



WealthSpring Fund gives grants for women

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The WealthSpring Fund recently awarded grants to five organizations serving women and their families in eight Nebraska counties.

The all-volunteer organization affiliated with Nebraska Community Foundation has been working to increase women's economic stability since 2006.

The fund works with organizations statewide to provide training for better jobs, financial literacy, entrepreneurship education and work-related child care.

The following organizations received funding.

YMCA, Adams County, for Power

for Employment to be offered to women who use the Career Closet service.

Clients will have access to a computer, training and help completing application forms, resume writing and interview skills.

- Center for People in Need, Lancaster County, to support staff expenses for warehouse and forklift safety job skills programs to help women enter a traditionally male occupation.

- Children's Council Inc., Garfield, Loup, Wheeler counties, for supplies for after-school care for grade-school children of working parents.

- Genesis Personal Development Center, Butler County, to help domestic violence victims with longterm shelter, education, self-help programs and friendship.

- Community CROPS, Lancaster County, to help families grow food for themselves and their community.

Beginning farmers can earn \$1,000 to \$5,000 a year over the first two years and save \$30 to \$80 a week on groceries.

For more information go to www.nebcommfound.org or contact Reggi Carlson at (402) 323-7331.