

NV Women's Philanthropy

December 2007

\$350,000 Grant Awarded to Boys Town Nevada

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Upcoming Dates:

December 15 & 19 – Girls & Boys Town NV Open Houses

January 16 – Prospect Event Southern Highlands

January 31 – Prospect Event Summerlin

February 6 – Prospect Event Stirling Club

February 20 – Prospect Event Downtown Office (11:30 am)

March 4 – Prospect Event Four Seasons Hotel (9:30 am)

March 4 – ANNUAL CELEBRATION LUNCHEON FOUR SEASONS (11:30 am)

March 26 or 27 – Prospect Event (TBD)

April 22 – Prospect Event Henderson

Message from the President

Year two of NWP is now closing. Our members voted in November and granted a remarkable \$350,000 to Boys Town Nevada to build a sibling home at their North Las Vegas campus. From a first year grant of \$180,000, we've nearly doubled our grant making ability – all to the efforts, belief, and combined efforts of our membership, our committee chairs and participants, founders, and advisors.

Due to much outside interest, we've already scheduled a slate of prospect events at locations throughout the valley. We welcome you to invite any of your friends to attend or refer anyone who might be interested. Our goal is to reach over 100 members next year. This number is particularly symbolic as it will enable us to grant a half million dollars. Our Grant Screening and Grant Outreach processes have revealed a tremendous need across all areas of social services, healthcare, education, the arts, and the environment. It's staggering to learn about the issues in our community, yet gratifying that there are passionate leaders in the community who have programs to tackle and address.

Over the past year, I've also had the opportunity to attend forums and symposia on homelessness, foster care, the methadone crisis, and crime. My learning curve seems to stretch farther and farther with each forum. Work never seems to end in terms of the complex issues in our community. And my desire never ends to understand these issues and to find the right solutions.

With gratitude,
Heather duBoef
Founder & President

NWP Founders Honored with FIT's Civitas Laurel Award



From left to right: NWP Founders Marcelle Frey, Dena duBoef, Tawny Sanders, Trina Pascal, Heather duBoef, and Dana Lee.

On November 3, 2007, FIT awarded Nevada Women's Philanthropy with its prestigious Civitas Laurel Award. This annual award is given to an individual or organization for their dedication to benefiting the community.

Janet Blumen welcomed 500 guests to the black-tie event held at The Mirage and gratefully acknowledged the growing efforts of NWP and the lasting impact it will have in years to come. She also announced the ground breaking of their new 12,600 square foot home. Nevada Women's Philanthropy will be donating a library and NWPEP offices to this project as part of our 2006 grant. All NWP members will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony in 2008.

Thank you to all members and families who attended the spectacular evening and shared in our first award.

The bylaws of Nevada Women's Philanthropy state that *We will not host or conduct an annual fundraising gala nor solicit businesses for auction items.* The evening honoring NWP was completely underwritten by FIT and all proceeds went to support their annual fund.

Second Annual Grant Hearing

On October 11, 2007, Nevada Women's Philanthropy held their second annual grant hearing at the Las Vegas Springs Preserves. Our members had the opportunity to hear two well prepared and inspiring presentations from our two finalists, Greater Las Vegas After-School All-Stars and Boys Town Nevada. Both organizations worked with our grant screening committee throughout the year providing us with in depth financial documents, annual reports and supporting data on their program directives. They also welcomed us with site visits. These organizations are clearly the leaders in their fields and each provide a much needed service to our community.

We would like to thank the many people who dedicated numerous hours to ensuring these presentations were compelling, informative and worthy of winning the NWP grant for 2007. In addition, we would like to thank all of our members who attended the meeting and engaged in the very lively and thought provoking question and answer sessions at the end of each presentation.

The adaptation of a new voting process approved by the board allowed members in good standing to vote at the end of this year's presentations. This new policy proved to be successful with over half of our members taking advantage of this early voting procedure. In the future, all members in good standing who attend the presentations will be able to vote at the meeting if they so choose. We will continue to mail out the ballots to those who do not attend or are not yet decided. Our 2007 grant awarded to Boys Town Nevada was made possible by our one-member, one-vote procedure. We are happy to report **all** our members voted.

