



Brighter Futures Grant Recipients

(Grantees may reapply for up to three years)

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS - The Junior Bigs Mentoring Program will be expanded at Hunt Elementary with an award of \$22,655.79. Students benefit from mentoring with improved social and relationship skills, as well as problem-solving abilities and are better prepared for future success.

FOOD BANK OF SIOUXLAND, INC. - An award of \$12,500 will provide food back packs for grade school children who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program to sustain them over the weekend. Weekend nourishment will allow them to come back to the classroom on Monday fed and focused.

Mary Elizabeth Child Care and Preschool - Health and safety issues will be addressed with a grant award of \$5,608.58. This will enable the agency to replace worn or damaged equipment and carpet. The updates will provide an improved environment for the children who attend the child care and preschool center.

MARY J. TREGLIA COMMUNITY HOUSE PRESCHOOL - An award of \$18,000 will provide low income children with preschool scholarships. Children coming from homes where English is not the primary language will be able to realize greater educational opportunities and increased kindergarten success.

MARTHA'S MISSION - SIOUXLAND - An award of \$12,000 will help supply a program that provides essential classroom supplies for kids in need. Teachers may come to Martha's Mission and select what they need for their classroom at no charge. The program enables teachers to help children in their classroom have the supplies they need to succeed.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE - No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town! An award of \$12,500 will support this volunteer driven agency in their mission of building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds and bedding to Siouxland children and families in need.

URBAN NATIVE CENTER - The Native Youth Media Program will benefit from a grant of \$6,762.67, providing supplies and equipment to use in creating native music, podcasts, and recording historic stories and documentaries of native elders. This program gives Native American youth the opportunity to learn about and preserve their cultural heritage.

Program Grant Recipients (one time award)

FLORENCE CRITTENTON HOME - An award of \$2,499 will provide for essential baby supplies to be used in the Family Resource Center. The baby supplies along with other health related items will promote the well-being and development of the infants served.

SIOUXLAND FOSTER CLOSET - The Foster Closet provides clothing and supplies to foster children at no charge. An award of \$2,499 will enable the agency to purchase new joggers and sweats for boys. Being able to pick out their own clothes helps teens moving into foster care feel seen, heard, and worthy.

SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER - The award of \$2,475.96 will provide for a variety of equipment that will be used in children's play therapy. The goal of play therapy is to decrease and eliminate barriers to children's emotional and physical health, improve communication, and address unresolved trauma while helping children experience personal growth.

TEAM MATES MENTORING OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY - A grant of \$2,499 will provide for a school-based mentoring program for grades 3-12 in the South Sioux City, NE school system. The goal is to provide a safe environment where students can benefit from one on one mentoring, empowering them to reach their personal and educational goals.



2025 Women United

March 2025

\$100,000 awarded in grants to help Siouxland Youth

Women United Members 2024 -2025

About Women United:

Women United engages women as active philanthropists in their focus on youth development. We invite you to join us as we recognize women’s efforts to improve our community.

Mission:

Women United exists to provide financial support to organizations or groups that demonstrate the ability to enhance the quality of life for our Siouxland youth.

Grant Guidelines:

Women United supports projects serving children birth to 18 years. Projects should be innovative, demonstrate the ability to enhance quality of life and provide long-term solutions for challenges facing Siouxland.

Project Priorities:

- Preventative approaches focused on breaking harmful intergenerational cycles.
- Create healthy changes in children.
- Leverage partnerships with other programs.

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Women United’s Community Impact

Since 2006, Siouxland’s Women United has awarded **\$1,428,390** to local non-profit groups aimed at providing research-based, life-improving programs for Siouxland youth. The members of Women United are committed to supporting sustainable programs with positive results.

Globally, Women United is a growing force of 75,000+ women dedicated to creating a world of opportunity for everyone. Together, we will create lasting change to lift up entire communities.