

Woman's Fund of Portage County Provides Emerging Needs Grants

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The Women's Fund of Portage County recently announced two additional 2014 grants from their Emerging Needs Allocation.

Family Crisis Center of Stevens Point received \$2859 to install a security fence around its play yard. The Family Crisis Center offers a safe place for victims of domestic violence and their children to stay. Staff assist domestic violence victims and their children in identifying alternatives to the problems they are experiencing. Families are also provided with assistance in completion of temporary restraining order petitions and obtaining childcare, transportation and housing.

Sexual Assault Victim Services (SAVS) received \$1625 to assist with counseling services for children in Portage County who have been abused. The SAVS program provides assistance to victims of sexual violence, including a 24-hour-a-day toll-free crisis line, walk-in counseling, accompaniment for medical care and legal proceedings, referrals, and support groups. SAVS also provides educational programs to the community, schools, and faith and community organizations in Portage and Waupaca counties.

Providing over \$250,000 to 54 agencies that assist local women and children since 1997, the Women's Fund of Portage County allocated \$41,000 to 17 agencies earlier in 2014. Examples include: Energy Payment Assistance for Single Moms, Healthy Smiles of Portage County, Boys and Girls Club Summer Breakfast Program, YMCA and Saint Michael's Foundation.