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## **Grant Transforms Kitchen at Turning Point Homeless Shelter**

Angola, IN – The Women’s Fund at the Steuben County Community Foundation (SCCF) awarded Turning Point Homeless Shelter \$5,400 in May 2017 to upgrade their small kitchen. Recently completed, the kitchen is now an open area that families, who are without a home, can utilize during their stay at the shelter. Turning Point transformed a space that had been used for storage and was not functional at all into an area where families can cook together, children can work on homework at the table, and families spend their evenings in conversation.

Shannon Hentzell, Director of Turning Point, said she is grateful for the funding that made this possible. “We are so blessed to have this support from the Women’s Fund. This has made a huge difference for the families that stay here.”

Turning Point currently has 13 residents, including men, women and children. They primarily work with local individuals who recently lost their jobs or are not earning enough to support their families on their own. By working through multiple stages of programming at Turning Point, these individuals learn how to set and reach goals as well as gain financial, parenting, and nutritional knowledge through classes. Graduates leave the shelter prepared to have meaningful lives as members of the community.

The Women’s Fund at SCCF was established through the legacy of two Steuben County women, Lucille Whitman and Wava Aughenbaugh. Currently, there are 10 volunteer members of the Women’s Fund at SCCF who make grants to local organizations who are working to improve the lives of women and girls.

For more information about the Women’s Fund, contact Jacqui Gentile, SCCF Program Officer, at 260-665-6656 or [jgentile@steubenfoundation.org](mailto:jgentile@steubenfoundation.org).



Pictured above are Jacqui Gentile, SCCF Program Officer; Shannon Hentzell, Director of Turning Point Homeless Shelter; Rita Lechleidner, Women's Fund Member; and Julie Troyer, Women's Fund Member and Secretary of SCCF Board of Directors.

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