

CREW Foundation helps women and girls

Commercial Real Estate for Women awarded to Girls Inc., Wider Opportunities for Women, Habitat for Humanity International, Women Work!

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CREW Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Commercial Real Estate Women Network, recently awarded \$ 100,000 to four organizations that promote economic self-sufficiency and self-determination for women and girls.

Starting with a \$ 10,000 grant in 1999, CREW Foundation has now donated a total of \$ 427,500 to organizations promoting the interests of women and girls. Complementing CREW Foundation's national efforts, local CREW chapters raise approximately \$ 1 million annually for charitable organizations and programs in their own communities.

CREW Foundation is made up of CREW Network members and friends who are deeply committed to assisting other women and girls at the basic level of economic self-sufficiency and to promoting the entry of more women into commercial real estate.

According to 2005 CREW Foundation chair Irene Hosford, an attorney with the Dallas-based law firm Hosford & Creasey P.C., "CREW Foundation is making a difference. With the vision and power of the strong women in CREW, we're creating the conditions in which many more women and girls can become independent. We want to see more and more women achieve the same success that our CREW Network members have attained through our careers in commercial real estate."

CREW Foundation awarded \$ 20,250 to Girls Inc., headquartered in New York City, to support continued work on its Thinking SMART program, designed to encourage girls to pursue education and careers in science, math, engineering and technology.

A \$ 20,250 grant to Washington D.C.-based **Wider Opportunities for Women** will be used to continue work on its Teen Self-Sufficiency Workshop, previously funded by CREW Foundation.

This program helps prepare low-income teenage girls to meet the demands of an increasingly diversified, complex and demanding labor market.

Habitat for Humanity International, located in Americus, Ga., was awarded a \$ 29,500 grant to support its new GirlsBuild project. Developed in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of America, this program will teach girls between the ages of 10-14 about their community, the value of safe and affordable housing, the role of Habitat for Humanity and how women can work together to make a difference in the lives of others.

This is the Foundation's first grant to this organization.

A \$ 30,000 grant to Women Work?, headquartered in Washington D.C., will fund a new web-based Career and Job Security Center.