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Message from the President

Without sounding like a broken record, I can't begin to give enough thanks to all of you who have worked tirelessly to make our little organization grow and establish itself as a philanthropy that is and will continue to make an impact in our community. Thank you to all our members who've invested not only their money, but also their belief and support in our model. Our initial \$180,000 grant to Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT) will yield exponential benefits well after our funds are spent. It is this hope that fuels our mission.

We are in the midst of reviewing 17 applicants to our Grant Screening process. These organizations have submitted a preliminary application of a Letter of Inquiry (LOI). Prior to the LOI deadline, committee members conducted outreach and made site visits to a number of organizations. We were delighted to form relationships and see their operations first hand.

Big thanks to members who've renewed by sending their 2007 commitments already. By getting our members to renew as soon as possible, we're better able to gauge what our 2007 grant can be. We will adjust and announce as our initial goal of \$250,000 may be exceeded very soon.

I'd also like to offer many thanks to Wendy Hornbuckle for hosting a very successful prospective membership gathering at her lovely home in Henderson. With another membership event that was held at Park Towers and a breakfast gathering hosted by Mindy Oliveri, our membership presently stands at 53.

We look forward to our biggest celebration of the year, our first Annual Awards Luncheon in honor of FIT, on March 6th at Postrio. We hope that you all can attend and please do RSVP as soon as possible to Tawny Sanders, who also is generously underwriting this lunch.

With gratitude,
Heather duBoef
Founder & President

Upcoming Dates:

March 6 – First Annual Awards Luncheon @ Postrio – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

March 12 – Salon: Child Welfare @ Park Towers

Speakers: Tom Morton – Family Services

Hillary Westrom – Ritter Charitable Trust

Judge William Voy – Family Court

Moderator: Dave Berns – KNPR Senior Producer/Radio Host 6 to 8 pm

Grant Screening Committee

"...25 agencies were invited to participate in the Letter of Inquiry phase..."

25 agencies were invited to participate in the Letter of Inquiry phase (LOI), which is a preliminary proposal. LOIs are a 6-page application that includes general agency information and narrative response that describes the agency's mission, clients served, major funding sources, proposed project purpose, need for in the community, measurable goals and evaluation, plans for administration and sustainability, and a budget summary for their proposed project.

2007 NWP Members

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 Liza deGraff
 Leslie DeVore
 Shelly Dilley
 Dena duBoef
 Heather duBoef
 Whitney duBoef
 Michelle Epstein
 Pia Exber-Morris
 Jean Fink
 Jodi Fonfa
 Marcelle Frey
 Chrystal Ghanam
 Emily Goodman
 Kimberly Gora
 Myra Greenspun
 Tami Hance
 Mindy Hansen-Oliveri
 Carrie Henderson
 Dana Hofflander
 Wendy Hornbuckle
 Anne Kellogg
 Dana Lee
 Doris Lee
 Suzanne Lee
 Cheryl Manthei
 Susan Molasky
 Jenna Morton
 Rosey Park
 Trina Pascal
 Maureen Peckman
 Sandy Peltyn
 Wendy Plaster
 Regina Raphelson
 Anna Robins
 Julie Robinson
 Sonja Saltman
 Tawny Sanders
 Heidi Sarno Straus
 Joyce Sherman
 Kim Sinatra
 Tedi Ann Templeton
 Angela Thalgott
 Jill Thomson
 Jeri Warner
 Audrey Weil
 Stacey Winter
 Michelle Zeiter

Of the 8 organizations that did not submit an LOI, it was our criteria and our stringency that led these agencies to realize that their programs needed more development before entering our process. We established a relationship with these organizations, and they look forward to participating next year. GSC has begun its review of the 17 submitted to evaluate the proposals against our list of criteria.

The 2007 LOI participants are: After School All-Stars "Roundy's All-Stars After-School" project; Boys & Girls Club of LV "Magnet Media Center"; Catholic Charities of Southern NV "Senior Nutrition Initiative"; Center for Independent Living "School of Hope"; Child Focus "Raggedy Ann House – Keeping Siblings Together"; Community Counseling Center "Family Mental Health & Reunification" project; Girls & Boys Town of NV "Family Receiving Home for Babies & Toddlers"; HELP of Southern Nevada "Dental Assistance" program for low-income clients; Henderson Allied Community Advocates "Transitional Housing Program"; Huntridge Teen Clinic "Medical Clinic"; Nathan Adelson Hospice "Pediatric Hospice & Palliative Medicine Program"; Nevada Children's Center "After School Day Treatment Program"; NV Partnership For Homeless Youth " Safe Place Outreach Program"; Olive Crest Homes for Abused & Neglected Children "Center for Youth & Families"; Planned Parenthood of S. Nevada "Expansion of Flamingo Health Center & Clients in Need Fund"; Safe Nest "Shelter Expansion Project"; and Salvation Army "Horizon Crest Apartments Supportive Services Coordination Program".

