

### The Boomerang Sisterhood

In March 2007, a group of Miami County women met with the intent to start a women's philanthropic group; what they created was a women's giving circle that was more successful than they could have imagined. Assisted by the Miami County Community Foundation and Jenni Marsh, Director of Donor Development from 2006 to 2008, they created the Boomerang Sisterhood. The mission of the Boomerang Sisterhood is "to inspire Miami County women to reach their full potential to create a better society."

Women participate in the Sisterhood by donating \$120 annually to the Boomerang Sisterhood Fund. Half of these dues are distributed through grants to the community while the remainder helps build the endowment fund through the Community Foundation for future grant cycles. Once a year, the Boomerang Sisterhood members meet to vote on projects that they would like to support. Since 2007, they have awarded 29 grants totaling over \$22,000 toward the improvement of Miami County.

"The Boomerang Sisterhood is a giving circle of Miami County women, who pool their resources to support organizations and programs such as these, to better the community in which we live," says Mary Alexander, Boomerang Sisterhood president.

In 2013, the Boomerang Sisterhood awarded \$3,500 to the following organizations:

BOOKS (Books Offer Our Kids Success) was awarded \$1,000 to purchase books that will be distributed to children in Miami County. For the 2013-2014 school year, each child in Miami County

Women interested in joining the Boomerang Sisterhood or learning more about the MCCF, should contact Patrick Close, Director of Development for the Miami County Community Foundation at 765-475-2859 or by email at [miami@nicf.org](mailto:miami@nicf.org).