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Impact Porter County awards a \$45,000 Women's Fund grant to Parents As Teachers of Porter County

"I can't tell you how many families will benefit from this gift," said Jill Stricker, Executive Director of Parents As Teachers of Porter County. "This takes our organization to the next level." Parents As Teachers was awarded a \$45,000 Women's Fund grant on Wednesday from Impact Porter County, a women's giving circle associated with the Porter County Community Foundation.

"This grant will help us expand our early intervention and school readiness services for low-income families," said Stricker. "We will reach 200 more beneficiaries thanks to these grant funds." Parents As Teachers (PAT) of Porter County is a universal access, early childhood family education program. The purpose of PAT is to assist families in preparing their children (birth to age 5), to be ready to learn as they enter school.



"Parents as Teachers was one of the three grant finalists vying this year for the Women's Fund high-impact grant," said Joanne Urschel, Impact Porter County grant committee chair. Women's Fund grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations in support of a program serving women and/or children in Porter County. The other finalists, The Caring Place and Discoveries Unlimited, each received a \$2,500 grant.

"I think all our nonprofits are wonderful and our community thanks them for the work they do," said Urschel. "We are thrilled that we can help them make an impact." In the past three years Impact Porter County has awarded over \$120,000 in Women's Fund grants.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Parents As Teachers was recently awarded a \$45,000 Women's Fund grant from Impact Porter County. L-R: Porter County Community Foundation President Barb Young, Parents As Teachers Board Member Jenny Vidimos, Parents As Teachers Executive Director Jill Stricker and Impact Porter County Grant Committee Chair Joanne Urschel.