Spotlight on the 2007 Grant Finalist: After-School All-Stars

Greater Las Vegas After-School All Stars (GLVASAS) was the 2007 Nevada Women's Philanthropy grant finalist. Their dream project is to create a new after-school program at Owen Roundy Elementary (grades K-5). 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. Led by Executive Director Jaqueline Locks, GLVASAS's 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. It is NWP's hope that members will share the work of this worthy agency and program to others and maybe consider it when planning for future giving.

2007 NWP Members

Madeleine Andress
 Naomi Arin
 Lovee Arum
 Candace Bailey
 Kim Bavington
 Dee Berkley
 Judy Cebulko
 Joele Corrigan
 Nancy Deifik
 Leslie DeVore
 Shelly Dilley
 Paige Dixon
 Dena duBoef
 Heather duBoef
 Whitney duBoef
 Cindy Ellis
 Michelle Epstein
 Gloria Fine
 Jean Fink
 Jodi Fonfa
 Marcelle Frey
 Abbie Friedman
 Chrystal Ghanam
 Emily Goodman
 Kimberly Gora
 Myra Greenspun
 Tami Hance
 Sandy Wells-Hardie
 Carrie Henderson
 Wendy Hornbuckle
 Luciaetta Ivey
 Sharon Jenkins
 Wendy Kalb
 Anne Kellogg
 Jeri Kochis
 Dana Lee
 Doris Lee
 Suzanne Lee
 Cheryl Manthei
 Robyn Ratcliffe Manzini
 Sandy Mecca
 Amy Meyers
 Christy Molasky
 Susan Molasky
 Joan Morris
 Pia Exber-Morris
 Jenna Morton
 Heather Murren
 Mindy Hansen-Oliveri
 Rosey Park
 Maryann Pascal
 Trina Pascal
 Maureen Peckman
 Sandy Peltyn
 Wendy Plaster
 Gail Poll
 Tina Quigley

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2007 Grant Recipient

The members of NWP awarded their 2nd annual grant of \$350,000 to Boys Town Nevada (BTN). Formerly known as Girls & Boys Town Nevada, BTN is a comprehensive agency that provides a continuum of care with programs that are specifically designed to treat children and families in crisis. With our grant, we enable a dream project to come true: the NWP Sibling Home. This home will serve as a licensed family-style residence for sibling groups requiring out-of-home placement to protect them from abuse or neglect until an appropriate permanent situation can be found.

Construction is expected to start April of 2008. It is especially important that siblings who are victims of abuse or neglect remain together with the only loved ones they have at a time of tremendous emotional upheaval. According to date provided by Clark County Department of Family Services on 9/4/07, of the 172 children in custody at Child Haven, 42 were sibling groups averaging 3 per group. These sibling groups spend an average 10 more days in the county shelter than other children as it is difficult to find placement that will allow them to remain untied.

When completed, the NWP Sibling Home will serve nine children at a time in a safe family oriented environment within BTN's North Las Vegas campus. The NWP membership chose this program for its 2007 grant in response to the timeliness of this critical project and the immeasurable difference it can make in the lives of children served.

Grant Monitoring Committee

Over the last year, many amazing things have come out of the Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow's (FIT) Nevada Women's Philanthropy Employment (NWPEP) project. People are getting jobs, moving forward with goals for training and gaining confidence in their abilities. In October a new component of the project was implemented, a Job Club.

Job Club provides clients an opportunity to learn about different aspects involved in job research, the interview process and how to retain the new job. It also allows clients to meet others experiencing the same challenges in their job search. As NWPEP Project Supervisor Jara Fansler says, "I am constantly reminding people not to discredit their experiences. Even homemakers and dishwashers have important work skills that can be valuable in the workforce."

NWPEP has experienced fantastic interest and growth. In 2007 FIT saw a 138% increase in the number of applications, compared to the full twelve months of 2006. For many people the cost of a monthly \$40 bus pass can be the difference between remaining unemployed and getting a job.

The Grant Monitoring Committee looks forward to adding BTN's NWP Sibling Home to our family of investments.

