

NV Women's Philanthropy

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Welcome Back NWP Members!

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful summer and looking forward to the events NWP has planned for the fall months ahead.

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On Thursday, October 11, 2007, we will present our Second Annual Grant Hearing Meeting. It will be held at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve in the upper level conference room A. All members should have received an invitation in the mail. Please be sure to RSVP, as seating will be tight. This year our two finalists, Girls and Boys Town of Nevada and Greater Las Vegas After-School All-Stars are both highly recognized in the non-profit community for their effective and successful programs benefiting under-served children in Las Vegas.

Nevada has been designated by Federal officials as the "worst child welfare system" in the nation with not enough foster families and not enough wrap-around services to care for the growing number of children put into the system. Since its inception in Nevada in 1991, Girls and Boys Town of Nevada has worked tirelessly to provide family-style housing and outstanding program services to the children that they can reach and service. They will be presenting their proposal for a much-needed housing expansion project for hard-to-place sibling groups.

Upcoming Dates:

September 14 – Final Grant Proposals Due

**October 11 – GRANT HEARING.
LV SPRINGS PRESERVE.
9 AM TO 12 PM
IMPORTANT FOR ALL NWP
MEMBERS TO ATTEND!!!**

October 18 – Members to Receive Ballots

October 31 – Ballots Due

November 1 –Membership Dues Remittance Deadline

November 2 – Vote Count

November 2 – 2007 NWP Grant Winner Announced to Membership

Current research indicates that 70% of youth violence, drug and alcohol use, gang activity and teen pregnancy occur during the out-of-school hours between 3pm-6pm. After-School All-Stars program has been keeping kids safe and redirecting kids to achieve in school and in life since 1995. Roundy Elementary is the newest school in the growing zone that includes Elaine Wynn Elementary and Rex Bell Elementary, who both have an After-School All-Stars Program. Parents of the children who are zoned for Roundy are extremely concerned about losing this crucial program for their children and have even gone to the Clark County School Board to protest zoning. The Greater Las Vegas After-School All-Stars asks NWP to fund the establishment this program for the kids of Roundy.

I highly encourage all of you to attend this essential event. It is going to be a tough choice, and I know you will have many questions for our two finalists. Also, please plan on staying for the all-member forum, which will be held directly after the presentations. For those of you who weren't there last year, this is the only time all the members will "huddle" together and have the opportunity to ask the grant screening committee questions about our two finalists. This forum is sure to be lively and is for members only.

I also want to announce that there will be 6 open positions for Grant Screening Committee starting Jan '08. Grant Screening is the most popular entry point to the inside workings of NWP. The committee consists of 16 diverse member/investors. Each serves a two-year dynamic and engaging internship in how to assess requests for funding. I encourage all to sign up at the Grant Hearing and contact me for more information.

In closing, I would like to mention, now's the time to send in your annual membership dues, if you haven't already. The success of our ability to make this all-important annual grant depends on your combined contributions. This year we are close to doubling our grant from last year! We've come a long way in just two short years and it's all due to your continued support.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the Grant Hearing Meeting.

Warm Regards,
Heather duBoef
President

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Grant Screening Committee

Words from the Grant Screening Committee

By Marcelle Frey and Susie Lee (GSC Co-Chairs)

We're proud to say the grant screening committee has completed their annual task of evaluation, document reviews and site visits. We are now ready to present you with our top two proposals for the NWP 2007 grant.

Since the beginning of the year, our committee of 16 members has meticulously narrowed down the candidates from the original 25 letters of inquiry (LOI's) sent to Nevada Women's Philanthropy. It's because of their dedication we will be able to vote with confidence knowing our combined funds will go to a most worthy and stable non-profit organization.

By coincidence, our top two compelling and thorough proposals focus on the needs of our children in Las Vegas. Greater Las Vegas After-School All-Stars (GLVASAS) is a highly successful after school program, which provides additional education, athletic and cultural programs to our city's most at-risk children. Girls and Boys Town of Nevada (GBTN) offers extensive counseling and much needed shelter to our growing foster care population. Full drafts of each proposal have been sent to you for your thorough review. We highly encourage you to read over these proposals and bring your questions and comments to the grant hearing meeting on October 11th. Your vote will truly make a dream project a reality.

Greater Las Vegas After-School All Stars – "Roundy's All-Stars After-School Project"

The GLVASAS's mission is to provide comprehensive out-of-school programs to keep children safe and help them achieve in school and in life. The purpose is to provide at-risk youth the opportunity to participate in sports, educational, cultural, and community enrichment programs; to build confidence and self-esteem; to encourage youth to say "no" to gangs, drugs, and violence, and "yes" to hope, learning and life. GLVASAS provides after-school programs for nearly 5,000 children at ten at-risk schools in Clark County School District.

GLVASAS request funds to create a new after-school program at Owen Roundy Elementary (grades K-5) that will include a state-of-the-art Math/Science Lab as well as a Reading/Language Arts Center.

Girls & Boys Town of Nevada – "THE NWP SIBLING HOME"

Girls and Boys Town of Nevada's mission is to change the way Nevada cares for her children and their families by providing and promoting a continuum of care that strengthens them in body, mind, and spirit. The organization runs a Short Term Crisis and Assessment Shelter, Family Treatment Homes, Common Sense Parenting classes, and a Family Preservation program.

The Girls & Boys Town of Nevada proposal requests funds to establish a safe, licensed family-style shelter for SIBLING GROUPS. This shelter will provide out-of-home placement to protect young children from abuse and/or neglect until an appropriate, permanent situation can be found.

