



Left to right: Julie Robinson, Susie Lee, Major Robert Lloyd, Carrie Henderson, Wendy Hornbuckle and David Robeck.

NWP and Salvation Army Ribbon Cutting April 19, 2012

In November 2011 NWP members voted to gift Salvation Army of Southern Nevada \$325,000 to rehabilitate its dilapidated emergency overnight shelter for the homeless at its Owens Avenue Campus. The grant gave the 12,500 square-foot building a new roof and new bathrooms and showers along with space for more beds. Construction started in January 2012 and was completed by April 2012. SA now has the ability to provide an additional 7,300 unique bed nights per year.

The Grant Screening Committee Selects NWP's 2012 Grant Finalists: Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada and Helping Hands of Vegas Valley

By Wendy Hornbuckle, Lead Chair; Tami Hance, Co-Chair

After four months of research, Nevada Women's Philanthropy Grant Screening Committee narrowed 2012's record number of 43 applicants for this year's \$300,000 grant down to two finalists: Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada and Helping Hands of Vegas Valley.

Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada seeks to fund the "Nevada Women's Philanthropy Veterans Employment Program", which will provide job retraining and job placement assistance to local veterans. Funds will cover expenses such as staff salaries and job training programs.

Helping Hands of Vegas Valley proposes to use the money to enhance its low income senior food and necessities program. The funds from the grant would be used to purchase large items such as a delivery truck, commercial grade refrigerators, freezers and industrial shelving. It would also seek to lease additional warehouse space.

The two organizations will have the next four months to create presentations for NWP's Grant Hearing on Oct. 2, 2012, where NWP's membership at large can learn more about each agency and how they intend to spend this year's \$300,000 grant. The runner up will receive a \$30,000 NWP Founder's Gift. This year's alternate is Best Buddies Nevada.



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Lynn Etkins, Development Director, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada on the NWP Children's Attorney's Project funded by the 2009 Grant. **SEE LEGAL AID CENTER THANKS NWP PAGE 3.**

2012 NWP MASTER CALENDAR

May	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan '13	Feb	March
<p>23 Member Event 6 - 8 p.m. at Wendy Hornbuckle's home</p> <p>31 Bio submissions due for Board of Directors positions</p>	<p>4 Finalists proposals mailed to the membership</p> <p>30 Final Membership Payment Due</p>	<p>2 Grant Hearing 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (LVCC)</p> <p>12 Vote Count 9 - 11 a.m.</p> <p>24 Grant Celebration (Encore)</p>	<p>22 Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Happy Holidays</p>	<p>Outreach Symposium and Workshops</p>	<p>Letters of Interest (LOIs) to Outreach Committee due</p>   	<p>31 First Membership Payment Due</p>

Words from President Carrie Henderson

Dear NWP Members,

The time has flown by rapidly since we began our seventh grant screening cycle at the beginning of this year. The end of this incredible effort brings us to our two finalists and their timely programs for your consideration for this year's grant: Goodwill Industries of



Southern Nevada – Nevada Women's Philanthropy Veterans Employment Program and Helping Hands of Southern Nevada – Low Income Senior Food and Necessities Program. Both organizations are led by passionate leaders that have a strong vision for our community. Veterans and seniors alike are a growing population in our valley and therefore have an increased need in our community. Once again we are faced with a challenging decision as to who will receive the 2012 NWP grant. Please mark your calendars now for the **October 2nd** Grant Hearing at the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and the Grant Celebration on **October 24th** at Encore.

Getting to this point has been an arduous task beginning with our Outreach Committee led by Robyn Ratcliffe-Manzini. Outreach narrowed down this year's search to come to a record 43 proposals for consideration. These were then passed on to our Grant Screening Committee, led by Tami Hance and Wendy Hornbuckle to present to their team to scrutinize agency

financials, boards, sustainability and attend site visits to ask more in-depth questions. I would like to extend a special thank you to Myra Greenspun and Sharon Bader-Jenkins at the Stirling Club for the generous donation of refreshments and the use of facilities for our GSC to have the space needed to hold their meetings and sort through this year's proposals.

While these two committees were working diligently additional committees are continuing in their leadership roles to further support the efforts of NWP and our community. The Grant Monitoring Committee, led by Julie Robinson, continues to work with our past grant recipients to make sure that they are on track with the programs that your investments have funded.

This year marks the end of our grant partnership with Legal Aid, which has been such a success and epitomizes the great things that we can accomplish in our community with our model of giving.

Education and Events Committee, led by Nazanin Ford, presented a salon **February 7th** on Economic Diversification with Robert Lang that was graciously hosted by Lovee Arum. Membership, led by co-chairs Trina Pascal and Whitney duBoef, continue to reach into our community seeking likeminded women who want to join in our efforts to make a difference utilizing the NWP model of giving. Mark your calendars for **May 23rd** to attend the Member event hosted at the home of our very generous Wendy Hornbuckle – be sure to invite your friends!

In the meantime the Board of Directors and Executive Committee continue to work diligently to improve our processes and look for the most efficient ways to reach our

community and our valuable members.

The NWP model continues to evolve and grow as does our community. With that so do our team of volunteers of all of the aforementioned committees and our executive team. I am pleased to announce that Nazanin Ford will be stepping into the role of President later this fall. Naz is such an inspiring leader in her current position as Vice-President and leading the Education and Events Committee, all the while expanding her family. Additionally the EC and BOD are requesting members to submit bios for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary by **June 1st** for consideration. We admire and encourage active participation, we believe in doing so your membership will bring a more meaningful and personally fulfilling philanthropic experience while making an even greater impact on our community.

The evolution of our organization continues to inspire me with what a group of individuals can create with a common vision to make a difference in our community. I have had the honor to work side by side with the incredible women that make up our Board and Executive Committee and am constantly inspired by the passion and commitment that all of these women have brought forth with the "What more can I do" attitude.

