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# WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF MISSISSIPPI AWARDS MORE THAN \$680,000 IN GRANTS IN 2021 TO ORGANIZATIONS SERVING STATE'S WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Foundation is announcing annual grants totaling \$360,000 in addition to the more than \$320,000 awarded earlier in the year

Jackson, MS – December 16, 2021 - The Women's Foundation of Mississippi, a public grantmaking foundation focused on funding programs that support women and girls across the state, awarded more than \$680,000 in grants this year. Today, they announced 2021 annual grant awards totaling \$360,000 for eleven Mississippi-based programs. The investments fall in four of the priority areas identified by the Foundation: Better Futures: Two-Generation approach, Two-Generation Community College, Healthy Women, and Access to Opportunity: Community College. Earlier this year, the Foundation awarded more than \$280,000 in a new focus area: Creating a Healthcare Workforce. These grants with seven colleges across our state will support nursing and other healthcare students as they work to earn their degrees and enter the workforce on time. This critical investment comes as the state and nation faces a nursing shortage. Additionally, they awarded more than \$8,000 in rapid response funding for organizations supporting women and girls in response to the pandemic and other discretionary grants. <a href="http://www.womensfoudationms.org/grants/">http://www.womensfoudationms.org/grants/</a>.

## The organizations and programs the 2021 annual grants will benefit include:

#### Two-Generation, Better Futures Focus Area:

Madison County Jobs4Youth, Canton, MS

## Two-Generation, Community College Focus Area:

- Meridian Community College, Meridian, MS
- Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, MS

#### Healthy Women Focus Area:

- Cary Christian Center, Cary, MS
- Magnolia Medical Foundation, Jackson, MS
- Plan A Mobile Health, Inc., Mississippi Delta
- Strategic Solutions for Families, Inc., Booneville, MS
- Teen Health Mississippi, Jackson, MS
- University of Mississippi William Magee Center, Oxford, MS

### Access to Opportunity: Community College Focus Area:

- Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, MS
- Hinds Community College, Raymond, MS

The mission of the Women's Foundation of Mississippi is economic security for women. Originally a fund housed at the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, the Women's Foundation has been an independent 501(c)(3) since 2008. In that time, the Foundation has awarded more than **\$5 million** in grants benefiting nonprofits, programs, and educational institutions across Mississippi. Learn more about the Women's Foundation of Mississippi by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.womensfoundationms.org">www.womensfoundationms.org</a>.