

Empower Women

Your gift to Women Blessing Women's endowment fund will empower women living in poverty to achieve success, gain confidence and obtain living wage jobs.

What is Women Blessing Women?

Founded in 1998, Women Blessing Women is a 501(C)3 non-profit for women 18 and over living in poverty. The organization's mission is accomplished through its empowerment program. General Education Diploma (GED), job preparation and search services are offered without regard to ethnic background, race or religion.

The need for empowerment services

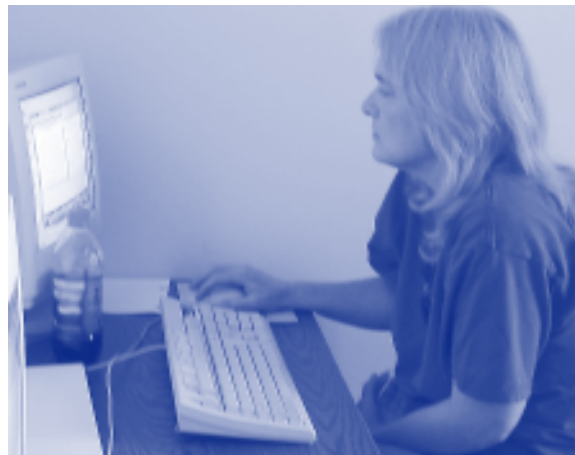
Recent statistics show that there is an overwhelming need in the Toledo area to assist women and their children to break the cycle of poverty:

- Toledo is the 40th poorest city among the USA's 70 poorest cities. Only Cleveland in the state of Ohio is poorer —US census 2005
- Toledo ranks eighth among the 200 biggest metro areas that have the highest number of children in poverty. —US census 2005. (These children have mothers who also are living in poverty.)
- Toledo ranks highest in the state for the last five out of six years for teenage pregnancies. —US Census

- Children whose parent/s are unemployed and who dropped out of school before completing high school are five times more likely to drop out themselves before graduating. —National Center on Literacy
 - 65 percent of female heads of households have not graduated from high school and are living in poverty. —US census 2005
- No high school diploma, teenage pregnancy/ mom, welfare participant, generational poor are all measurement predictors to poverty.

The Empowerment Program offers women the tools for success

Women Blessing Women's holistic program provides the resources so women can earn their GED, increase their self confidence and lift themselves out of poverty by obtaining living-wage employment.



How is the Empowerment Program funded?

Funds are raised through individual, corporate, church/parish donations, grants, contracts and fundraising. There is no fee for participants. The GED exam fee waiver can also be requested.

Build a stronger future for women through the endowment fund

An endowment fund has been established to provide additional funding to make it possible to expand the Empowerment Program and increase the number of women served. Donations to the endowment will be invested and the interest earned on the funds will assist the program now and into the future.



Women Blessing Women is grateful for the contributions of supporters to its foundation. In order to recognize their generosity, several levels of support have been developed:

Friend: \$1 - \$99
Supporter: \$100 - \$499
Patron: \$500 - \$999
Builder: \$1,000 - \$4,999
Benefactor: \$5,000 - \$9,999
Founder: \$10,000 and up

Stepping onto a brand new path is difficult, but not more difficult than remaining in a situation which is not nurturing to the whole woman.

—Maya Angelou

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Donate now!

I would like to make a donation to the Women Blessing Women Foundation and empower women to break the cycle of poverty.

Amount: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Make checks payable to Women Blessing Women. Send to:



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223 Page Street
Toledo, OH 43620

Your donation is tax deductible.

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Empowerment Program

Women Blessing Women provides a comprehensive basic job, education and empowerment skills training through tutoring and group sessions including:

- Job search
- Job preparation
- Career assessment
- Work ethics
- Basic computer skills
- Basic literacy skills
- GED (General Education Diploma)
- Learning positive behaviors
- Relationship skills
- Communications skills
- Conflict resolution
- Adapting to change/transitioning
- Money management
- Self esteem/self confidence
- Stress/anxiety reduction
- Goal setting
- Spiritual retreats
- Unpaid work experience



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