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# NWP Celebrates a Decade of Giving

By Nazanin Ford

Ten years ago, Nevada Women’s Philanthropy was just an idea. It was a one-part wishful thinking, one-part leap of faith kind of idea. It was a “this is just crazy enough to work” kind of idea. And from there the simple desire to make philanthropic dollars really count took form, gained momentum, and matured into a “reinventing community giving” kind of idea.

The story of the first decade of NWP can be told simply: 10 years, 182 members past and present, \$3.64 million granted. The statistics don’t begin to depict what’s impressive about the organization, the women who have believed in it over the years, and its partner agencies. Over the course of its ten years, NWP has granted to projects varied and diverse: employment empowerment, education initiatives, and social services, to give a cursory and abridged summary. Past and present members have gained a profound understanding of Las Vegas through the NWP grant



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## Nevada Women’s Philanthropy grants \$350,000 to WestCare Nevada

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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.

# 2015-16 NWP MASTER CALENDAR

July 2015	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Summer Break	Summer Break		<b>1</b> 10th Anniversary Celebration <b>14</b> Grant Outreach Symposium for Nonprofits	<b>TBD</b> – Membership Mixer <b>16</b> 2016 Grant Applications Due	Happy Holidays <b>8</b> Grant Screening Committee Kickoff
Jan 2016	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>12</b> GSC Vote (Doc Pacs)	<b>TBD</b> – Membership Mixer	<b>TBD</b> – “State of the Community” <b>15</b> GSC Vote (Site Interviews) <b>28 – April</b> <b>18</b> GSC Site Interviews	<b>19</b> GSC Votes (Finalists)	<b>17</b> Grant Hearing & Annual Meeting <b>26</b> Vote Count	

## From the President

Dear NWP members,  
 Just before summer, we wrapped up our most recent grant cycle and awarded \$350,000 to WestCare Nevada to carry out vital improvements to an aging 33,000-square-foot building at its Women and Children’s Campus in North Las Vegas.

“I can tell you that this gift from NWP means that WestCare can continue to provide service that is of critical need to the women and children we serve,” Senior Vice President of Facility Operations, Michael Lavin said. “This gift changes everything.”

It is an honor to see WestCare Nevada and Future Smiles join a group of 17 other nonprofit agencies that NWP has invested with since it was founded in 2005.

From now until 2016, we are celebrating 10 years of unwavering commitment to this community and to each other. Your due diligence and work ethic are ever appreciated, and most of all, needed. In consideration of this exciting milestone, we are planning an incredible 10 year anniversary celebration on October 1st, 2015 so please mark



your calendars for this very special event.

As we embark on our next 10 years, we have adopted a new and more efficient grant cycle that will have our annual grant hearing in May. Grant applications will be collected in the fall and vetted through spring. Membership dues will continue to be due April 30th of each calendar year.

And while all of these remarkable investments have left their mark on our community, it is the dedication and commitment of our all-volunteer member and committees which never ceases to amaze me. Please continue

to join, participate and even steer a committee when your schedule permits. We need you to keep this incredible organization moving forward as we embark on our next decade.

On Oct. 1, 2015 we will welcome our new President, Tami Hance; and our President elect, Cindy Ellis. We couldn’t ask for a better leadership team. I am so thrilled to have these two capable women lead our organization into the future.

With an abundance of gratitude,  
 Kelly Cavanagh  
 NWP President 2014 and 2015

## NWP Grant In Action

### Access to new computers makes a difference, changes lives

Stories submitted by CIS site coordinators

#### Access to NWP laptops aids student's research for college

Arriana was a senior last year in my 2nd period academy class. She was extremely apprehensive about going to college and had no plans on applying. After being in CIS academy, she began to warm up to her class mates, academy



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teacher, and site coordinator. The more we talked about college, visions of the future, it started looking bright. As her coordinator, I wanted so much more for her than the life she was used to; poverty, drug abuse from one parent and alcohol abuse from another. She attended our first annual CIS FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) night with her mom. That night we used the lap tops provided by the NWP for all the families/students to apply for FAFSA. The following weeks we did a lot of research on colleges using the

laptops as well. They were extremely helpful in the whole process. Arriana applied to Nevada State College's Nursing Program. She was accepted, her financial aid came through, and she is now a freshman in college.

