

PRESS RELEASE

Stamford-Based Women's Mentoring Network Receives Grant from Petit Family Foundation

Women's Mentoring Network, Inc. was awarded with a grant from Petit Family Foundation in May 2017. The Stamford-based Women's Mentoring Network is a non-profit organization that serves low-income women and their families in Lower Fairfield County. The grant from the Petit Family Foundation will support the First Generation Achievement Program. The First Generation Achievement Program provides services and programs to middle school and high school students from Woman's Mentoring Network families with post-high school education and career planning. Students are also supported through their higher education experience. Many of these students will be the first generation in their family to graduate high school and all will be the first generation to have the opportunity to go directly from high school to higher education.

Women's Mentoring Network offers students both in-office services and group workshops. The in-office services include assisting the students with their college search, applying to colleges, applying for financial aid and applying for scholarships. As it relates to finding jobs, Women's Mentoring Network works with students to create their first resume, interviewing skills and their job search. Women's Mentoring Network also assists students with educating them on bank accounts, credit and savings and practice financial planning.

Workshops are held to assist students with applying for colleges and to provide information about financial aid and scholarships. Each student also works on a resume so that they are prepared to apply for part-time jobs, summer jobs or internships. Other topics covered with students include health and wellness. For more information regarding Women's Mentoring Network, please go to the website www.wmninc.org.

About the Petit Family Foundation

The Petit Family Foundation honors the memories of Jennifer Hawke-Petit, Hayley Elizabeth Petit and Michaela Rose Petit by continuing the kindness, idealism and activism that defined their lives. The Foundation's funds are given to foster the education of young people, especially women in the sciences; to improve the lives of those affected by chronic illnesses; and to support efforts to protect and help those affected by violence.