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Taft Foundation received donation from 100+ Women Who Care of Will County

On March 12, 2024 members of 100+ Women Who Care serving Will County had their “big check” presentation donating \$7,200 to the Taft Foundation.

Christine Jelinek, Director of Taft Foundation, was presented the checks by members of 100+ WWC of Will County. Taft Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support educational programs, activities, technology and programming for the students at Taft Grade School District 90 in Lockport, IL. The geographic boundary limits of the school are roughly 1-1.25 square miles, which limit the funds and financial support coming into the school from local businesses and corporations. Over the years this limitation and financial burdens of a small, aging school have directly been linked to the inferior educational opportunities for the students of Taft. Taft Foundation was incorporated in 2010 to make a difference by providing a foundation to counterbalance the decreasing educational opportunities.

"We are so honored to receive this generous donation from 100+Women Who Care of Will County. We are a small group of 9 dedicated members, and it takes a lot of time and manpower to raise over \$7,000 in funding by ourselves. These monies will be used to expand our in-school art program for primary grades next school year. We cannot thank you enough for supporting our vision for Taft," said Ms. Jelinek.

100+ Women Who Care of Will County is excited to be donating to the Taft Foundation and helping the local school. Member Kristina Miczek said, "As a dedicated Taft parent for the past decade and actively involved in efforts to enhance our students' educational opportunities, I've seen firsthand the challenges of our little school. It's heartwarming to feel the community's support through this awesome donation from 100+ WWC. Their generosity is going to mean the world to the kids at Taft School District 90."

100+ WWC is a philanthropic group formed for local women who are interested in supporting their communities by contributing to Will County charities together as a group to increase the donation impact. At each of the quarterly meetings 100+ WWC members nominate charities, three are chosen at random, and after a brief presentation, the members vote on which charity to support. Once the winning charity is announced, everyone writes a \$100 check, on the spot directly to that charity. Teams of 2 or 4 are welcome to join.

100+ Women Who Care of Will County's next meeting is April 9, 2023 from 6:00-7:00 at Coom's Corner. For more information, please go to the web site at www.100wwc-will.org or visit us on Facebook.

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