We thank you for your continued commitment to Nevada Women's Philanthropy and our community. Have a wonderful summer!

With my most humble and sincere appreciation,

Carrie Henderson
NWP President 2012

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Thanks NWP for 2009 Grant for \$325,000

Twelve years ago, the Children's Attorneys Project at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada began, determined to be a voice for each child in foster care. We quickly learned that the system was flawed and weighted against these young victims. Children were languishing in foster care — some ready for adoption with loving foster families, but still unable to extricate themselves from the system. Some with behavioral problems were being overmedicated and locked away. Siblings were being separated from each other for arbitrary reasons rather than making every effort to keep them in each other's lives. And where families could be reunited, opportunities were being missed.

With only half of the children being represented, we asked Nevada Women's Philanthropy to assist — to allow us to represent hundreds more children and to do so differently — at the very earliest stages of the proceedings — when children are first taken from their parents. We asked NWP to help us transform our system from a lethargic, bureaucratic adversarial process to a results-oriented approach that serves children from the first day they enter the system.

With NWP's funding, we have helped hundreds of children from day one of their removal from their parents. Many children have been safely returned home; others found a new forever family. NWP's reputation and support gave valuable impetus to the child welfare reform movement. And NWP helped us sharpen our focus through their rigorous evaluation process. If we had to sum it up succinctly for those who are involved: you saved lives and strengthened us as we try to serve even more in need. We feel we not only gained grant funds to help vulnerable children, we feel that we gained a friend and a partner.

*Thank you from all of us at LACSN,
Lynn Etkins, Development Director Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada*

Staton Elementary School Rewarded

By Susie Lee, President Emeritus

Public Education Foundation (2008 NWP Grant Monitoring Chair)

In 2008 the Public Education Foundation received the NWP grant of \$450,000 for three Empowerment Schools. The grant funded in 2009 with each school receiving \$50,000 per year for three years. They are: Staton Elementary, Wendell Williams Elementary, and Chaparral High School.

In the spring of 2011, Chaparral was designated a "turnaround school." All members received numerous updates on this development. Because turnaround schools are under an increased level of supervision from state officials, we felt that it was no longer considered a school that operated under the Empowerment model. As such, we decided to delay the disbursement of our remaining funds to that school to see what had transpired. As a result, NWP has a \$95,000 balance in the account of the Empowerment Schools.

In the meantime, Superintendent Dwight Jones announced that CCSD would establish "autonomous zones" based on the principles of the Empowerment Schools. Only those schools that achieved "gold" or "5-star" status under the School Performance Framework, would be given the autonomy that had previously been provided to Empowerment Schools. Staton Elementary School, led by Marty Gardner, qualifies for the "Autonomy Zone," as it achieved a 5-star rating.

After much deliberation, the Executive Committee of NWP and among CCSD administrative officials, we decided to award \$50,000 to Staton to recognize the excellence with which it has implemented the Empowerment model and to further the achievements that the school has made. The remaining \$45,000 will be used to fund "Professional Learning for the Autonomous Community." This money will provide training for principals of "autonomy schools" in the following areas: Policy/Governance, Shared Leadership, Budget and Performance Management/Supervision. Marty Gardner and her staff will play a leadership role in conducting these trainings.

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Dr. Robert Lang visits with NWP

By Nazanin Ford, Vice President and Chair

Dr. Robert Lang, the director of University of Nevada Las Vegas's Brooking Mountain West, spoke to a group of about



50 NWP members and guests gathered at Lovee Arum's home at this spring's "State of the State" event. He revealed the findings of the think tank's recent report entitled: "Unify,

Regionalize, and Diversify." Southern Nevada's continued economic success will hinge upon building upon the visitor business, according to Lang. "Our past, present and future is all about strong visitorship," he said. "Our leaders must continue to make it easy for people to come here for business conventions, recreation and special events."

The report strongly recommends completing the \$480 million interstate roadway between Phoenix and Las Vegas and advocates a new, state of the art stadium in Las Vegas "preferably near the resort corridor."

Lang also emphasized the important role that Southern Nevada plays in the gaming arena throughout the world. No one knows the gaming business like the people who run Las Vegas casinos and our leaders should capitalize on that experience and expertise especially now as online gaming becomes a reality, according to Lang. He also emphasized how much impact the Southern Nevada economy specifically makes to the entire state. Lang urged NWP members to be aware of where state taxes are spent and suggested members exercise our political voices, know our legislators and demand that Southern Nevada receives proper funding and service allocations.

Treasurer's Report (AS OF May 16, 2012) By Kelly Petersen

WHAT WE HAVE	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	
2012 account	\$234,545.56		TBD
2011 account	\$164,888.18	\$160,000.00	to SA
2010 account	\$135,172.00	\$115,810.00	to RCC
2009 account	\$0.00	0	to LACSN
OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$10,438.96		
BUDGET SUMMARY	BUDGET	SPENT	AVAILABLE
OPERATIONS	\$9,957.00	\$500.26	\$9,456.74
COMMITTEES	\$3,675.00	\$0.00	\$3,675.00
EVENT BUDGETS	\$9,350.00	\$2,108.80	\$7,241.20
TOTAL	\$22,982.00	\$2,458.80	\$20,523.20

\$2,120,000.00 Granted

2011 – Salvation Army was awarded \$325,000 to re-roof and 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 a comprehensive therapeutic counseling center "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 with three Clark County School District schools for three years. **Nathan Adelson Hospice** received a \$30,000 Founders' Gift.

2007 – After School All Stars received \$320,000 to support after-school programs at Roundy Elementary and Elaine Wynn Elementary Schools. **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.