



NWP 2017 Impact Grant

From start to \$405,000

U.S. VETS - Las Vegas's Executive Director shares the NWP application experience from start to finish

In September 2016, our leadership team met to discuss strategies on how to improve services at our main residential site on Bonanza Road near Las Vegas Boulevard. For months, the veterans had been giving us feedback on how they felt security could improve to help them feel safer while living in our program. We agreed that there were security measures we wanted to improve. We also knew that to truly address the trauma that our residents have faced, we needed to increase support by bringing on more staff. However, we had no means to do this. Our budget was already finalized for the year and none of our grants would support any capital improvements, nor were there funds to add more staff.



In October 2016, our staff attended the NWP Grant Symposium. The grant outreach team indicated that they wanted to receive a grant that will leave them saying, "Wow, we have to fund that!" We believed that the goals we had to improve security and safety could be an impactful project that would make a tangible change for our veterans. We began to develop our project.

We met individually with veterans and staff to get their feedback on what would make the most impact at the site, and we included this in our grant application.

In March, members of the grant screening committee came for a site tour. During the tour, our veteran residents helped to point out the areas of improvement we were proposing. When we found out we were finalists, we were beyond excited!

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NWP Education Salon

A Conversation with Elaine Wynn

By **Nazanin Ford**

New state education standards, formative and summative assessments, and the new configuration of the Clark County School District served as topics at Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP)'s annual Education Salon featuring guest speaker and education champion Elaine Wynn.



NWP member Punam Mather, who also serves as the head of the Elaine Wynn Family Foundation, introduced Wynn and joined her on stage at the Richard Tam Alumni Hall at UNLV, treating the group to a conversation rather than a lecture.

During the conversation, Wynn discussed the evolution of how her involvement and interest in education paralleled building her business interests in Las Vegas. She said "education was always an obvious choice" when it came to philanthropic pursuits because of the positive ripple effect a good education system has on the community.

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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.

From the President, Tami Hance

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Meade

In 2005, six community-minded, passionate women had an idea... combine forces with their friends and other philanthropic women. Each member would donate the same dollar amount – no more, no less – and combined, the total amount raised would impact the community on a larger scale. This resulted in 40 women joining efforts and granting \$190,000.00 in their first year. Thus, Nevada Women's Philanthropy was born.

Twelve years later and 97 members strong, we have granted over 4.5 million dollars to Las Vegas area nonprofits. Combined, we are united by a powerful desire to address emerging issues facing our community in the areas of education, social services, the arts, environment and health. You see, women who want to make a difference, want to see the world through a different set of eyes, do things differently.

I am so proud to stand among the NWP members. Women who come from all areas of the community:

- Young professionals
- CEOs of their households wanting to



leave Las Vegas in a better place for their children

- New residents looking for a group of community-minded individuals
- Native Las Vegans from families that helped build this city
- Successful, career women who want to make a difference
- Empty nesters who want to create a legacy
- Mothers, daughters, sisters and friends

All with one thing in common, each member is looking to achieve a more meaningful and personal philanthropic experience. We believe that giving your time can lead to a better understanding

of the multi-faceted community needs.

The backbone of NWP is the executive committee (EC). These passionate, fearless, women work tirelessly to continue the mission of the organization. The teamwork that these ladies has shown in the planning of events, recruiting new members, watching the money, reviewing and screening the grant applications, monitoring our philanthropic partners, creating new ways to be involved through volunteer opportunities and getting the NWP message out into the community is truly extraordinary. I am so pleased and proud to report that almost all of our EC members are returning for the next leadership cycle under the presidency of Cindy Ellis. We are well on our way of reaching our goal of 120 members and our sustainability as an organization will become even stronger by creating an NWP endowment.

A huge thank you to each and every one of our 97 members this year. Because of your commitment to our community, we are making a difference in the lives of people that have served our country. Giving residents the ability to lock their residential doors and meet with a licensed therapist is going to be a life-changing part of the U.S. Vets experience. Each and every one of you made this happen.

2017-18 NWP MASTER CALENDAR

July 2017	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Summer Break	Summer Break	5 9am EC Welcome Back 28 Grant Celebration Luncheon	3 9am EC Meeting 10:30 am Outreach Meeting 12 Grant Symposium	7 9am EC Meeting 13 Grant Applications due 28 9 am Outreach Meeting	5 9 am 2017 Grant Screening Kickoff 11am EC Meeting
Jan 2018	Feb	March	April	May	June
9 9am Grant Screening Meeting Vote to Doc Pac Phase (#2) 11am EC Meeting 30 9am Grant Screening Doc Pac Meeting (#3)	13 9am Doc Pac Meeting Q&A (#4) 11am EC Meeting 27 9am Doc Pac Report and Vote (#5)	6 9am EC Meeting 12-23 Site Visits	3 9am GSC Discussion and Vote (#6) 11am EC Meeting 27 Final Membership Payment Due	8 Grant Hearing 24 Vote Count followed by EC Retreat	



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It had been six months of preparing our message, continuing to develop our project, resubmitting the grant paperwork as needed, and answering questions along the way. All of that led us to the final presentation day on May 9. We were nervous with excitement but we were ready.

