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The Mission of the Fund for Women

Our mission is to help girls and women achieve self-sufficiency and realize life goals.

Wig Grant Details

- Intended to assist women in the Southern Tier currently in treatment for cancer.
- Recipients must demonstrate a financial need for assistance.
- Each grant not to exceed $300 per individual.
- Program-approved hairstylists must be used.
- Grants awarded will be payable directly to the hairstylists.
- Grant approval is at the discretion of Fund for Women.
- Expected turn around time less than one week from application approval.

The Process

1. Complete an application form with your case manager at the cancer treatment center or download an application at FFWST.org.
2. Mail or e-mail the application form to the Fund for Women for wig approval.
3. Once approved, call one of the program-approved hairstylists listed on the application to make an appointment for consultation.
4. Your hairstylist will order your chosen wig.
5. When the wig arrives, the hairstylist will call you to schedule the fitting appointment.

About Mary Alice Bosseler

Mary Alice Bosseler passed away in November 2018 at the age of 84 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Mary Alice taught High School English in the Corning school district for 20 years. In her spare time, she was a passionate student advocate, helping students prepare for the SAT and college applications. She was a devoted wife, mother of three daughters, and grandmother of seven.

Mary Alice spent her life making a difference in people’s lives. She understood how difficult it was to lose your hair and how an attractive, comfortable and lightweight wig plays an important role in recovery. She wanted to help make high quality wigs available to as many women as possible. Mary Alice was a FFW supporter as well as a special member of the Corning community who is deeply missed.