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The Best is Yet to Come as Nevada Women's Philanthropy Celebrates 10 Years

More than \$3.64 million granted to 19 local charities since 2005

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Las Vegas (Oct. 2, 2015) – Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP), founded in 2005 as an all-volunteer, member driven, pooled fund organization, marks 10 its anniversary this year by recommitting to the community it serves. Over the years NWP has provided more than \$3.64 million in large impact grants, with smaller unrestricted grants to 19 area non-profits that address the needs of the greater Las Vegas community.

"Nevada Women's Philanthropy has grown exponentially since the original six women banded together to make a greater impact in their community than they could do alone," said Heather duBoef, co-founding member of Nevada Women's Philanthropy said. "Ten years, hundreds of members and more than \$3.64 million later it's truly incredible to look back at what we've accomplished in just a decade.

"We're looking forward to continuing to help provide support to our community for many years to come," duBoef said.

Nevada Women's Philanthropy was founded in November of 2005 by Dena duBoef, Heather duBoef, Marcelle Frey, Dana Lee, Trina Pascal and Tawny Sanders due to their desire to find a more directed and impactful way to participate in philanthropy. The first NWP grant was \$180,000 in 2006. Since then, the organization has grown to an average of 85 members per grant cycle who provide approximately \$350,000 in one large impact grant every year to a local non-profit in the area of arts, education, environment, health, child welfare and social services. The runner up receives a \$30,000 unrestricted NWP Founders' Gift.

"In 2009 Nevada Women's Philanthropy provided Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada with an Impact Grant, and the legacy of that donation will benefit children in the foster care system for many years to come," said Barbara Buckley, executive director of Legal Aid of Southern Nevada. "The grant allowed us to make the important shift to ensuring that more children than ever before have legal representation, giving them a voice from the earliest stages of the proceedings – when they are first taken from their parents."

"The NWP Impact Grant we received was instrumental in helping Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth become one of the most comprehensive drop-in centers for homeless youth in the country," said Arash Ghafoori, executive director of NPHY. "With that money we're able to double our facility size and offer

higher-quality services to Southern Nevada's growing population of homeless youth – all while saving thousands of dollars in overhead costs each year.”

By the Numbers: A Decade of Impact

- *\$3.64 Million* – Dollar amount of grants awarded to local charities.
- *19* – Number of non-profits that have received the Impact Grant or Founders Gift.
- NWP Founders' Gift established in the second year.
- *6* – Number of founding members in 2005.
- *85* – Approximate number of members who participate annually.
- *83% or 2,851 children* – Number of children who now receive a voice in the foster care system compared to the 50% of children, or 1,700 children who were being helped when Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada first received its Impact Grant.
- *Day 1* – The day every child victim of sexual abuse has an attorney thanks to the legacy of the Impact Grant received by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.
- *12,500 Sq. Ft.* – size of Salvation Army of Southern Nevada's emergency overnight shelter at its five-acre Owens campus. The shelter was re-roofed and rehabilitated with funds from an NWP Impact Grant.
- *3* – The number of empowerment schools in Clark County School District supported by an NWP Impact Grant to The Public Education Foundation.
- *240 and 14* – The number of laptops and laptop carts, respectively, purchased by Communities in Schools Nevada to be utilized in CIS Academy classes at seven comprehensive high school sites in the Clark County School District. Students now have dedicated technology to retrieve necessary credits and complete coursework in intensive academy programs.
- *4,600 Sq. Ft.* – Size of Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth's expanded facility – double its original size and making it one of the premiere Drop-In Centers in the nation.

Recipients of the NWP Impact Grant include: Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow, After-School All-Stars, The Public Education Foundation, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Rape Crisis Center, Salvation Army of Southern Nevada, Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Communities in Schools Nevada, and WestCare Nevada.

Recipients of the NWP Founders Gift include: Boys Town Nevada, Nathan Adelson Hospice, Three Square Las Vegas, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley & James Seastrand Helping Hands of North Las Vegas (joint grant), New Vista Ranch, Touro University's Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities, and Future Smiles.

NWP marked its 10-year anniversary on October 1, 2015 at a small reception that included representatives of past grant recipients along with current and past members. For a complete list of causes supported over the years or to get more information on NWP, please visit www.nvwomensphilanthropy.org.

NWP Mission Statement

Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP) is a member driven, pooled fund, large impact grant making organization established in 2005 to address the needs of the greater Las Vegas community. NWP's membership consists of philanthropically motivated women, united by a powerful desire to address emerging issues facing our community in the areas of arts, education, environment, social services, and health. NWP has gifted \$3.64 million to date. It is currently celebrating 10 years of community giving. To learn more, please visit www.nvwomensphilanthropy.org.