

In 2012 the UNL Women's Center was awarded \$650 to purchase a DVD/VCR combination and a portable multimedia LCD projector. The DVD/VCR device is used in the counseling/meeting room of the Women's Center in the Nebraska Union, by the many discussion/support groups and student organizations that meet there. The Women's Center library includes over 80 documentaries and educational videos with a focus on gender issues, and those videos are used by group facilitators to increase awareness of topics that include body image, self-esteem, relationship violence prevention, gender identity, intersectionality of identities such as race and gender, and popular culture's impact on gender roles. Prior to having this DVD/VCR device on-site we had to request a portable TV/VCR from the Union and sometimes it was not available. Over 200 students have benefitted from this purchase and more will continue to do so.

The portable multimedia LCD projector has been carried to residence halls and meeting rooms where no media devices were available to allow our student Peer Educators to show power-point presentations about relationship violence prevention, body image and self-esteem, and other gender related topics. Having this device has allowed us to make presentations in many locations that previously would have been impossible, or that we would have had to present in a less effective way. Over 500 students have benefitted from this purchase, and many more will do so in the future.

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In 2013 the Women's Center was awarded \$265 for the purchase of a double-sided mobile easel. The easel is used primarily within the Women's Center but is also easy to take to peer educator meetings within the Union. Previously we had a very unstable and space-consuming single sided whiteboard that took up a lot of our meeting room space even when it wasn't being used, and was not practical to take to meetings outside of that small space. The student staff uses the board for brainstorming, peer education, and long-range planning for the many programs and services the Women's Center provides to over 11,000 students each year. As we continue to experience budget cuts throughout the University it becomes more difficult each year to purchase items that aren't glamorous but provide the infrastructure to reach thousands of students. The Women's Center staff, which includes one professional full time director, four undergraduate and four graduate student staff members, are very grateful for the support the Parents Association has provided for our work.

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