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Message From The President

Welcome to our new website! I'm excited not just because we can post newsletters and photos, but we now have an accessible platform to better inform our members and our community. Please spend a few moments touring the main pages to get acquainted with where you will find specific information and links.

As you may have noticed, we've also streamlined our communication to you by implementing a single email source news@nvphilanthropy.org so that members can easily recognize NWP's e-announcements that come from our various committees. These are big steps for us as NWP is inherently a very “grass-roots” organization. But as we are innovative women who seek efficiency, it was simply a matter of time.

In line with becoming more efficient, I would like to thank new member Laura Smith-Trampler for accepting the position of NWP treasurer. As our money grows, so does our power and responsibility. Even though NCF continues to manage our fund along with over \$30 million in other community assets, our demand for detailed accountability and full transparency necessitates an attentive and thorough internal treasurer as well. Similar moves like this towards independence also led us to renegotiate with NCF for better services (better accounting and administrative assistance) and lower administrative fees at a most favorable rate.

Other numbers worth reporting on: Each year, we maintain a 98% retention in membership. End of 2007 showed 50% (42/44) of our members actively participating on an NWP committee, 65% attended the Grant Hearing, 100% voted and 78% attended the Annual Luncheon.



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- Heather duBoef

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-Susie Lee

May 4th...share in a day of community outreach with Corps of Compassion...
- Carrie Henderson



President's Letter Continued

We met our 2008 goal of 100 members by February 6th, and new members still continue to join! This is a milestone not only for our organization and its maturation, but also for the community. Every month, I meet with agencies that are in need of high-impact grants. It seems everyone is in a state of growth and change. Word is spreading rapidly about our work, with press reporting, community leaders discussing, and agencies requesting information.

So now that our initial growth is out of the way and things are cruising along so smoothly, we are turning our attention to maintaining these statistics as we continue to grow. We never want to sit on our laurels and take anything for granted. What we have accomplished together has been an amazing feat and we plan on doing our best to make it a tangible and rewarding adventure in philanthropy for all of us and for our friends that will follow.

With gratitude,
Heather duBoef
Founder & President

Are you looking to expand your experience with NWP? Consider joining the Education/Events Committee. For more information please contact Carrie Henderson at chenderson@best-agencies.com or 702.429.6997



Grant Screening Committee

The Grant Screening Committee (GSC) has been busy reviewing the applicants for the 2008 award year. GSC started by inviting 28 agencies to apply in January. Out of the 19 that submitted Letter of Inquiry applications, 8 were passed through by GSC to the Document Package phase. These agencies are: Boys and Girls Club; Clark County Department of Family Services; Clark County Legal Services; Kids Peace; Nathan Adelson Hospice; NV Children's Center; Clark County Education Foundation - Empowerment Schools; and Shade Tree. Please view the document link on our website for a detailed description of the 8 semi-finalist programs.

At the end of March, Stacey Wedding led our annual Document Package training session. The GSC committee has been split into four teams of four members each. Each team is diligently studying the Doc Pacs of two agencies. On April 22, the GSC will meet to decide which agencies will receive site visits. Site visits will be conducted in May. On May 29th, the committee will vote on the two finalists.

We have 18 members of the committee: 7 veterans and 11 new members. Since committee size is proportionate to overall NWP membership, we'll have many openings for next year. We also look forward to having Tedi Ann Templeton and Denise Walsh as next year's co-chairs.

We have received great applications with a diverse set of needs; all with terrific promise.



Membership Committee

We are happy to say that NWP Membership has grown at such a rapid pace, and we have to date 112 active NWP members. Our goal for 2008 and 2009 is to sustain a membership of 116 ladies each year.

In a recent executive meeting it was decided that the six founding members' membership contributions will go directly to the runner-up as a "Founder's Gift". This sum of \$30,000 is in recognition of the agency's hard work and participation in the grant process. The winner will be granted at least one half-million dollars.

We will have our last new potential membership meeting on Tuesday, April 22, from 12 pm - 1:30pm, at the home of Judy Cebulko in Henderson. If you have any friends/relatives that you would like to invite to become a potential member, please email Tina Quigley at quigleyt@rtcsonv.com.

Membership packets can also be sent out via mail by providing Tina with name and address of the appropriate recipient.

Education/Events Committee

On February 28th the Education/Event Committee presented the first salon for 2008 at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve. Entitled **Green Energy, Green Building, Green Living**, the Salons featured speakers:

Scot Rutledge, Executive Director of the Nevada Conservation League. NCL was formed to protect our land, air, water, wildlife, and quality of life civic engagement. They work to empower conservation organizations and individuals through public education, communication, advocacy training, strategy

development and collaboration among Nevada's many diverse conservation organizations.

Pamela Vilkin is a LEED® Accredited Professional and the owner of Greenview LLC, a firm that provides green building and sustainability consulting services. Pamela has worked on project CityCenter, currently the largest planned LEED-certified construction project in the country. She is a founding member and current President of the U.S. Green Building Council - Nevada Chapter.

