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### **The Women's Fund of CFCI Hosts First Ever Girls Investing in Girls Workshop Event and Awards \$4,000 to Peoria Public Schools Foundation**

October 20, 2021— The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois hosted its first ever Girls Investing in Girls (GIG) workshop event on Tuesday, October 19, to introduce the concept of philanthropy to young women in high school. At the end of the day, these young women had the unique opportunity to work through the grantmaking process and award a \$4,000 Women's Fund grant to one deserving nonprofit, to which they chose the Peoria Public Schools Foundation for their Middle Schools Girls Mentoring Pilot program.

Tuesday's GIG pilot program was a success as a group of 15 young women of diverse backgrounds and experiences from Illini Bluffs, IVC, Peoria High, and Peoria Regional Learning Center participated and had the opportunity to learn about the importance of philanthropy, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, the Women's Fund, and how to review grants. They were presented two grants previously selected by the Women's Fund grant review committee and chose this year's recipient.

GIG participants spoke about some of the things they learned, which included what philanthropy is, how nonprofits operate, programs the Women's Fund helps, and the process of reviewing grants. One participant stated, "Reviewing grants is hard, but rewarding." Following the workshop, another participant stated she is going to "look further into local nonprofit organizations and how to be involved in them."

#### **About the Women's Fund**

The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois is an endowment fund that supports projects that strengthen families and communities by empowering women and girls. When you give a gift to the Women's Fund, it lasts a lifetime – because we invest the principal and just grant the interest.

#### **About the Community Foundation of Central Illinois**

Established in 1985, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois is a philanthropic resource committed to connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information, please visit [communityfoundationci.org](http://communityfoundationci.org), call 309-674-8730 or email [kristina@communityfoundationci.org](mailto:kristina@communityfoundationci.org).

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