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WOMEN GIVING TOGETHER MAKES DONATION TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF EIGHT DELAWARE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Powell, Ohio (May 23, 2016) – Women Giving Together, a giving circle affiliated with the Delaware County Foundation, presented more than \$23,000 to local charitable organizations throughout Delaware County, Ohio at their recent annual grants reception, hosted at Kensington Wealth Partners, Ltd. office in Columbus on May 16. This year's grants bring the group's total giving to \$87,499 since its start in 2011.

- [**Big Walnut Schools for Ruling Our eXperience**, a female-focused and data-driven program to empower girls.
- [**Blessings in a Backpack** for providing Olentangy Local School District elementary students who are experiencing food insecurities with weekend nutrition in the 2016-17 school year.
- [**Common Ground Free Store**, which provides household items and clothing to those in need, received a grant for new clothing racks and chairs.
- [**Family Promise**, an organization that helps homeless families achieve independence, received funds to assist those job seeking with transportation and clothing attire for job interviews and employment.
- [**Liberty Community Center** received funds to purchase items for their early childhood daycare program, that provides free daycare to parents who work full-time but are below the poverty level.
- [**STEP Program**, (Support Through Empowerment and Partnerships) through **Andrews House in Delaware** works to address generational poverty in Delaware County. The program's goal is to provide a permanent pathway out of poverty.
- [**People in Need**, which provides a variety of services to people throughout the county, received funds to support its emergency eviction prevention program.
- [**Salvation Army** for their Anti-Human Trafficking Program to assist human trafficking survivors with securing permanent housing by providing assistance with the first month's rent. These funds are only used once a victim has gone through recovery-steps and are deemed ready to go out on their own.

"By combining funds, our group can make a greater philanthropic impact than we would with smaller, individual donations," said Sue Mahler, co-founder of Women Giving Together.

A giving circle is a group who pools their donation, collaborates with one another to decide where to give money and learns about the needs of the community. Women Giving Together is a donor advised fund of the Delaware County Foundation.

“We have a passion for supporting our community and those that are less fortunate,” said Paula Tarpey, one of the founding members of Women Giving Together and COO/partner at Kensington Wealth Partners, Ltd. / Lincoln Financial Advisors. “It is truly inspiring the impact our group has made since it began.”

For more information on Women Giving Together, contact Sue Mahler via the Delaware County Foundation at (614) 764-2332. The organization can also be found on Facebook at “Women Giving Together: Delaware Co.”

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