

Media Contact:

Jevon Claussen, Director of Community Impact Operations
(262) 671-2209
jclaussen@kenoshaunitedway.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 21, 2022

United Way of Kenosha County Announces Recipients of the Community Gift Awards

December 21, 2022 (Kenosha, WI) – United Way of Kenosha County (UWKC), mobilizing the caring power of our community, is pleased to announce the recipients of its newly created Community Gift Awards Program. The program was created to support Kenosha County’s nonprofits and expand the reach and impact of donations made to United Way.



Carolynn Friesch, CEO at United Way of Kenosha County, and Cheryl Hernandez, Executive Director at Kenosha Literacy Council, and the literacy council adult learners celebrate their Community Gift Award.

“It is the community’s generous donations to United Way of Kenosha County that allow for these organizations to enhance their services to Kenosha County,” says Jevon Claussen, director of community impact at UWKC. “We’re proud to support these impactful programs.”

In total, five nonprofits benefited from the awards program. The recipients of United Way of Kenosha County’s Community Gift Awards are:

Linda Faye Foundation, Inc – Focuses on finding opportunities to meet the needs and wants of the community. Funds support the Youth Finance Literacy Ownership Program, that trains at risk youth on how to run and operate their own business.

Kenosha Literacy Council, Inc (KLC) - Teaches reading, writing, and speaking skills to adults and families so they can achieve financial independence, good health and greater involvement in the community.



Funds will go to covering the cost of printing the student anthologies, which are the original compositions or poems written by KLC adult learners.

Women and Children's Horizons, Inc. – Advocates for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Funds will go towards the purchase of a bed bug heat destroyer and supplies for their counseling and education services.

The Sharing Center, Inc - Western Kenosha County's Resource and Crisis Center located in Trevor, Wisconsin. Funds will help provide emergency gas cards for low-income rural families to assist community members in better meeting their basic needs.

BeLEAF Survivors, Inc. - Promotes hope and healing after sexual assault by lifting, empowering, advocating, and fighting for survivors. Funds support the purchase of awareness materials for the 2023 Turn the Town Blue campaign.

To contribute to United Way of Kenosha County's community impact fund or to make a pledge, visit www.kenoshaunitedway.org or contact the office at (262) 658-4104. The team will be happy to help and appreciates the community's generosity.

###

About UWKC

United Way of Kenosha County fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person. For almost 100 years, UWKC has created positive change throughout Kenosha County by mobilizing the caring power of the community, improving lives, and striving for lasting, positive transformation. Through partnerships and collaborations, UWKC both supports local initiatives with an annual community investment process and manages programs such as Readers are Leaders, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, SingleCare Prescription Discounts and more.