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Grant Monitoring Committee

By Michelle Zeiter – Grant Monitoring

We would like to start this moment by saying Janet Blumen, Chairwoman of the Board for Fit for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT), and her staff have done an amazing job implementing the new Nevada Women's Philanthropy Employment Project (NWPEP). With the hard work and diligence of people like Jara Fansler, Mike Brown and Bernice Hale it is easy to see that this program will continue to grow. Jara is working as both the Community Outreach Manager and the Nevada Woman's Philanthropy Employment Manger. Michael and Bernice are the new Career Specialists that FIT has enlisted to help with their cause. Both Michael and Bernice are highly educated and experienced in what they do. With a group like this, it assures us that a high percentage of clients will in fact gain fulfilling employment and graduate from our program. NWPEP has approximately 100 clients in various stages of the program. FIT was anticipating an expense of approximately \$200 per qualified client in order to prepare the client for NWPEP. We are happy to report that FIT's expenses were well under that projection. We will be sending all NWP members invitations to the ground breaking ceremony once the date is established. In our last meeting with FIT, the GMC was asked to reach out to our members to see if we can help out on two items. FIT is running critically low on all toiletries. If you are interested in helping, Jodi Fonfa has graciously offered her home for a "Drive for Supplies" on Monday, October 29th from 9:30am to 11:30am. An email with details will follow this newsletter. This would be a wonderful opportunity for NWP members to show their continued support for FIT & NWPEP. Also, we are asking NWP members to facilitate contacts or working relationships with key employers in Las Vegas because FIT is in the business of placing people in careers not just temporary work.

Education: Salon

By Tina Quigley – Education

Our 2007 Education Salons offered us compelling and moving discussions on the topics of Child Welfare and our Homelessness. We heard from Tom Morton, Director of Family Services, "when you cut a child's skin, they'll bleed, but when you cut their soul, they are impacted forever." Shannon West of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition reminded us that our society needs to move past the thought of "deservedness" in addressing the homelessness issue and understand that there are many faces of homelessness.

The 2008 Salon series will kick off in February with a discussion on the Environment. Speakers will focus on how our daily living contributes to the global impact, and what we can do to make a difference. Look for more information regarding date and location.

In Our Own Words

Are you interested to learn the interior workings of NWP? Do you wonder what exactly the Grant Screening Committee does to determine our finalists? Do you want to "come in and look around"? You should! Because NWP members run every aspect of operations and we share a fun and rewarding camaraderie.

As some of you know, I began walking down a new path of philanthropic giving when a dear friend of mine, Jackie Caster, asked me to become a founding member of her start up organization called Everychild in Los Angeles. I've always tried to help out my friends whenever they're chairing various events, so why should she be any different? She's a bright, energetic woman, and I had complete confidence in her success. So I wrote her a check, wished her luck, and went on with my hectic life. To be honest, I never voted or thought much about it again. At the end of the year, she sent out a newsletter reporting her success at pooling funds and making a grant of \$200,000! She went on to thank the members for funding a mobile dental van that would bring dental care to over 300 underserved children in its first year of operation. Not bad for my \$5,000 donation.

Her success was enough to encourage me to continue again and attend the second annual grant hearing meeting. I even voted. We collectively gave a \$340,000 grant for a school library-refurbishing project. Our money gave 22 new libraries to some of the poorest schools in Los Angeles County. It also became a topic of conversation at a dinner with my friends, and they, too, wanted to join. They joined, the organization continued growing, and Jackie called me.

I was asked to sit on a committee. Oh what a dreaded moment that was. I'm a college graduate, but I'd never read a non-profit's financial report or tax return. How about if I missed something? I would be making a serious decision with other people's money, and it would affect so many lives. She assured me I would have a lot of help from my fellow committee members, and it would actually be fun. I said yes, and my philanthropic education began.

Since that call, I've served on various Everychild committees and co-founded Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP). Everychild's membership is full and they are now giving an annual grant of \$1 million, and NWP is about to make its second grant for well over \$300,000. I have made serious decisions that benefited many lives. Rape treatment centers have been built, a housing unit for emancipated foster children has been established, after-school programs for at risk kids are now in operation because of pooled fund grant making. Right here in Las Vegas, we have a new employment project helping many people support their families because of NWP. We should all be proud. We should all vote, and we should all serve on a committee or two.

There will be six seats available in January for the Grant Screening committee. This committee is the heart of our organization. Its members analyze our annual applicants and do thorough investigation of their proposed projects before making the all-important site visits. And, yes you will be trained to read a financial report. It's not that hard, it's not that time consuming, and with your fellow members, it's fun. We meet once a month and conduct our site visits in May. We conclude in June with the selection of the two grant finalists. The GSC team assigned to each of our two finalists meets with their agency once again in September and October to make preparations for our annual membership grant hearing meeting. Each member serves a two-year term and after completion has the choice of moving on to the Outreach Committee or staying for a third year. We encourage every member to bring her different and diverse background to this review process. It makes for lively discussions and two great finalists for our member's collective vote in October.

We also have two seats open on the Grant Monitoring Committee. This committee meets on a quarterly basis and works directly with our funded agencies. The GMC's responsibilities will grow as we make more and more grants over the years. We do monitor our grants for five years. Each committee member serves two years and has the option to move to the Grant Screening Committee after the term is served.

The Membership Committee would like to add one more highly energetic person to help with our growing membership and the organization of membership hostesses. There are no formal meetings of this committee and most of the work can be done by email or telephone.

Our pooled fund grant is not the only distinguishing difference between NWP and other charitable organizations. It's the education members gain along the way. This education leads to informed decisions and impactful change.

I hope you will take the step like I did and join a committee. Discover our community, meet new friends, and make a meaningful difference in someone's life.

Tawny Sanders
NWP Founder
Grant Screening Committee 2006 - 2007