

# Girls GIVE

*Girls Give is an initiative of The Women's Fund that brings together girls and young women—with the support of their mothers, grandmothers and other important female relationships—to inspire a love of giving, volunteering and being part of a connected community.*



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## **GIRLS GIVE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

Educational Workshops about nonprofits, endowments and granting

Volunteer activities with nonprofits

Girls Give designated seating at  
The Women's Fund Power of the Purse® Luncheon

Annual Granting Event

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## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

The Girls Give Initiative offers events that bring members together for learning and volunteer opportunities. Girls Give fund families have volunteered and supported Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee's Troop 6000, an initiative that provides girls experiencing homelessness a traditional Girl Scout experience.

In their volunteer capacity, Girls Give members have shared breakfast with troop members before meetings, participated in group yoga with Scouts as part of a health and wellness badge, provided a calligraphy lesson and craft project with girls to create holiday gifts and assembled stationery kits for Girl Scouts to keep in touch during the pandemic.



## THE POWER OF THE PURSE® LUNCHEON

Girls Give fund holders who attend The Power of the Purse® luncheon enjoy the opportunity to connect and the benefit of designated seating with other member of Girls Give.





## GRANTING EVENT

Members participate in a review of nonprofit grant requests from organizations supporting girls in Middle Tennessee. The granting event sparks spirited discussions within each fund family, creating opportunities for learning for members of all ages. Most importantly, the conversation is driven by the youngest members, centering the voices of those who most understand girls in our community. Most recent grant recipients include:

### **Dancing Through the Curriculum**

*Provides dance training and free academic support to 100+ girls residing in Rutherford County's urban communities.*

### **Eating Disorders Coalition of Tennessee**

*Provides life-changing programs and support groups for those who are impacted by eating disorders in our community.*

### **Edgehill Neighborhood Partnership**

*Provides leadership development and job skills training for 20 adolescent girls in the Edgehill community.*

### **Galaxy Star Drug Awareness / Nashville Peacemakers**

*Provides trauma release activities and academic technology training for youth programs.*

### **Girls Write Nashville**

*Empowers teen artists through curriculum-based songwriting, production, mentorship and longterm positive community building.*

### **Rejoice School of Ballet**

*Mentors dancers from all socioeconomic and racial backgrounds through classical ballet instruction and positive youth development programs.*

### **Williamson County Child Advocacy Center**

*Provides psychoeducational resilience groups for victims and nonoffending caregivers of child abuse*

### **Youth Empowerment through Arts and Humanities**

*Provides enriching experiences that help youth build character and self-esteem through rigorous music education and frank conversation*

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The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee exists to promote and facilitate giving in the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee and beyond. The Foundation accepts gifts of any size from anyone at any time and by empowering individuals, families, companies, nonprofits and communities to respond to needs and opportunities that matter.

Through a robust scholarship and fund-based donor program, CFMT customizes philanthropy in a number of ways including community-wide initiatives like The Big Payback, Now Playing Nashville, Giving Matters and Childcare Tennessee.

**[www.CFMT.org](http://www.CFMT.org)**



The Women's Fund was established within The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee in 1994 by a committee of community leaders who wanted to invest in long-term solutions for transforming the lives of women and girls and improving the well-being of the entire community. The fund has granted over \$2.07 million dollars to nonprofits throughout Middle Tennessee who support programs addressing:

- Achievement of economic self-sufficiency for women
- Prevention of violence against women and girls
- Promotion of the health, well-being and talent of women and girls

Each year, The Women's Fund hosts an educational Forum. The Forum brings together community leaders and nonprofits to discuss topics impacting women and girls in Middle Tennessee. Past topics have included domestic violence, hunger, human sex trafficking, the opioid epidemic and sexual assault and welcoming refugees.

The Women's Fund is also host to the annual Power of the Purse® luncheon each spring. This gathering of Nashville's most influential women and farsighted philanthropic leaders is an opportunity to come together to share stories and ideas while raising money to benefit The Women's Fund. The Power of the Purse® keynote speakers have recently included such notable talents as author Glennon Doyle, SheEO founder Vicki Saunders and two-time Olympic gold medalist Mia Hamm. A virtual Power of the Purse® in 2020 gathered female songwriters Raelynn, Regina McCrary and Aimee Mayo, hosted by Jennifer Vickery Smith, for a conversation "In the Round" from the Bluebird Cafe.

**[www.TheWomensFund.com](http://www.TheWomensFund.com)**



The Girls Give initiative was created when members of the Women's Fund board were inspired by an opportunity to develop a program introducing their daughters and other female relatives to the importance of philanthropy. The Girls Give mission continues to:

- To encourage giving and an understanding that these gifts live in perpetuity
- To gather a multi-generational group of females with a love of volunteering and giving back
- To create grant-making and educational opportunities

Since 2018, over 30 Girls Give Funds have been established representing over 80 women and girls of all ages. A minimum \$5,000 donation establishes a named designated fund within Girls Give allowing donors and their honorees to be part of a collective community committed to the common purpose of supporting girls in Middle Tennessee.

**[www.GirlsGive.org](http://www.GirlsGive.org)**

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