Women’s Leadership Connection members volunteer at Edgewood Children’s Ranch.

F or more than a decade, the Women’s Leadership Connec

The organization was co-founded in 2001 as the Women’s Leadership Network by President Joan Hutto

“In the years from our launch in 2001 to 2007, the word networking evolved from a general ‘connecting w

A great deal of WLC’s continued success has been its diverse membership of women of varying ages, li

professions, as well as its uniquely combined focus on community service, and social and business netw

“We would not want to be just one, but a blend of all these things,” Joan said. “The blend of our member

“I believe the work WLC does greatly benefits the community,” said Dr. Phillips resident Lesa Dolan. “Wl

Among its many community projects, WLC is proud to have worked with the Women’s Residential Progr

“WLC has been making invaluable contributions to the center for a number of years,” said Sharon Joustr

Each year, WLC works for weeks to give Women’s Residential Program’s residents and their families a s

“WLC’s involvement at the Center for Drug-Free Living impacts those women directly and helps them ac

“It truly is amazing each year,” Joan said. “People help donate toys and come to wrap. Everything they r

For the past year, WLC has also reached out to the children at Edgewood Children’s Ranch, including h

“It brings tears to our eyes that we could give this huge gift to them and help this way,” Joan said. “To ge

Edgewood Children's Ranch residents attend a Valentine's Day event hosted by Women's Leadership C

"It has a great impact on them," said Stacey DeCarlo, a Bay Hill resident and liaison for Edgewood Child

"The women that are part of [WLC] are just special ladies. They are so giving and generous. Just being a