



United Way  
of Thurston County

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## **United Way's Women's Leadership Council awards \$20,000 in grants to local organizations**

The Women's Leadership Council is a United Way of Thurston County philanthropy program created to inspire, educate and engage women in philanthropy, community service, advocacy and mentoring. Funds raised through annual memberships support the WLC Giving Circle Fund, which members of the WLC determine how will disbursed in the community.

United Way's Board of Directors approved the WLC members' recommendation to fund the following programs for a total of \$20,000:

Boys and Girls Club of Thurston County - Smart Girls/Money Matters - \$6,000  
Community Youth Services - The Women's Project - \$5,000  
Goodwill - Maximize Your Potential Program - \$9,000

The Women's Leadership Council is part of United Way's Financial Stability Partnership initiative, with a goal to help low to moderate-income individuals reduce debt, increase income and grow assets.

The WLC will hold their quarterly membership meeting, which is open to the public, Thursday, August 13, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Ramblin' Jacks restaurant, 520 4th Ave E in Olympia. Please RSVP to Ellen Zito at call (360) 943-2773 ext 15 by August 10.

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