2008 NWP Members

Regina Raphaelson
 Anna Robins
 Julie Robinson
 Rose Rogers
 Sonja Saltman
 Tawny Sanders
 Winnie Schulman
 Joyce Sherman
 Allyn Shulman
 Christy Devine Shulman
 Kim Sinatra
 Stephanie Springel
 Susan Stern
 Sue Sullivan
 Tedi Ann Templeton
 Angela Thalgott
 Jill Thomson
 Carolynn Towbin
 Laura Trampler
 Denise Walsh
 Audrey Weil
 Robyn Williams
 Stacey Winter
 Janyce Wutzke
 Michelle Zeiter

Grant Screening Committee

The Grant Screening Committee will soon celebrate its first year of graduates. Though the GSC will miss them dearly, the rapid growth of NWP has moved six seasoned members to lead other key areas of NWP development and allow for new members to join GSC. Our 2008 GSC now blends together three 3rd year members; six 2nd year members, and nine 1st year members. In addition to these 18 active members, three founding NWP members will serve advisory roles as "members emeritus".

The committee will be co-chaired again by Marcelle Frey and Susie Lee. The first GSC meeting of the 2008 season will be January 8, 2008. On behalf of all NWP members, we thank the GSC in advance for your commitment to our mission, and we look forward to hearing progress on the screening process and learning who our two 2008 finalists will be in June.

Outreach Committee

NWP's Outreach Committee scoured local resources and assembled a list of 140 nonprofit agencies that are doing substantial work within our community. The 140 agencies were then loosely broken up into the categories of Art & Culture, Child Welfare, Education, Environment, Healthcare and Self-Sufficiency. The Outreach committee members then broke into teams and were assigned according to their areas of expertise and interest. Phone calls, introductions, annual updates and on-site visits were made to confirm each agency's and/or their dream project's eligibility as it relates to NWP's in-depth base-line list of criteria. A few were clearly not a match, some were in transition and asked to wait until 2009, many had good projects, but were still in the early stages of development and needed more fleshing out to become ready for NWP's vigorous screening. The goal was to find 12-20 compelling and prepared applicants, ready to enter our screening process, but this was a year of abundance, and we ended up with 28! These 28 have each been invited to apply, and their applications will be submitted to our Grant Screening Committee on Feb. 8th.

Annual Awards Luncheon

Mark your calendars! The NWP Annual Awards Luncheon honoring this year's recipient, Boys Town Nevada, will be held March 4th at The Four Seasons Hotel. Graciously underwritten and hosted by Lovee Arum, this year's lunch will also welcome back our first year recipient, Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT). FIT will provide an update on NWPEP's past year's development and construction progress on their new home in North Las Vegas. Invitations to the Annual Awards Luncheon will be sent.

Education Committee

The Education/Event Committee has been busy working on creating some very exciting and insightful events for our valued members.

DECEMBER: Visit our 2008 grant recipient facilities - Boys Town of Nevada

On **Saturday, December 15th** we have been graciously invited to an Open House at the beautiful grounds of Boys Town of Nevada. This date is at the family home of **Sara and Danny Patten** from **11:30-1:30**. The Patten's address is **8130 Flanagan Drive**. They are in the **4th home** on the street. Look for the welcome sign and balloons!

The second date is **Wednesday, December 19th** at the home of **Tim and Jill Mathews** from **3:30-5:30**. The Mathews' address is **8050 Flanagan Drive**. They are in the **1st home** on the street. Look for the welcome sign & balloons!

Directions:

This is the easiest way to get to the Homes. If anyone has problems en route they can call Tom Waite – 232-1489 or Residential Consultant Michele Gant – 234-7860

Take US 95 North

Exit Ann Road Right
First Light is Tenaya – Make a Left
Make a right onto N. Tenaya
Right at Grand Teton
Left Rainbow Blvd. Right on Flanagan Drive

Other upcoming events include:

FEBRUARY: 2008 Educational Salon I - Environmental Issues (Dates, times and location will be announced in the very near future). This event will feature a panel of speakers who will discuss the current issues facing us locally and globally and steps that we can take immediately to make a difference.

LATE SPRING: Family Day at the Park (Dates, times and location to be announced). This event will be a great opportunity for all of our members to come out with their families and enjoy a fun filled day for the kid in all of us. Please take advantage of this event to meet your fellow members in a fun and relaxed environment.

EARLY FALL: 2008 Educational Salon II – Education Issues (Dates, times and location to be announced). This event will feature a panel of speakers that will present the current issues within the Clark County school district as well as on a state and national level. Much discussion is anticipated on how to improve our educational systems.