Agencies who have never been through this process may not know just how involved it is. This was by far the most competitive grant process we have been part of and the magnitude of the opportunity was not lost on us. We were so honored to be one of the finalists.

There are no words to describe just how excited we were when Tami Hance called us on May 25 to inform us that we were chosen as the 2017 Impact Grant Recipient. It was hard not to be emotional after months and months of hard work, and hoping beyond hope that we could bring the veterans good news that our project was chosen for funding.

The day after the call, we informed about 100 of our veteran residents of the good news and their cheers penetrated the dining hall. Seeing their excitement made all the hard work worthwhile.

We know this is just the beginning of our work with NWP. We look forward to working with members of the grant committee along the way and updating them on the project's progress. We are truly excited for the capital improvements to be installed and new staff to be hired. These things were just a dream; a big lofty goal back in September 2016. NWP is now helping to make this a reality for us and we are so grateful!

Shalimar Cabrera, Executive Director of U.S.VETS – Las Vegas

NWP 2017 Impact Grant Hearing, May 9.



2017 MEMBERS

Debra Ackerman	Helen Johnson
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Debbi Cook	Manzini
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“You can reach the highest number of people through education,” Wynn said.

Wynn, who currently serves as president of the Nevada State Board of Education, explained the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 that put funding allocation responsibilities in the hands of state govern-

ments. She also touched on some of the ideas outlined in the New Nevada Plan which she hopes will lead to the state becoming the fastest improving education system in the country.

Referring to the reorganization of the Clark County School District, Wynn said that it will be a “rocky and bumpy” transition but that improving our schools will have many community-wide benefits once it is done.

Forty-four NWP members and 22 guests attended this year’s annual event which serves as part of NWP’s mission to offer members unique insights on the landscape of philanthropy from experts in all areas of giving throughout our community.

NWP Grants

2017 - U.S. VETS - Las Vegas received \$405,000 to improve security and add support staff. The \$30,000 NWP Founders Gift was awarded to **Shade Tree Shelter Las Vegas**.

2016 – HELP of Southern Nevada received a \$385,000 grant to furnish the Shannon West Youth Center. **Three Square** received the \$30,000 Founders’ Gift.

2015 – WestCare Nevada received a \$350,000 impact grant to rehabilitate an aging building that houses women and children. Future Smiles was the \$30,000 NWP Founders’ Gift recipient.

2014 – Communities In Schools was awarded \$350,000 to purchase 240 laptops. The \$30,000 NWP Founders’ Gift was awarded to **Touro University**.

2013 – Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) received a \$350,000 NWP Impact Grant. The Founders’ Gift was awarded to **New Vista Ranch**.

2012 – Goodwill of Southern Nevada received a \$350,000 grant to create the NWP Veteran Integration Program (VIP). **Helping Hands of Vegas Valley and James Seastrand Helping Hands** were awarded the \$30,000 Founders’ Gift.

2011 – Salvation Army was awarded \$325,000 to rehabilitate its emergency overnight shelter. **Community Counseling Center of Southern NV** received a \$30,000 Founders’ Gift.

2010 – Rape Crisis Center was awarded \$350,000 to open “NWP Signs of Hope.” **Lied Discovery Children’s Museum** received a \$30,000 Founders’ Gift.

2009 – Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada was awarded \$325,000 for the “NWP Early Representation Program Children’s Attorneys Project.” **Three Square** received a \$50,000 Founders’ Gift.

2008 – Public Education Foundation received \$450,000 to become an Empowerment Partner. **Nathan Adelson Hospice** received a \$30,000 Founders’ Gift.

2007 – After School All Stars received \$320,000 to support after-school programs. **Boys Town Nevada** received a \$30,000 Founders’ Gift.

2006 – Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow received \$180,000 to fund the Nevada Women’s Philanthropy Employment Project.

Treasurer’s Report (As of June, 2017) By Melissa Attanasio

WHAT WE HAVE	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE
2018 Account	\$5,000.00	TBD
2017 Account	\$487,000.00	\$0.00 to U.S. Vets (\$405,000 due to U.S. Vets); \$30,000 to The Shade Tree
2016 Account	\$415,000.00	\$250,906 to HELP of Southern Nevada (\$134,094 due to HELP of Southern Nevada) \$30,000 paid to Three Square
OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$78,047.39	