Women donate more than men at every income level by nearly **2 to 1**.

Women are **2x** more likely than men to say that philanthropy is the most satisfying aspect of having wealth.

**50%** of single women give to charity compared to **36%** of single men.

**Women donors give to women and girls’ causes because they believe this provides the best social return.**

Only **5-7%** of all foundation funding nationally is directed to women and girls. Women’s funds in Connecticut work to direct philanthropic dollars to women and girls.

Aurora is the only free-standing women’s fund in Connecticut, with **7** other women’s funds housed at regional community foundations.

Since 2000, Aurora has given **$760,000** to programs serving women and girls in Greater Hartford.

In 2015, charitable giving from CT foundations and residents to all nonprofit sectors totaled **$5 BILLION**.

CT foundations alone distributed $1.2 billion in 2015, **$17.47 million** of which was targeted to women and girls.

*"I pledge to invest in women because I believe it offers one of the greatest returns on investment. While many of the world’s natural resources are being depleted, one is waiting to be unleashed – women."*

- Sara Blakely, billionaire founder of Spanx and signatory to the Giving Pledge
Collective philanthropy via Giving Circles is increasing and women predominately participate. **More than half** of U.S. Giving Circles are women-only groups and prioritize their funding to women and girls.

Aurora’s 2018 Women’s Giving Circle focused on the needs of middle-school-aged girls in Greater Hartford. **$6,500** was awarded to [Girls for Technology](#) to inspire and increase girls’ interest in STEM subjects. Funds support a bi-monthly Math and Science Academy serving 100 low-income girls from Hartford's North End.

The *Aurora Women’s Giving Circle* is a group of motivated women who pool their resources, work collaboratively, and through a democratic process grant money to organizations serving women and girls in Greater Hartford. To join for 2019, visit aurorafoundation.org or call (860) 881-4926.

**2Gen: Ending Poverty for Women and Families**

2Gen initiatives provide support for children and their parents together. Children’s programs are paired with workforce training or parenting skills classes to serve the whole family. A multi-pronged approach creates a legacy of economic stability and overall well-being that passes from one generation to the next.

Aurora’s 2017 Women’s Giving Circle funded a 2Gen project run by [Family Life Education](#), which provided parenting skills training to Hartford Latina women and early childhood education programs for their children.