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Prevail, Inc. Receives \$46,000 from Women's Fund of Central Indiana
Grant to educate 8th graders on safe relationships and support teenage victims of sexual assault

(Oct. 6 -- Indianapolis) – Prevail, Inc. was recently awarded a \$46,000 grant from Women's Fund of Central Indiana to help serve victims of crime and abuse in Hamilton County. *The grant is the single largest grant Women's Fund has made in Hamilton County.* The funds will be used to provide education on safe relationships to students throughout Hamilton County and ongoing support for teens who have been sexually assaulted.

Earlier this week, Women's Fund announced that its board approved grants totaling \$331,000 to 18 organizations throughout central Indiana. The grants will be distributed to organizations focused on Women's Fund core issues, including caregiving, domestic violence and insufficient income and its long-term interests of health and self-development. In addition to the program at Prevail, the grants will support, among other things, before and after school programming for girls, health screenings for women and programs and services for refugee women.

"It is an honor to partner with Women's Fund of Central Indiana in helping adolescent girls who have been sexually assaulted and enabling parents to help them rebuild their lives as well as their own," said Loretta Moore, executive director, Prevail. "This important investment will enable Prevail to bring to light the growing problem of dating violence and help parents, students and schools learn how to prevent this violence or stop it."

According to Prevail, training on healthy relationships and dating violence is currently not standardized in schools. With the enactment of Heather's Law earlier in 2010, Prevail plans to provide, through its eight week "Safe Dates" program, a coordinated effort to work with the school corporations to ensure 8th grade students in Hamilton County learn about healthy relationships. Additionally, the grant will fund a 10-week, curriculum based support group for young women, ages 13-19, who have already been the victim of sexual assault.

"Women's Fund is committed to supporting the critical issues facing central Indiana women and girls," said Jennifer Pope Baker, Director, Women's Fund. "The important work Prevail is doing to help educate, support and empower young girls through these important programs is significant. We feel strongly that their work makes a difference for the women and girls in Hamilton County."

About Prevail, Inc.

Founded in 1986, Prevail is a dedicated and recognized model in the advocacy for crime victims by promoting community awareness through educational prevention programs and collaborative community partnerships. Programs and services are offered without discrimination against age, race, gender, creed, ethnicity, color, marital status, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability and are confidential, personalized and free-of-charge. For information call 317.773.6942 or prevail@prevailinc.com.

About Women's Fund of Central Indiana

Women's Fund of Central Indiana is an endowed special interest fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation. Since 1999, Women's Fund has distributed 255 grants totaling more than \$4 million to 92 organizations. For information call (317) 634-2423 or www.womensfund.org.

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