



## News Release

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### **Willmar Area Women's Fund Exceeds Fundraising Goal**

*Dollars raised total more than \$70,000*

Willmar, Minn. – The Willmar Area Women's Fund (WAWF), a signature initiative of the Willmar Area Community Foundation (WACF), announces the results of its fundraising campaign. Through generous community donations, the Fund exceeded its goal of \$50,000 and raised a total of \$70,500. This annual campaign began on June 1, 2023 and final numbers were reported through December 2023.

In 2023, the Willmar Area Women's Fund provided grants to continue trauma informed care training to organizations serving children, youth, and families. Additionally, the WAWF responded to gaps within our community by funding programs that support at risk and underprivileged youth and families. These programs were implemented by our grantee partners at Woodland Centers, the Alternative Learning Center, the Prairie Lakes Youth Program, and United Community Action Partnership. An example of a funded project includes United Community Action Partnerships 'welcome home kits' for families moving from homelessness into housing. WAWF funding provided over twenty kits in Kandiyohi County.

The Willmar Area Women's Fund (WAWF) strives to shine a light, connect the dots, and propel work forward to improve the lives of the women and children in Kandiyohi. Thanks to all of our donors who answered the call to support this critical work here at home!

The Willmar Area Community Foundation (WACF) attracts and administers charitable funds for the benefit of the local Willmar area. Since 1998, WACF has grown to over \$23.5 million in assets and awarded \$12.4 million in grants to area nonprofits. The WACF is governed by a local board of directors and is a partner of CommunityGiving, which is a network of community foundations united to create efficiencies that maximize the impact of our donors. Collectively, CommunityGiving administers over 1,000 funds totaling nearly \$195 million. Learn more at [www.willmarareacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.willmarareacommunityfoundation.org)