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

Powell, Ohio (May 28, 2014) – Women Giving Together, a giving circle affiliated with the Delaware County Foundation, presented nearly \$14,000 to local charitable organizations throughout Delaware County, Ohio at their recent annual grants reception.

- **Common Ground Free Store**, which provides household items and clothing to those in need, received \$1,500 to assist with its volunteer management program. It will help with scheduling the large number of volunteers and volunteer groups who regularly support the Free Store
- **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. A number of community organizations and non-profit organizations in the county are combining efforts to help make this program successful.
- **People in Need**, which provides a variety of services to people throughout the county, received \$1,500 to support its emergency medical assistance program.
- **Delaware Speech and Hearing Center** received \$2,500 to partially fund a state of the art tympanometer. This multi-frequency machine will allow the Center's hearing professionals to accurately evaluate the youngest clients as well as children and adults.
- **Grace Clinic**, a free medical clinic in Delaware, Ohio, received \$3,500 for technology improvements that will streamline technology and reduce patient wait times.
- **Family Promise**, an organization that helps homeless families achieve independence, received \$1,500 to fund resources for homeless families to find and maintain employment.
- **Turning Point**, a domestic violence facility, received \$2,000 for new bedroom furniture. This facility serves both Delaware and Marion counties.

"We're dedicated to helping our community with needs that otherwise may be overlooked," said Paula Tarpey, one of the founding members of Women Giving Together and COO/shareholder at Kensington Wealth Partners, Ltd. / Lincoln Financial Advisors

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. The organization has provided more than \$46,000 in grants since it was founded in 2010.

“By combining funds, our group can make a far greater impact than we would with smaller, individual donations,” said Sue Mahler, co-founder of Women Giving Together and board member of the Delaware County Foundation. “Members enjoy the administrative convenience, cost savings and unique tax advantages by conducting their grant making through a donor advised fund.”

For more information on Women Giving Together, contact Marlene Casini at the Community Foundation of Delaware County (614) 764-2332. The organization can also be found on Facebook at “Women Giving Together: Delaware Co.” CRN 931064-052114