



Angela Lindsey-Nunn got key assistance from the KU Women for KU Women Fund.

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KU women helping KU women

A special fund offers a boost to women seniors and graduate students

Support from the KU Women for KU Women Fund made a world of difference to KU student Angela Lindsey-Nunn.

“This fund is so important,” she said. “For a lot of us, it’s the difference between being able to finish school and not being able to finish.”

Lindsey-Nunn, a divorced mother raising a teenage son, lives with a serious seizure disorder that prevents her from working full time. Her limited income doesn’t always cover necessary living expenses. A gift from the KU Women for KU Women Fund, created by women through KU Endowment, allowed her to fix her car, pay for her son’s trombone lessons and purchase a new computer monitor that, unlike older monitors, is less likely to trigger seizures.

For Lindsey-Nunn, who will complete a bachelor’s degree in sociocultural anthropology in May, the fund provided an economic boost. But just as importantly, she said, it reaffirmed her belief that what she was doing — working toward a college degree to better her life — was worth the sacrifice.

“Just knowing that a group of strong women is helping women like me drives me even harder to succeed,” she said.

The support also mirrors Lindsey-Nunn’s personal resolve to help women. She recently established IMANI, a nonprofit organization, to empower women and children by providing access to educational and economic resources. The organization’s name is a Swahili word meaning “faith.”

KU Women for KU Women, an endowed fund, was established in 2005. That year, the advisory board of Women Philanthropists for KU created the fund to help women students who are KU seniors or graduate students

with urgent, one-time, non-medical expenses. For instance, it can provide assistance with tuition and books, travel costs for auditions, suits for job interviews, childcare expenses or other needs.

Support from the fund is distributed through the Emily Taylor Women’s Resource Center at KU. Kathy Rose-Mockry, program director, said the KU Women for KU Women fund provides crucial financial assistance.

“We have been so fortunate that this remarkable group of women is providing this kind of support,” she said. “It’s so important, so needed and so appreciated.”

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