Rose McKinney James is founder of Energy Works Consulting in 2002, providing consulting services in the areas of government affairs, economic development and public policy related to energy, education and the environment. She has served in numerous leadership roles at the state and local level.

In addition to the speaker resource, NWP members Trina Pascal and Dana Lee had a table of "green" household items on display and other helpful tips on how to incorporate "green" into daily living. The event was a collaborative effort of NWP members Carrie Henderson, Education Chair; Emily Goodman, Education Co-Chair; Tina Quigley, Membership Co-Chair; and member Jenna Morton.

The next event scheduled is a "**May Day**" event scheduled for **Sunday, May 4th**. This event offers an opportunity for members and their families to come together and share in a day of community outreach with **Corps of Compassion**. The focus of this wonderful organization is to feed homeless and at risk children in Las Vegas. Please visit their website at www.JoinTheCorps.org for more information. Following this interactive event NWP members and their families are invited to join in a family picnic style gathering. Stay tuned for the details of this event in the very near future!



Community Outreach Committee

Outreach serves as the liaison between NWP and the community and is often the first step for any agency that would like to be considered for NWP funding. The committee is engaged year-round with site visits of agencies new to NWP and in gaining valuable insights into the critical factors facing Southern Nevada.

Presently Outreach is following up with the 10 agencies whose applications didn't go beyond Grant Screening's LOI phase. Recent outreach visits and meetings were held with representatives of CFIL/HELP, the Huntridge Teen Clinic, the Child Welfare Network, TomMorton and the Department of Family Services, Punam Mather and Merlinda Gallegos of MGM Mirage Voice Foundation, 3 Square, and the Smith Performing Arts Center.

Possible upcoming Community Outreach meetings will be held with Living Grace, Judge Voy, and the United Way. Community Outreach welcomes members to forward agency information to Heather duBoef at hduboef@aol.com. The official committee call to members for agency submittals is in September.

Marketing/Public Relations

NWP PR guru, Anne Kellogg, has landed a slew of positive press coverage for NWP over the last six months.

Placements include a Las Vegas Life story featuring a red-shoed NWP President Heather duBoef, the November 2007 Heidi Knapp-Rinella Las Vegas Sun article that covered the plight of siblings and the effect of NWP's donation to Boys Town, along with a Boys Town coverall story in the Review-Journal. NWP is also mentioned in a March 16 Review-Journal article on non-profits. These articles can be found on our website.

Grant Monitoring Committee

Our grant of \$180,000 to Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow's (FIT) Nevada Women's Philanthropy Employment Program has been paid in full. NWPEP's library is fully established in FIT's current office space; FIT anticipates a mid-May move-in date into their new, permanent location. The program now has two full-time career specialists. Staff has been monitoring program forms and process to ensure the client application process and delivery of service is most efficiently and accurately tracked. This development is critical since a major component of NWPEP is in the individualized mentoring and case management provided. Since inception to date, NWPEP has served over 400 clients with 120 successfully placed in well-paying jobs.

In last month's Review-Journal's "Best of Las Vegas", FIT was selected as the R-J staff's choice for "Best Community Organization". Kudos to FIT staff and Chair Janet Blumen! We also look forward to visiting FIT's new facility when it opens in May.

Grant monitoring for our \$350,000 grant to Boys Town has commenced. The first of 4 payments will be made in April. Ground breaking is imminent for the Sibling Home, predicated on receiving County permits. The goal is to have the home completed by end of year.

Treasury Report

NWP Treasurer, Laura Smith, reports a recap of NWP operating expenses to date. For 2006 operating expenses were \$5,229.56 (2.25% of funds); for 2007 operating expenses were \$15,511.58 (3.6% of funds). These figures are admirable as our budget allows for 10% of annual funds for expenses. As you know, our mission is to run a very tight ship to ensure that as much of our contributions are directed towards our grants. We apply the same scrutiny to our operations and demand the same level of efficiency that we seek in our applicants.



Annual Awards Luncheon



From clockwise: NWP Board members and Boys Town President Tom Waite, Boys Town Board Chair Josh Houssels, and past Boys Town chair Norm Jenkins; FIT Chair Janet Blumen; a view of the Charlie Palmer dining room; and Boys Town's Erika Christensen and Dana Lee.



Over 75 guests attended the March 4th Annual Awards Luncheon held at Charlie Palmer Steakhouse. Members and friends celebrated Boys Town as our 2007 grant recipient and also enjoyed an update from Janet Blumen and her team on NWPEP's progress.

This luncheon was generously underwritten by Lovee Arum. Our deepest gratitude is also extended to Joyce Sherman and Destination by Designs for providing the beautiful floral arrangements and presentation check, the staff and management of Charlie Palmer, Megan Romano for her delightful goodie bags of hand-crafted treats, and NWP membership co-chair Kimberly Gora for her organizational expertise. Additionally, we thank all the members and friends who kindly brought gift cards for the children of Boys Town.