The GSC will narrow this group down at the end of this month to a semi-finalist group of roughly 8 organizations. At this time, we will provide members with a more detailed description of the semi-finalist programs.

Grant Monitoring Committee

In November we had our first Grant Monitoring Committee meeting with FIT Chairwoman, Janet Blumen. We issued an initial payment of \$60,000 to enable FIT to hire project development specialists and to create the program's multi-phase process and associated tracking methods.

After only one quarter, FIT is proud to say that the first client of NWPEP has been through the program and has been successfully placed in a \$16/hour job. This client came from FIT and helped them evaluate the integration of the 2 programs, project efficiencies and thoroughness.

Membership Committee

NWP Executive Committee

President – Heather duBoef
Vice-President – Dana Lee
Secretary - Mindy Hansen
Treasurer - Trina Pascal
GSC Co-Chair - Marcelle Frey
GSC Co-Chair - Suzanne Lee
Membership - Dena duBoef
Membership - Kimberly Gora
Education - Carrie Henderson

NWP Board

Dena duBoef
 Heather duBoef
 Marcelle Frey
 Mindy Hansen
 Dana Lee
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Grant Screening Committee

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 Trina Pascal
 Anna Robins
 Tawny Sanders
 Tedi Ann Templeton
 Angela Thalgott
 Stacey Winter

Newsletter

Dana Lee

Membership has held 3 successful prospective member gatherings so far in 2007. We are now at 53 members! As we grow so rapidly, Membership Chair Dena duBoef and Vice-Chair Kimberly Gora are looking for 2 members to help assist with the coordination of prospective member events as well as help to keep membership lists organized. If you are interested in helping with the Membership Committee or hosting a gathering, please contact Dena at dduboeff@aol.com.

For those who have yet to give their verbal membership commitment via email, please do so as soon as possible.

Education: *Salon*

Our upcoming *Salon* is scheduled for Monday, March 12th, from 6 to 8 pm, at Park Towers. The topic for this *Salon* is Child Welfare and will feature a dynamic and expert panel of speakers. We are pleased to have Tom Morton - Director of Family Services, Hilary Westrom - Ritter Charitable Trust, and Judge William Voy - Family Court Judge, serve as our speakers with Dave Berns, Senior Producer and Program Host of KNPR's State of Nevada, as our moderator.

We chose Child Welfare as our first subject given Clark County's recognition at last that the state of child welfare services is in serious crisis. These speakers represent key players in finding a solution to this urgent issue: Judge Voy presides as a Family Court judge where he is faced with a difficult task of deciding what the best place is for children in crisis; Tom Morton was recently brought to Clark County to restructure Family Services; and Hilary Westrom is a family therapist, child welfare advocate, and founder of a family foundation that supports and invests in solutions for families in need.

Our moderator, Dave Berns, has addressed Child Welfare on his daily KNPR State of Nevada radio program numerous times. Dave provides a comprehensive understanding of our state and the players that make it work.

The evening will start with refreshments and light hor d'oeuvres from 6 to 6:30 pm, then move to the moderated discussion, followed by a question and answer session.

This *Salon* event is being hosted and underwritten by members Doris and Dana Lee.

We ask all of you to make time to attend this very worthy discussion. It is part of the NWP's mission to bring topics of educational interest to our members and to broaden our understanding of the complex social issues facing our community. Please RSVP as soon as possible!

Annual Awards Luncheon

The first cycle of our initial granting year comes to a celebratory conclusion with our first Annual Awards Luncheon that will be held on Tuesday, March 6th, from 11:30am to 1:30 pm. This luncheon is being generously underwritten by member Tawny Sanders and will be held at Wolfgang Puck's Postrio restaurant in the Venetian Grand Canal Shoppes at the Venetian Resort.

Our luncheon is an opportunity for all our NWP members and friends to come together and honor our first grant recipient, Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT). Our gift of \$180,000 provides the financial foundation for FIT to plan, launch and manage a new job employment program called Nevada Women's Philanthropy Employment Program (NWPEP). NWPEP serves as a complement to FIT's existing job training program by adding the next logical step in a client's progress to self-sufficiency. This critical component had been missing from FIT's program and mission to provide the complete services necessary to help people break the cycle of dependency.

The luncheon will begin with a reception where FIT staff will be available to answer questions about the programs and discuss plans for the NWPEP library at FIT's new, upcoming facility. Lunch will then be served with a presentation by FIT representatives.

In the invitation to the luncheon, guests were invited to bring either gift cards and/or travel-size toiletries. This request is purely optional, but all items gathered will be distributed as needed by FIT to the clients enrolled in their programs.

For more information about the Annual Awards Luncheon, please contact Tawny Sanders at tawnysanders@aol.com. Kindly also RSVP as soon as possible.