified School District**, \$5,550 for their *Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program* to establish the first local teen parent program including the development of a parenting skills curriculum, classroom and child care facility.

**Tres Condados Girl Scout Council**, \$6,790 for their *Teen Talk Program* at Blackstock Middle School in Oxnard, delivering a 32-week course to help 12 - 14 year-old girls avoid early sexual involvement and pregnancy.

#### **1996 GRANT RECIPIENTS: \$24,000 TOTAL**

**The focus of the 1996 grants was programs that improve self-esteem and promote options and choices for women and girls. Special emphasis was placed on reducing family violence and abuse, teen pregnancy and strengthening parenting skills.**

**The Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley**, \$5,000 for *Operation Smart*, a program to empower girls who have traditionally been left out of math and science programs. Approximately 500 girls, ages 7 to 16 were given the opportunity to make scientific discoveries.

**City Impact**, \$7,000 for *Los Angelitas Program*. 40 at-risk females, ages 14 – 25 were matched with female business owners as mentors to explore their own career opportunities through the development of a small business and marketing plan.

**El Centrito De La Colonia**, \$3,500 for enhanced educational software and instruction for 100 girls and women in La Colonia to build academic achievement, employment skills and self-esteem.

**Interface Children, Family Services**, \$5,000 to reduce future teen pregnancy by providing support/counseling/ education groups to pregnant and parenting young women ages 14 – 18, attending Rio Mesa High and Gateway Community Schools.

**Planned Parenthood of Ventura County**, \$3,500 for their *Parent Teen Empowerment Project* to reduce teen pregnancy by promoting parent/child communication to 300 parents and 200 higher risk teen girls, teaching self-esteem, family planning, and reproductive health.