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President's Welcome

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

The most important day of our year will be on Tuesday, October 14th from 8:30 am to 12pm, when we present our Third Annual Grant Hearing Meeting at The Wynn Las Vegas. This year our two finalists, Nathan Adelson Hospice and The Public Education Foundation, have submitted two very compelling projects. Both agencies are leaders in their fields and each project is fully developed, vital to its stakeholders, and ready to implement. Yet each project is so completely different than the other. It will be quite a task to compare and contrast the importance of each to determine which project will be brought to fruition with our funds.

I highly encourage all of you to attend this essential event. It's going to be a tough choice, and I know you will have many questions for our finalists. Also, please plan on staying for the all-member forum which will be held directly after the presentations. This is the only time all the members will "huddle" together and be able 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 a number of open positions for the Grant Screening Committee starting Jan '09. Grant Screening is the most popular entry point to the inside workings of NWP. The committee consists of over 20 diverse member/investors, and each serves a two-year term before rotating off. This is a dynamic and engaging way to learn about our non-profits and how to assess proposed solutions for our community's needs. I encourage all to either sign up at the Grant Hearing or contact Marcelle Frey at mfrey4@cox.net.

In closing, I would like to mention that 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 can grant a HALF-MILLION DOLLARS if everyone remits their dues! We've come a long way in just three short years, and it's all due to your continued support.

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

Warmest Regards,
Heather duBoef
President



Grant Hearing – October 14th

The third annual NWP Grant Hearing will be held from 8:30 to 12:00 pm at The Wynn Las Vegas. This year's finalists, Nathan Adelson Hospice and Public Education Foundation, will give presentations on their final proposals.

We urge members to come prepared; final proposals were emailed to members at the beginning of September. We expect every member to read the proposals and have any questions concerning the programs ready for the Q&A session.

A brief synopsis of the finalist programs:

Nathan Adelson Hospice – “Patient Transportation Program”

This program addresses the need for better and more timely transportation for patients.

Currently, the quality of life of hospice patients is being compromised within the current system of transportation being outsourced to contract medical transport companies. Patients, who are in pain, are often expected to wait up to 24 hours for transportation, meaning time away from their loved ones. For a person in hospice, time with family and friends is of the essence. NAH requests funding for 3 specially equipped vans to transport critical end-of-life patients. Along with the vans, the grant would also fund the initial program costs for 2 years including staffing and operating expenses.

Public Education Foundation– “Empowerment Schools”

This program reflects an expansion of the CCSD's Empowerment School program, a model designed to replicate national research-based best practices and to increase student achievement. A pilot program, consisting of four schools, was implemented in the 2006-07 year with four schools added in the 2007-08 school year. Plans are to add eight schools for the 2008-09 school year. Empowerment Schools are given autonomy over governance, budget, staffing, instruction, and time with the expectation that they will exhibit annual progress.

PEF's mission is to mobilize community resources to support and impact public education. PEF collaborates with educators, business and community leaders to ensure student success and funds numerous programs such as Best Practices, Leadership Institute, Clark County READS, Teacher EXCHANGE, and Project SMILE.

PEF requests funds to launch 3 empowerment schools. Through the use of design teams, this innovative form of education partners the best of public education with the talents of business and community leaders.

Grant Screening Committee

The Grant Screening Committee (GSC) led the charge and narrowed down the field of qualified candidates to a slate of two finalists: Nathan Adelson Hospice – “Transportation Program” and the Public Education Foundation – “Empowerment Schools”.

The GSC, under the guidance of co-chairs Susie Lee and Marcelle Frey, did a terrific job scrutinizing the proposals and asking tough questions. The committee also showed the strength and depth of NWP membership since a majority of the GSC members were new to the committee. It was exciting to expand the involvement of NWP members.

GSC will have a number of positions open for this coming grant year; GSC members serve a 3-year term. This experience truly exposes members to the nuts and bolts of NWP's process. GSC members who rotate off are then encouraged to join Community Outreach or Grant Monitoring. Again, we can't emphasize enough how invaluable an experience it is to participate as much as possible in the different operating committees of NWP.



Membership Committee

As previously stated in our April newsletter and in our email on June 4th, the Founders have implemented a new plan that we feel will please everyone. The Founders' contributions, totaling \$30,000, will go to our runner-up in recognition of their success in reaching the finals of our demanding screening process.

