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BeutiControl Independent Executive Director Sheila Osborne (left) hands Elkhornite Mary Bub, of the Wisconsin Rural Women's Initiative, Inc. a \$27,000 check on behalf of the Women Helping Others (WHO) Foundation.

WHO Foundation awards grant to Wisconsin Rural Women's Initiative, Inc.

The Wisconsin Rural Women's Initiative, Inc. received a \$27,000 grant Jan. 8 from BeutiControl Independent Executive Director Sheila Osborne on behalf of the Women Helping Others (WHO) Foundation.

Wisconsin Rural Women's Initiative, Inc., based in Elkhorn, is a non-profit organization that empowers women living primarily in rural areas, effecting change within families and their communities through a unique gathering circle process.

Its programs are designed to engage rural/farm women in a dialogue that is open and honest, addressing topics such as isolation, lack of self-sufficiency, increased risk of intimate partner violence and

depression.

"After reviewing this organization's grant submission, it was clear that this is an organization that is truly helping the community," said Cindy Turek, WHO representative. "In the spirit of WHO's mission, and by the grace of the power of its many contributors, we are pleased to help make a difference - one organization at a time."

The grant will be used in the "Women Gathering Women" program, providing financial resources needed for facilitators, program expenses and several weekend meetings throughout the year. These meetings will address topics such as preventative health screenings and domestic violence, among others.

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