

Press Release

Sam Bomar Scholarship Fund to Award \$1000 Educational Grant to WRAP

Jackson, TN, December 1, 2011: The Sam Bomar Scholarship Fund (a fund of West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation) is pleased to announce the award of a grant in the amount of \$1000 to help meet the educational needs of children who either receive services directly through Wo/Men's Resource and Rape Assistance Program's (WRAP) sexual assault therapy program or who are the children of clients served by WRAP. WRAP helps men, women and children who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Through its domestic violence program, WRAP annually serves over 600 children, ranging in age from one day up to seventeen years of age. Last year, 153 children had to be sheltered with their mothers because of domestic abuse. WRAP provided over 6,000 meals to just children alone because of the abuse that forced them to leave their home with their mothers. Therapy is provided to children who are the victims of sexual assault, ranging in age from thirteen to seventeen.

All services are free of charge and are provided through WRAP's budget or through donated items. Last year, WRAP furnished uniforms to seventy-seven school age children. Additionally, other educational necessities such as tutoring, school activity fees, and supplies were provided by WRAP.

The Sam Bomar Scholarship Fund recognizes the financial difficulties that the children's mothers have in meeting many of the educational needs of these children and the lack of adequate funding for WRAP to provide all the "extras" that are needed. To help alleviate the hardship suffered by the children who, through no fault of their own, have been uprooted to live in a different location and often to attend a different school, for the calendar year 2012, the Sam Bomar Scholarship Fund will provide a grant of \$1000 to WRAP for the provision of educational needs of school age children whose parents are clients of WRAP - in shelter or not - with priority given to seniors in high school or who are themselves receiving services from WRAP.

Examples of allowable expenditures are school activity fees special equipment such as music instruments, tutors, ACT preparation courses, graduation invitations, cap and gown fees, college fees that are not waived, field trip fees, and school uniforms. This list is illustrative only and is not meant to be exclusive.

This grant was officially awarded at 2 p.m., Friday, December 16th at the WRAP office located at 62 Directors Row, Jackson, TN



From left to right: Margaret Cole, Rayna Bomar, Hugh Bomar, Angela Snider