However, to make sure we will have enough participation to make this plan work, we are asking those members who have not yet paid to try to do so by October 1st rather than the absolute deadline of November 1st. This is not mandatory, just helpful as we try to assess what our 2008 award funds will be.

Our ability to make this all-important annual grant depends on every committed member paying before the deadline. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about NWP, please bring them along to the Grant Hearing on October 14th.

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Treasury Report

NWP Treasurer, Laura Smith, reports that 2008 NWP operating expenses remain on-track to fall within 5% of total income. 2006 operating expenses were 2.25% of funds and 3.6% in 2007. According to our by-laws, we withhold 10% of revenues to cover expenses. But through careful budgeting, generous underwriting, and solid investment performance, we once again can report an admirable expense ratio.

Based on our current membership remittance and projections, we look secure to grant \$500,000 to our winner and our first \$30,000 Founders' Gift to our runner-up.

Marketing/Public Relations

NWP Marketing/PR chair, Anne Kellogg, continues her guidance to help NWP land press coverage. Most recently, NWP President Heather duBoef was featured in *89144* magazine for her philanthropic contributions. There is also an upcoming article on Heather in *Las Vegas Woman* magazine. The *89144* article and others can be found on our website at www.nvwomensphilanthropy.org

Education Committee

In May a number of NWP members and their children participated in a Family Service Day at Core of Compassion, now known as Caring 4 Kids, in Henderson. This organization sustains qualified CCSD students with food for the weekend. Members and children were divided into two teams to see who could finish packing all their bags first. NWP participants bagged food for over 1000 children.

The originally scheduled September 25th *Salon* on Senior Care has been postponed until January. We've realized that September is not an ideal time to host a *Salon* since there is much going on in preparation for our Grant Hearing, and members are all settling back into their post-summer routine. We will recommence with *Salon* in January. Our following spring *Salon* will cover Education.



Community Outreach Committee

On September 17th, the Community Outreach Committee, consisting of Leslile DeVore, Heather duBoef, and Whitney duBoef, held NWP's first annual Informational Symposium for Potential Applicants.

The symposium was a great success and proved to serve us in many ways:

1. Provided a better forum to manage the large number of interested non-profits;
2. Allowed for better quality and consistency of disseminated NWP information;
3. Allowed us to hear questions/comments from interested non-profits;
4. Useful in maintaining good community relationships;
5. Enabled non-profits to learn about process & requirements and apply if they deem appropriate;
6. Enabled non-profits to use information to create better proposals;
7. Allowed us to use feedback to stay on top of our game.

Over 90 agency representatives attended the event. It was held at the Renaissance Hotel and was graciously underwritten by Whitney and Larry duBoef. We thank them both for being such wonderful supporters and for helping us launch this important aspect of our community work.

Grant Monitoring Committee

Jodi Fonfa, Grant Monitoring liaison for Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT), shares a report from Anji Lopez, COO of FIT: *"The Nevada Womens' Philanthropy Employment Project (NWPEP) is fully operational in its new location at 1931 Stella Lake Drive, just off MLK and Lake Mead Boulevard.*

A glass wall faces out on to the great room of the building. Bookshelves line two walls and are being stocked with employment literature. Computer carrels occupy the center of the library. Just outside the glass door are contemplation benches. The plants are small now but they will fill in to almost enclose a quiet site for meditation.

As importantly, in this first part of 2008, 82 people who were previously out of work or working jobs below their skill level are now employed and moving toward financial stability. Because of NWPEP, all of these dozens of people and their families are recovering from unexpected layoffs, avoiding long periods of unemployment, and helping put food on the table.

Because of NWPEP, each of these 82 are now earning an average of \$10.22 per hour and gaining an average earning of over \$17,000 a year each. Every single member of NWP should be proud that they personally helped a desperate family escape the unending cycle of generational poverty and move into a life filled with dignity and self-respect."

Dana Lee, GM liaison for Boys Town, reports that delays have affected the start of the construction on the Sibling Home. Since the home is part of a greater campus master plan, its construction has been impacted by the surveys and studies that affect the entire project. CEO Tom Waite anticipates that grading can begin in November with a groundbreaking in December.



**Family Service Day:
Caring 4 Kids/May 4th**

It was put our kids to work day. Little did they know what was in store for them! NWP members and family spent an afternoon at Caring 4 Kids (formerly known as Core of Compassion) in Henderson experiencing what it takes to feed hundreds of hungry school children. Two teams were formed to see who could complete their bagging first. We believe it was a distinct tie!

