



2021 Grant Recipients

Madison County Literacy Coalition

What is the Madison County Literacy Coalition?

MCLC provides free one-on-one tutoring for adults who struggle with Reading; and strives to promote the importance of Literacy for individuals of all ages by providing access to books through community collaborations to give books to children and by the sale of used books at the Book Nook.

What did Women In Philanthropy fund?

Reading to the Rescue Program:

Madison County Literacy Coalition will create an alliance with Anderson Elementary School that would provide “take home” books for students. At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, the Book Nook was able to donate used children’s books to the school librarian after learning that the school has no “take home” library. The lack of access to books is one of many deterrents to educational success for the students at that school who typically come from the targeted poverty areas of the community. These are households who may not be able to afford books, may not use the public library, and may not understand the value of reading as a component of academic success.

The books given to the school librarian had previously been donated to the Book Nook with the intent that each book would help MCLC promote literacy. The well-worn books that were in turn donated to Anderson Elementary were not nice enough to be sold at the bookstore, but within the dog-eared covers of each book were intact pages of stories and adventures for the imaginations of young readers. The Book Nook does not have an endless supply of gently used books, therefore a this grant funding allows MCLC to acquire new books to add.

Operation Love Ministries, Inc.

What is Operation Love Ministries, Inc.?

Operation Love Ministries serves families in Madison County by providing tangible goods and basic needs while working with them to determine creative resources, build sustainable budgets, and create plans for a stable future.

What did Women In Philanthropy fund?

Women & Children's Fund:

Operation Love Ministries' Programming serves families in need through assistance with basic needs items like diapers, feminine hygiene products, food, clothing, and more. From January of 2020 through July 2021, OLM has served 3,783 women and 2,384 children in need through food, clothing, and goods pantries, Balanced Budget & Financial Success Programs, and annual back to school and holiday assistance programs.

In the past year, OLM has seen a critical need for transitional housing funding for women who are at-risk of homelessness or experiencing a housing crisis as well as those struggling to afford basic necessities for themselves and/or their children. Of the \$25,049.67 in direct assistance provided in this time period towards emergency financial needs like housing, utilities, medical costs, and transportation, \$19,768.83 (or 79%) went to women or women with children.

Funding for the Women & Children's Fund at Operation Love will provide specific funding reserved for Human Services and Pantry Essentials including the following:

- women leaving unstable shelter situations and moving into new housing
- diapers, hygiene, cleaning, and feminine hygiene supplies for women and children in need
- winter essentials such as coats and shoes for children in need
- repairs or transportation costs for women to and from employment
- emergency childcare funding