#### Student creates resume, applies for jobs online with NWP laptop

A sophomore student attending Sunrise Mountain High School during the 2014-2015 school year was eager to obtain a job just in time for summer break. She had never completed a resume and requested help. She did not have internet access at home nor did she have anyone to help her. She scheduled time to go after school and get help from the Communities In Schools (CIS) Site Coordinator. With the use of the laptops provided by the Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP), the student was able to draft her resume and print out her completed copies just in time for her interview. She attended the group interview and received a notification that she moved on to the individual interview stage. Although she did not receive the first job, she continued to apply to other jobs with the resume she had completed with the help of the NWP laptops in the CIS resource room.

## 2015 NWP Impact Grant Awarded to WestCare Nevada, Future Smiles Receives \$30,000 NWP Founders' Gift

Las Vegas (May 20, 2015) – Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP) elected to award its \$350,000 gift to WestCare Nevada to carry out vital improvements to an aging 33,000-square-foot building at its Women and Children's Campus in North Las Vegas. Future Smiles will receive the \$30,000 NWP Founder's Gift.

"I can tell you that this gift from NWP means that WestCare can continue to provide service that is of critical need to the women and children we serve," Senior Vice President of Facility Operations, Michael Lavin said.

WestCare Nevada provides emergency housing, youth medical detox, substance and mental healthcare treatment, case management and job training among other services, to over 1,600 people per year at its Women and Children's Campus on Duncan Drive in North Las Vegas. The space was first built in 1960 and originally served as a nursing home. WestCare Nevada began its women and children's operations there in 2000. Lavin said the condition of the building was at a point where it was starting to impact WestCare's ability to operate.

"This gift changes everything," Lavin said.

WestCare Nevada was one of 40 grant applicants to NWP for the 2015 impact grant. The grant is thoroughly vetted by members who study the operations, meet staff and scrutinize budgets before narrowing down the applicants to two who present their ideas to members who select each year's recipient by popular vote.

"This year was another tough year for our members," NWP President, Kelly Cavanagh said. "Both Future Smiles and WestCare Nevada are terrific organizations who make a world of difference to this community."

## 2015 MEMBERS

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Lisa Fish	Susie Lee
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Carrie Carter-Cooper	Joyce Mack
Denise Cashman	Marilyn Mack
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## 2015 OFFICERS

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## Welcome Incoming 2016 NWP Officers

President Tami Hance, Vice President Cindy Ellis

### Grant Screening Chair

Sherry Layne

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process and special events. But even this doesn't cover the breadth of NWP's connection to our community.

So what does capture the milestone we are celebrating this year?

Perhaps to fully understand the meaning of this celebration is to look ahead.

This is not a reunion celebration—although we will undoubtedly revel in the



company of friends from our past on October 1<sup>st</sup>. It's not just a landmark for the organization—while we certainly highlight the projects and grant recipients

from the last ten years. But we should gaze in the past only long enough to gain perspective and gather our bearings. From that vantage, in the spirit of what Nevada Women's Philanthropy stands for, we should collectively look forward at what work there is still to be done and where our investment and impact may be the greatest for the next decade and beyond.

## Treasurer's Report (As of Sept, 2015) By Melissa Attanasia

2016 Account	\$35,000.00	
2015 Account	\$390,000.00	\$222,944 to WestCare Nevada (\$127,056 due to WestCare Nevada) \$30,000 to Future Smiles
2014 Account	\$405,000.00	\$300,097 to Community in Schools of NV (\$49,903 due to Community in Schools of NV) \$30,000 to Touro University
2013 Account	\$406,000.00	\$310,000 to Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (\$40,000 due to Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth) \$30,000 to New Vista Ranch Inc
2012 account	Zero balance all grants have been paid	
OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$22,489.91	

## NWP Grants

**2015 — WestCare Nevada** received a \$350,000 impact grant to rehabilitate an aging 33,000-square-foot 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 at seven sites. 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 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.