

Shared Voices



Shared Voices: Expanding Participation in the Community Health Giving Circle

Shared Voices is a new pathway within the IWIL Community Health Giving Circle (CHGC) that allows individual IWIL members contributing under \$250 to join together, pool their gifts, and collectively earn a voting share. This initiative reflects IWIL's commitment to inclusion, leadership, and community connection — ensuring more women can participate meaningfully in improving the health of our region.

What Shared Voices Is

Shared Voices invites members of IWIL to form small giving groups. Each participant donates individually to the IWIL-CHGC Fund at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln (CFL), and CFL recognizes each donor's gift. When the group's combined contributions reach **\$250 or more**, the group receives **one vote** in CHGC's annual grantmaking.

How It Works

- Each donor gives individually to CFL and receives a tax-deductible receipt.
- Groups choose a name and designate a **Group Lead**.
- The CHGC Committee maintains a **Shared Voices Registry** listing group names, members, and pooled totals.
- Once the group reaches \$250 collectively, they earn one vote.
- Groups decide internally how to cast their vote — consensus, majority, or another method.

The Goal

Individual members increase their gift over time to earn an individual vote, and new members join the group.

Why It Matters

Shared Voices lowers financial barriers, strengthens community ties, and demonstrates how individual gifts create expanding circles of impact — like a pebble creating ripples across water. It broadens participation, deepens engagement, and supports IWIL's mission to promote the good health of our community.



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FAQ

What is Shared Voices?

Shared Voices is a new CHGC participation pathway that allows individual IWIL members contributing under \$250 to pool their gifts and together earn a shared vote.

Why introduce this?

To increase inclusion, strengthen community connection, and ensure more women have a voice in CHGC's grantmaking.

How do contributions work?

Each participant donates individually to the IWIL-CHGC Fund at CFLL. CFLL recognizes each donor's gift and provides tax documentation. Non-IWIL members are invited to donate directly to CFLL designating CHGC. They will be recognized as Friends of CHGC. IWIL members who donate individually below \$250.00 are also recognized as Friends of CHGC.

How does a group earn a vote?

Once the group's combined contributions reach \$250 or more, the group receives one vote in the CHGC grant selection process.

Who keeps track of the groups?

The CHGC Committee maintains a Shared Voices Registry with group names, members, pooled totals, and the Group Lead.

What does the Group Lead do?

The Group Lead coordinates communication, confirms pooled totals, submits the group's vote, and serves as liaison to CHGC leadership.

How does the group decide how to vote?

Groups choose their own method — consensus, majority, rotating representative, etc.

Can someone be in more than one group?

Yes, if each contribution is made individually and clearly designated.

Will Shared Voices members be recognized publicly?

Each individual donor is recognized by CFLL. Groups may choose whether to be publicly acknowledged.

Does this change the existing CHGC membership structure?

No. It simply adds an inclusive pathway without altering the existing \$250+ voting membership.