We welcome you to join this exciting committee. If you would like to add additional value to your NWP membership, the Education/Event Committee is planning some interesting events and can use your help for all or some of the events. Please contact Carrie Henderson chenderson@best-agencies.com or 702.429.6997

NWP Executive Committee

President – Heather duBoef
Vice-President – Dana Lee
Secretary - Mindy Hansen
Treasurer – Laura Smith-Trampler
Outreach Chair - Heather duBoef
GSC Co-Chair - Marcelle Frey
GSC Co-Chair - Suzanne Lee
Grant Monitoring Chair– Jodi Fonfa
Membership Chair - Dena duBoef
Education Chair - Carrie Henderson
Marketing/PR – Anne Kellogg

Grant Screening Committee

Cindy Ellis – 1st yr
Marcelle Frey – Co-Chair
Tami Hance – 1st yr
Wendy Hornbuckle – 1st yr
Anne Kellogg – 2nd yr
Suzanne Lee – Co-Chair
Trina Pascal – 3rd yr
Gail Poll – 1st yr
Rose Rogers – 1st yr
Anna Robins – 2nd yr
Julie Robinson – 1st yr
Sonja Saltman – 1st yr
Winnie Schulman – 1st yr
Laura Smith-Trampler – 1st yr
Tedi Ann Templeton – 2nd yr
Angela Thalgott – 2nd yr
Stacey Winter – 2nd yr
Heather duBoef – Emeritus
Dana Lee – Emeritus
Tawny Sanders – Emeritus
Denise Walsh – 2nd yr

NWP Founders

Dena duBoef
Heather duBoef
Marcelle Frey
Dana Lee
Trina Pascal
Tawny Sanders

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www.nvwomensphilanthropy.com

Membership Committee

Over 80% of our members have already re-committed for 2008 resulting in an opening pledge amount of \$325,000! It's not even January, and we are already more than halfway to our 2008 goal of granting a *half million dollars*. We are so grateful to every member for sharing the belief that together, we can do great things. By pooling our funds we have allowed big dreams like FIT's NWP Employment Project & BTN's NWP Sibling Home to be realized.

New awareness and interest in our organization is growing rapidly, so we have organized two prospect events per month beginning in January. In this way, we are able to easily inform all who may be interested in joining us. (Please see schedule below) If you have any friends who are interested in attending one of these events, or if you would like to host a gathering at any other time, please contact Kimberly Gora at kimberly.gora@wolfgangpuck.com.

Date	Host/Member/s	Location
Jan. 16	Joyce Sherman & Stephanie Springel	Southern Highlands Clubhouse
Jan. 31	Jodi Fonfa	Home – The Ridges
Feb. 6	Sharon Bader – Jenkins	Stirling Club
Feb. 20	Tina Quigley	Office (Downtown)
Mar. 4	Four Seasons	Four Seasons Hotel
Mar. 26 or 27	TBD	TBD
Apr. 22	Judy Cebulko	Home – Henderson

Also, we would like to welcome our newest members: Madeleine Andress, Dee Berkley, Christy Molasky, Maryanne Pascal, Rose Rogers, Carolyn Towbin and Wendy Kalb.

Marketing/PR Committee

Led by Chair Anne Kellogg, the Marketing/PR Committee released a press release regarding the GBTN grant. As a result, GBTN was featured in a Las Vegas Sun front page article. There are also other press placements that are in development.

A new NWP logo and stationary will be revealed in the new year. Work is also being done to enhance our website. In time we hope to have our website serve as an up-to-date resource for NWP news and information for members, prospects and grant applicants.

In Our Own Words

This final piece will appropriately be about "thanks". And indeed the founders of NWP have much to be thankful for. What started as an idea and a dream to become more tangibly involved in philanthropy, has turned into an active organization, three short years later, of 80 plus members strong. We are most thankful for every single one of you who've joined NWP, who've embraced our model of giving, who've volunteered their time serving on committees, and who've been tireless cheerleaders in growing our ranks of empowered and involved community activists and philanthropists.

Our future is wide open. Our goal for 2008 is to grant \$500,000. This amount will be a milestone not only for our organization and its maturation, but also for the community. It is endless what our NWP funds can do and what tremendous benefits we can effect in Southern Nevada. But all of this can only happen because of our members. We value and appreciate your investment in NWP and your continued friendship and support.

Our organization is open and transparent. We welcome any feedback or thoughts that you may have. We are all equal member/investors leading the way to building a better community and reinventing community giving.

- Dana Lee



October 11 Grant Hearing with presentations by Boys Town Nevada and Greater Las Vegas After-School All-Stars.

