



From left to right: Shealynn Shave, Executive Director of Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium, Tiffany Benedict, Susquehanna County Program Manager of WRC, Katherine Pohlidal, Director of Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program, Cindy Beeman, Executive Director of Susquehanna County Interfaith, Andrew Granick, Teen Counselor Advocate of WRC, Charm Giangrieco, Director of Wellness Arts Center, Karlee Shibley, Case Manager of Susquehanna County Interfaith.

Judy's Legacy of Caring Endures



In 2004, Judy Ventresca experienced a moment of inspiration that led her to establish the Women Helping Women (WHW) Endowment through the Community Foundation. She brought her vision of helping women improve their lives to fruition by donating the full proceeds from her final year of nursing.

Judy passed away in 2023, leaving behind a thriving grassroots organization of women leaders who continue to raise funds to strengthen and expand WHW's assets, review grant applications and increase awareness of its mission. Each year members gather at an elegant Mother's Day Brunch to welcome new participants, celebrate the year's accomplishments, and hear the stories of WHW grant recipients.

In 2025, WHW awarded \$9,950 in grants, bringing the organization's total giving to nearly \$70,000 since its founding. These grants are intended to address the underlying causes while promoting independence, long-term financial stability, and stronger family foundations.

The Executive Director of WHW is our own Program Manager, Kate Spence. If you are interested in connecting with other accomplished local female philanthropists and supporting impactful programs like those highlighted below, please contact Kate at the Community Foundation. Gentlemen and business donors are also encouraged to partner with and sponsor WHW initiatives.

Contributions to WHW provide a meaningful way to honor or memorialize the important women in your life, especially those who have faced and overcome adversity.

RECENT WHW GRANT RECIPIENTS:

■ Misericordia University's Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program: Shelter and counseling for moms and kids.	■ Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium: Work based learning opportunities for girls program	■ Susquehanna County Interfaith: Parent Pathways program	■ Wellness Arts Center: Self Care matters project	■ Woman's Resource Center: Empowering Susquehanna County Youth & Teens program
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