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Good Neighbors: Professional women's organization donates \$3,000 to Family Promise

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Through fundraisers, bunco nights and other events, UMBPW raised money both for the nonprofit and for their scholarship fund all to help women of nontraditional age.

"We presented \$30,000 to Midland College for women going back to school also," Lesley Donnell said. "We have a committee that chooses organizations for us to support but we focus on women in business and education."

Donnell knows that first impressions are important and to help those seeking work has double meaning for her.

"I work full time at Robert Half, a staffing agency, so I recruit and help people find jobs," Donnell said. "First impressions make a huge difference, but also, looking good helps with self-confidence. If you look good, you feel good, and then you present yourself much better to a potential employer."

Member Nicole Wiseman is a member of UMBPW and also a case manager at Family Promise. She hadn't expected the group to select Family Promise nor did she expect such a large donation for their endeavors.

"These are some of the best ladies I know in Midland, and it's an amazing surprise for us," she said.

Wiseman said that clients will pick out clothing at area stores. This donation will help Family Promise pay for that clothing.

"A lot of our families don't have work- or interview-appropriate clothing and we really want them to look and feel their best," she said. "When they put them on, you see a completely different person. They feel better about themselves, they fit in and can work without worry."

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