

# FUND FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

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*You gave the gift of accessible healthcare.*



Translation services for a deaf child.

## HEALTHCARE MADE POSSIBLE, THANKS TO YOU!

You are a part of the force that allows DeafCAN! and many others like it, to serve women and girls in your community. **Change is possible when we all come together to do the most good.**

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Kathy Anderson-Martin presenting at the Grantee Recognition Breakfast on behalf of The Salvation Army Capital City Region.

## VISIONARY GRANTEES

In honor of the Fund for Women & Girls' 20th anniversary, nonprofit organizations were invited to apply for a special, one-time, VISIONARY grant opportunity. Five organizations were selected and were awarded a total of \$100,000.



Fund for Women & Girls Power of the Purse event.

## BECOME A MEMBER!

Join others who are passionate about improving life for women and girls in central PA. Your support funds MULTIPLE charities responding to these issues NOW.

## DO MORE THAN DREAM

Did you know that the Dream Team has multiple levels of membership? Members who complete their pledges are recognized annually.

- \$1,000 Dream
- \$2,500 Create
- \$5,000 Sustain
- \$10,000 Inspire

With your continued support, The Fund for Women & Girls can continue to invest dollars annually through grants to local nonprofit organizations that focus on bettering the lives of women and girls in the South Central PA area.



Dream Team Members recognized at Power of the Purse.



Doctor communicating with a deaf child and mother in American Sign Language.

## HEALTHCARE MADE POSSIBLE, THANKS TO YOU!

Imagine moving to a new country with a new language, culture, and traditions. Now add to that image being unable to hear the people trying to help you over those barriers. It's a whole new level of challenge! Christ the King Church's program DeafCAN, a recipient of a **\$20,000 VISIONARY Grant** from the Fund for Women & Girls, seeks to eliminate the obstacles that the deaf community faces in central PA. Their program provides essential services to deaf Bhutanese refugees, because they don't use American Sign Language; they instead use Nepali Sign Language.

"With COVID, we had to pivot from our initial project to healthcare," said Pastor Beth Lockard of Christ the King Deaf Church. "These women and families can't understand their insurance, and when seeking care from a physician are provided with an American Sign Language interpreter, not a Nepali Sign Language interpreter. So, we connect them with a provider at UPMC that accepts their insurance and an NSL interpreter." The NSL interpreter with the DeafCAN team is one of only two Nepali Qualified Interpreters within the United States.

Grants like these are only possible through the **collective giving of the Dream Team. Your contribution and continued support give these women, and families access to services that they wouldn't be able to receive normally.**

When discussing the impact of the VISIONARY grant on DeafCAN, Bill Lockard said, "With your financial support, we were able to bring on a Nepali Qualified Interpreter and make it through the pandemic."

"We are also introducing the concept of rights," said Beth Lockard. "They have a right to information, right to their bodies, right to get help and advocacy and education, and as a deaf person, they have a right to communication and interpreters. They have a right to raise their own children and be independent in their own homes. These are all new concepts to them."

DeafCAN has also expanded into case management services which was the "ultimate goal," according to Bill Lockard of Christ the King Deaf Church. "We were connected with a family who had a two-year-old child who was struggling socially. We connected them with two interpreters at UPMC's Children and Teen Center and Early Intervention. They now have an evaluation set up for that child so they can get the help they need."

**You are a part of the force that allows this organization, and many others like it, to serve women and girls in your community. Change is only possible when we all come together to do the most good.** With the Dream Team, change is possible, and you are funding hope for today and tomorrow.

## NEVER MISS A THING!

Are you following TFEC and the Fund for Women & Girls on Facebook?

Join our Fund for Women and Girls Facebook group [HERE!](#)

Follow the [TFEC Facebook page](#) for impact stories of grantees, events, fundraisers, and all things philanthropic in Central PA.



## JOIN THE DREAM TEAM!

In 2020, people just like you gave over **\$37,000** which was granted to assist immigrant women and girls, domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, and trans women and girls of color through the Fund for Women and Girls at TFEC. The Fund for Women & Girls supports MULTIPLE local nonprofits that are responding to issues affecting women and girls in your local community.

You can also make an impact!

If you are interested in joining the movement and experiencing the power of collective philanthropy visit, [www.tfec.org/dreamteam](http://www.tfec.org/dreamteam).



Fund for Women & Girls Grantee Recognition Breakfast.