

MyPower Inc. receives \$20,000 from foundation

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MyPower, Inc., announced that a \$20,000 grant has been awarded to help support programming during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MyPower, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) founded in 2009 in Hobbs. MyPower is serving more than 1,000 girls in 5th-8th to make good choices, succeed academically, set goals, and avoid teen pregnancy. Over the last decade of empowering Lea County's girls to make wise decisions, teen pregnancy rates are DOWN by 63.8% in the 15-17-year-old category.

The Lineberry Foundation supports MyPower's three quality programs at NO COST to girls: MyPower Mentoring Circles, MyPower Middle School Edition, and the MyPower Leadership Camps.

The Lineberry Foundation is located in Chicago, Illinois, with focused philanthropic services in New Mexico. Their partnership supports MyPower's endeavors to reduce teen pregnancy and build self-empowerment for young girls throughout Lea County.

Traumatic life events, parental/guardian unemployment, poor academic performance, substance abuse, and growing up in poverty are indicators for early and risky sexual activity. The economy, the typical way



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Girls who participated the MyPower program are pictured in this file photo during their annual graduation from that program. MyPower recently received a \$20,000 grant from the Lineberry Foundation.

of working, and the normal student learning environment have all changed, which makes our students even more susceptible to risky behavior. MyPower's youth development services are needed more than ever, according to the MyPower staff.

"During this global crisis, we are more than a teen pregnancy prevention program," said executive director Elaine Sena. "We are here to create a safe space for connection, support, and to nurture a sense of belonging in our students.

When our young people are healthy and thriving, our community is healthy and thriving. We are deeply grateful for the Lineberry Foundation's support during this critical time."