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Director's Article - FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS—HERE'S HOW WE DO IT



Thanks to the financial <u>foundation</u> of funders and YOU, we are able to help our community members of all ages and income levels build or repair their financial foundations. And we do it with respect, confidentiality and no judgement. In Wisconsin, according to United Way, 21% of residents are at or below 150% federal poverty level: Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (A.L.I.C.E.) In 2017, 46% of our clients fall into this category. 15-20% of our new clients every year are over 70 years of age. It's Never Just About Money...

Here is a short summary of how we build financial capability and reduce fear, stress and shame:

A widower, who has never managed the family finances, suddenly must do so at the age of 81. To his surprise, he finds multiple credit card bills arriving in the mail and panic sets in. A friend tells him about our services and he builds a <u>foundation of knowledge and resources</u> to address the debt.

A young mother has left an abusive relationship and needs to plan for financial life after divorce. Her attention has been given to staying safe and protecting the children for so long, that it takes time and patience to gather important current financial information and to build the <u>foundation for developing</u> a spending plan to follow after the divorce. Her relief is palpable.

A man in his 50's, a recovering alcoholic, sober for 6 months, wants to repair his poor credit history and is ready to address the financial fallout of his addiction. Overwhelmed, we give him the <u>foundation to repair his credit</u> so he can purchase a home in a few years.

A couple, with 3 children, are on the verge of divorce. They come in together to review their finances and debt. Their joint resentment fills the room. After a few appointments and looking at all their options, they decide to rebuild the <u>foundation of their marriage</u> by testing out some joint financial decision-making for the first time in their marriage. They slowly build trust through transparency and stay together. Then, we help them build a <u>foundation of learning</u> for their children about money using our "Kid's Monthly Expense Worksheet".

Thank you for helping us do this and more! In this coming season of Thanksgiving, we are very grateful for your support.

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Quick Fact!

We have provided
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presentations
so far in 2017 reaching over
800 high school
students, senior citizens and
adults





Thanks to all who joined in the fun and supported us at our Annual Trolley Fundraising Event 2017 THANKS TO OUR MAJOR EVENT SPONSORS!



Nicolet NATIONAL BANK 5th Annual Wine and Beer Trolley Event Venues: Orchard Country Winery & Stone Harbor Resort





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Thanks, in part, to a grant from the Women's Fund of Door County, Inc. in 2017, we began sending out an e-newsletter especially for women of all income levels, backgrounds and ages.

The sheer number of internet resources can be intimidating. Based on our community's unique concerns and the financial issues affecting women, it's our goal to help women become more financially secure, whatever that means to them.

Anyone may sign up for the newsletter on our website and we will send meaningful, uncomplicated resources.

Past articles include Money and Emotions -How to develop a healthier relationship with money, money lessons you can teach your grandchildren/children, some great rebate apps, some great new books, learning how to budget when you rely on cash tips, and many more great tips for women to take control of their money.

This e-newsletter will grow into a blog on our website, giving everyone a chance to anonymously converse and exchange information to help each other – something women are particularly good at doing!

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