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Exceptional Equestrians receives Women's Fund grant for Girls Rule!

DE PERE, Wis., September 16, 2014 — Exceptional Equestrians announced that it has been awarded a grant from the Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay for its Girls Rule! program. Girls Rule! is an innovative way for early adolescent girls to learn about themselves and others by interacting with horses.

The program offers a unique and memorable experience for girls to work on emotional growth, social behavior, communication, and problem solving. Directed by licensed clinical social worker Stephanie Senogles, Girls Rule! is part of Exceptional Equestrians' equine-assisted learning program.

"Good communication and interpersonal skills are critical to developing friendships, self-confidence, and a sense of self-worth," said Senogles. "During Girls Rule! group sessions, we work on all of these traits and skills."

The Women's Fund award funds scholarships for girls in Brown, Oconto, and Kewaunee counties to participate in Girls Rule! The program is offered to all girls in grades 3 to 5. Schedules, registration, and scholarship applications are available at takingtheleadelc.com.

Founded in 1999, Exceptional Equestrians provides therapy services to children, teens, and adults from throughout Northeast Wisconsin. Certified therapists oversee hippotherapy, therapeutic riding, adaptive riding, and equine-assisted learning programs designed to positively impact cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being. The non-profit organization located in De Pere serves over 100 individuals with disabilities annually with its team of experienced staff, volunteers, and 14 therapy horses. For more information about Exceptional Equestrians, visit exceptionalequestrians.org or call (920) 347-3174.

The Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay, a fund of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, is a local cause which grants money to non-profit organizations who provide programming for women and girls. The Women's Fund raises dollars to help support leadership and self-esteem initiatives right here in the area. So far, the Women's Fund has raised a \$1.4 million endowment and has granted more than \$270,000 in partnership with donors to programs that are making a difference—helping women return to school, raising the literacy rate of women and girls in poverty, or guiding homeless women through self-esteem initiatives.

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