

# Well-Help gets \$20K windfall

100 Women Who Care, anonymous donor help nonprofit to aid needy

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WELLINGTON — Well-Help Inc. received a check in the amount of \$10,000 Wednesday from 100 Women Who Care About Lorain County's co-founders Sue Bowers and Marcia Miller.

An anonymous donor pledge to match the grant.

The presentation of the novelty, oversized check was made in front of United Methodist Church at 127 Park Place, where the organization is

based. Well-Help Inc. is a nonprofit food pantry that provides emergency food, as well as clothing, medication and assistance for residents in Lorain County.

Well-Help President Sandy Hamilton said she was grateful for the gift. Without donations, Well-Help couldn't exist, she said.

"We are totally humbled by the commitment people have to give to families in need," she said. "It's awe-inspiring when you think about it."

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Sue Bowers, left, and Marcia Miller, co-founders of 100 Women Who Care, present checks totaling \$10,000 to Peg Ziegler, Well-Help treasurer, Bernie Raab, Well-Help office manager, and Sandy Hamilton, president of Well-Help, Wednesday at First United Methodist Church of Wellington. In rear is John Copley, board member of Well-Help, who solicited for funds.

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The food pantry was chosen as the group's quarterly donation during a July meeting. 100 Women meets every year to select a handful of nominees, with each given the opportunity to provide a short presentation on their organization, how they'll use the funds, and how the organization benefits Lorain County. After the presentations, the 100 Women members in attendance vote, and the money is awarded to the organization that gets the most votes.

Miller said Well-Help has such a strong impact in the county serving not just Wellington but the surrounding area, including Brighton, Camden, Huntington, Rochester and Pittsfield townships.

"There's many times I think there's not a lot of help down here, if you're busy in the big cities you forget that Wellington exists and there's needs down here just like there are in the city of Lorain," she said.

With a team of fewer than 20 people, the organization provides assistance to about 5,000 people annually. In addition to providing food and

other items, the organization also has a toy giveaway during the holiday season for families and collaborates with Wellington High School to raise money for food vouchers for children during the summer.

Hamilton said the organization hasn't yet decided what it will do with the money other than to purchase more food and items to provide for families, but it will soon have a meeting to choose additional options.

100 Women Who Care About Lorain County started in October 2010. To date, the group has raised \$356,761 in nine years, with 100 percent of the funds remaining in Lorain County to benefit nonprofits. Its male counterpart, 100 Guys Who Care About Lorain County, was formed a few years later.

Membership to 100 Women Who Care About Lorain County is open to any woman.

For more information, visit [www.100womenloraincounty.org](http://www.100womenloraincounty.org).

Well-Help Inc. is open 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. For more information, call (440) 647-2689.

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