
Bright Spot: Rochester Women's Giving Circle

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The Goodwill Learning Academy receives a grant from the Rochester Women's Giving Circle in an undated image. (Provided photo)

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Rochester, N.Y. — Our Bright Spot shines on the [Rochester Women's Giving Circle](#) making its biggest impact yet.

This year, the group is awarding a record \$265,000 in grants to 12 local nonprofit organizations that help women and girls achieve financial independence.

One of the groups is the [Goodwill Learning Academy](#), which helps adults get a free high school diploma. This month, 25 women are on track to graduate from that program.

Since launching 19 years ago, the Rochester Women's Giving Circle, which currently has 170 members, has invested \$3 million in programs that help women and girls obtain education, skills, mentorship, jobs and career advancement.

"I'm inspired by the collective impact we've been able to make," group member Rebecca Storke said in a statement. "The Giving Circle has connected me with an incredible group of dedicated, intelligent and supportive women, while also giving me the opportunity to help support programs that I am passionate about."

This year's grants will be awarded during a ceremony June 17.