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**TO ADVANCE EQUITY
FOR WOMEN**



2022

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WF Greetings,

We believe achieving gender equity requires a collective effort. Additionally, we recognize that changing attitudes, behaviors, and culture is a complex and challenging task, however, we are committed to engaging diverse stakeholders to bring about meaningful and sustainable change.

Through our programs and initiatives, we brought together different voices and perspectives to address the root causes of gender inequity and to create lasting change. We organized community events to promote awareness and education about issues affecting women and girls in our community. We know our efforts have yielded positive results and yet we know there is still more to do.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together towards a brighter, more equitable future for all.

With Gratitude,
Monica Shah-Davidson, Chair, Board of Directors
Lisa Attonito, Executive Director



** The latest study from the Women's Philanthropy Institute at Indiana University indicates that just 2%* of all charitable giving supports organizations for women and girls.*



Women's Fund Presents 2022

THE "F" WORD: RECLAIMING

This annual educational event is designed to inspire new perspectives, help shape the narrative, and celebrate women, in our community.

Our theme, *The F Word: Reclaiming Feminism*, provided an opportunity to reflect on our roles as feminists. Feminism, like all social justice and equal rights movements, evolves. With each wave, the movement must address those left behind and excluded in prior iterations. Feminism today is about the connectivity among people and a broad range of issues. We must create a collective effort for equity, a movement that challenges injustices and solves the overlapping issues.

New York-based, **Marina Franklin** used comedy to share her personal journey to embracing her own feminism. After Marina's presentation, a panel of community voices shared their stories. The conversation was facilitated by **Monica Shah-Davidson**, Board Chair.

The nine Feminists named by our Event Sponsors ensure we have a commitment to making Milwaukee a place where everyone thrives. They were introduced by **Amira Adams**, who shared a poem she penned. **Ashton Henry** was Event Chair, **Alexandria Staubach** was Event Emcee.



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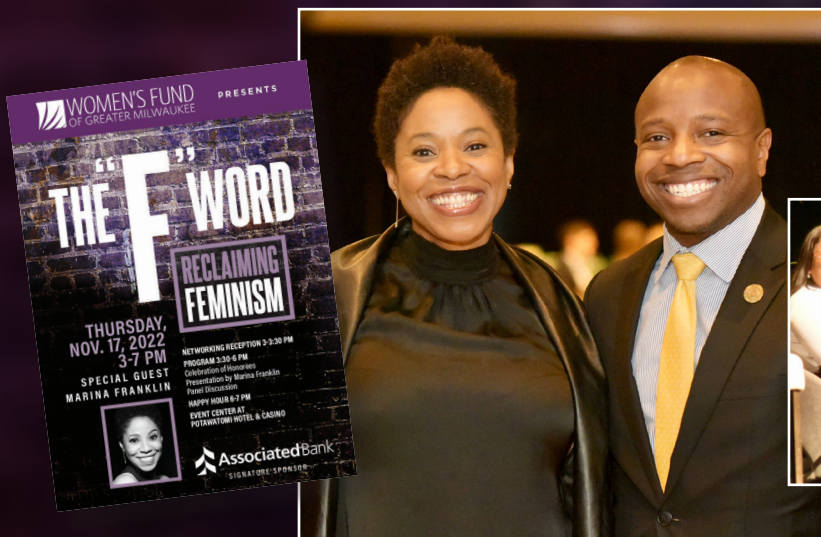
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PROGRAMMING

Our programming creates opportunity for people to convene around important issues that impact women. It assembles diverse groups of people where engaging and dynamic inter-generational conversation happens. These experiences challenge our thinking, shift our attitude and behavior in support of ALL women in Greater Milwaukee.

- **35 Books to Read, Book Discussions:** Throughout the year, we promoted 35 books to read. We focused in on several by organizing book discussions hosted by women in our community. See the list: <https://womensfundmke.org/cbt-resources/>
- **Women's Night at Theater:** In collaboration with our Grant Partner, Renaissance TheaterWorks, we experienced "Rose." It was an intimate experience with Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, a family matriarch who created her own legacy as wife, mother and also a philanthropist.
- **WF Reception, Safe Space and Action:** After the US Supreme Court ruled on the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case, we responded by gathering in safe space to better understand the legal landscape in Wisconsin, learn about the horizon of health care for women. It was a chance to share emotions and stories. The event was sponsored by Nicole Horvath and Karen Maroda.

>>> More info at: <https://womensfundmke.org/events/>

HER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We have been awarding scholarships for more than 20 years, to support women on their educational journey. The HER Scholarship Program helps women gain access to economic self-sufficiency and long-lasting financial security through higher education. These women have the passion to achieve; they have set a goal, and are determined to cross the stage.

- Academic Year 2021/2022
19 HER Scholars Awarded \$54,000
- Summer 2022 (Newly Initiated)
2 HER Scholars Awarded \$1,000
- Academic Year 2022/2023
12 HER Scholars Awarded \$34,500

"This scholarship is very dear to me because it helped me accomplish my dream. Being a mother, student, and employee can be very difficult, but I have continued to push through and I am so proud of the woman I have become."

>>> More info at: <https://womensfundmke.org/her-scholarship/>

GRANTS

Providing grants to area non-profit organizations addressing systemic issues is at the heart our mission. Our focus areas are: economic empowerment, leadership development and education.

The categories of grants historically are: seed funding, leadership development and training, building and supporting capacity, program innovation and enhancement, community awareness and outreach, partnerships and collaborations, and issue policy research and impact evaluation.

GRANT PARTNERS 2022

- 9to5 Wisconsin
- Artists Working in Education
- Cathedral Center
- Girls Rock Milwaukee
- Grand Avenue Club
- LOTUS Legal Clinic
- Neighborhood House of Milwaukee
- Neu-Life Community Development
- Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin
- Radio Milwaukee
- Renaissance TheaterWorks
- UWM College of Engineering & Applied Science
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music
- Wisconsin Women's Network

>>> More info at: <https://womensfundmke.org/grants>

In light of the SCOTUS decision regarding Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, Annette Jacobson offered a Matching Gift Challenge and dozens of people responded. These extra funds supported organizations providing essentials services and most importantly, advocating for women.

FLASH GRANTS 2022

- Carafem Health Center
- Committee to Protect Healthcare
- HIR Wellness Center
- Hmong American Women's Association
- Milwaukee Film, Out of the Picture
- Physicians for Reproductive Health
- Wisconsin Abortion Support Network
- Women's March Foundation

>>> More info at: <https://womensfundmke.org/flash-grants>

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Founding Mothers

These 36 women were bold. In 1986 they launched the Fund to ensure there would always be financial resources available to support advancing equity for women and girls in our community.

Judith Bluestone

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