



The 2013 Nevada Women's Philanthropy Grant Screening Committee.

## NWP Grant Screeners Select 2013 Finalists

Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and New Vista Ranch are this year's NWP Grant Finalists. Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada is the alternate. See story Page 3.

## The Rape Crisis Center moves into new home

Special to the NWP Newsletter

The Rape Crisis Center and its Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP) Signs of Hope Counseling announce the organization's new location at 801 S. Rancho, Suite B-2, Las Vegas, NV 89106. Formerly located on the Charleston campus of the College of Southern Nevada, The Rape Crisis Center now boasts a downtown location close to University Medical Center (UMC), improving the response time of advocates during regular business hours from 20 minutes to five. The new 2,850-square-foot office nearly doubles The Rape Crisis Center's previous space and boasts eight offices, a conference and training room with ample and convenient parking.

The larger space helps to expand the organization's ability to deliver more services to victims and their families during the healing process. "Privacy is especially important to victims," said Daniele Dreitzer, the RCC Executive Director. "Plus, our larger offices and new layout will better accommodate vital individual and group counseling sessions, educational seminars and community meetings. The larger office expedites the organization's ability to expand counseling services to relatives of victims, who are also deeply affected by the trauma of the sexual assault." Any members of the public who would be interested in attending such groups are encouraged to call the office at 702-385-2153 or our hotline at 366-1640. Counseling services are available free of charge to victims of sexual assault or abuse and their support system.

The location, with close proximity to the regional transportation center and two major highways improves access for all victims and the community as a whole.



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## "NWP has granted \$2.5 million to 13 local nonprofit agencies since it was created in 2005."

NWP considers applicants in the areas of arts, education, environment, health, child welfare, and social services. Grants may be requested for capital funds and program funds. Applicant organizations are not limited to women's causes, but must be 501(c) 3 tax-exempt, public charity organizations. **SEE PAGE 4.**

# 2013 NWP MASTER CALENDAR

Sept	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan '14	Feb	March
Grant proposals mailed to members	<b>24-26</b> Agency Presentation dress rehearsals	<b>8</b> Grant Hearing 8:30am-12pm <b>15</b> 2014 Grant Outreach Symposium	2013 Grant Celebration Luncheon  NWP Outreach Workshops	Happy Holidays  Grant Letters of Interest (LOIs) to NWP	Happy Holidays		<b>31</b> First Membership Payment Due
<b>10-12</b> Agency Presentation walk-throughs	<b>28</b> 2013 Membership payments due	<b>17</b> Grant Vote Count deadline <b>18</b> 2013 Vote Count	<b>28</b> Happy Thanksgiving				
							 

## From the President

I joined NWP six years ago and I jumped right into grant screening. Every year since has been quite a ride. Emotionally, it's hard not to get attached to certain organizations or projects.



Intellectually, it's an incredible responsibility to take into account all the factors that might make a project a finalist.

And then there's the reading. Literally, hundreds of pages words

and numbers that represent ideas you have to imagine and believe in. While it may sound exhausting, it's always proof, if I need it, that it's about the journey not the destination.

Every year, I learn more about our city—and surprisingly, so do those who have lived here all their lives. And every year, I begin to see patterns emerge that verify the most critical needs for our fellow Las Vegans. Proposal after proposal articulates the numbers of poverty-stricken youth in Clark County, details the need for better health care among populations that have so many other odds against them, or chronicles the fall

of neighborhoods and neighbors when jobs in the Valley dried up.

Yes, there are some difficult emotional moments despite our systematic approach, but there are highs as well. For example, it's a joy to discover the agency quietly making a clear, positive difference for the people it serves. In the end, each project has to stand up against NWP criteria.

We purposely put a lot of pressure on the Grant Screening and Outreach Committees. They are the gate-keepers and the dedicated members who've given their time over the years are the reasons for our arrivals to such great destinations—our grant finalists and winners. This year has been no exception as we face a difficult decision between two projects that address critical current needs, but keep an eye on the future of Nevada.

To point, New Vista's project seeks to start a medical clinic with Touro University for the intellectually challenged members of our community. They want the clinic to serve as an example for the medical profession on how to deliver positive health attention to individuals with many needs and fewer resources.

Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth proposes an expansion to their headquarters—and it'd be an understatement to say their current offices

are a tight fit. But this isn't about elbow space. It's about delivering innovative services to the vulnerable, disassociated children who depend on them.

At the same time, I realize it's not just the annual journey to pick a grant winner. There's the voyage of NWP as a whole. I've had a particularly good vantage point for this the past couple of years. NWP is constantly improving—as I think any relevant organization must do. The rewards for this come in seeing our membership inquiries increase because so many women really get what we're doing. I've been speaking to leaders in our community and they call NWP their personal litmus test for non-profits because our track record is proven and our process is respected. My favorite reward: enthusiastic turnouts for our State of the Community lunchtime lectures and our Grant Hearings the past few years.

After eight years, NWP is moving full-speed ahead as an organization and it's made me a better member of our community. I'm inspired by the women who join year after year and excited by all the new members who bring fresh thinking to the group. For me, this may be the greater piece of the journey and it's ongoing.



Jeremy Aguero from Applied Analysis encouraged NWP members to think long term when investing in Southern Nevada at this year's State of the Community member lunch. He said our community must rally around long-term strategic plans when it comes to our collective approach to healthcare, education and public safety. Aguero is pictured here with NWP president, Nazanin Ford and lunch host, Myra Greenspun.

## Grant Screening Committee Selects Finalists

By Cindy Ellis

The Grant Screening Committee (GSC) has selected the two finalists for this year's NWP grant. On Tuesday, May 7, the GSC voted to move the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and the New Vista Ranch through to the final phase of the grant process. Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada will be the alternate agency.

The Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) serves the homeless, ages 12 through 21, in Southern Nevada. It is the state's only agency that provides a comprehensive continuum of care designed exclusively for this age group. NPHY works to get the homeless off the streets, first by helping to meet their immediate survival needs of food, clothing and shelter, then by providing the teens with the skills and support needed to become self-sufficient members of society. NWP's grant would be used to expand NPHY's William Fry Drop-In Center, enabling NPHY to increase the number of teens served and to enhance the quality of services offered.

The New Vista Ranch provides intellectually challenged individuals with an environment of equal opportunities and the support they need to live fulfilling lives. New Vista provides a group home setting as well as support for individuals with intellectual disabilities that live at home with their families. NWP's grant would help fund New Vista's Medical Clinic and Touro University Physician Practicum. The clinic, which will be located at the New Vista Ranch, is a collaboration with the university and is intended to provide New Vista's clients with quality healthcare while providing Touro's training physicians the experience needed in caring for intellectually disabled individuals.

Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada (CCC) provides professional low-cost behavioral health services in the Las Vegas area. With a waiting list of over 80 clients, CCC requested the NWP grant to expand their labor force to help assist a greater client base.

The Grant Screening Committee initially reviewed 40 Letters of Inquiry (LOI) from agencies in the Southern Nevada area. Through a three-month selection process, the GSC requested full agency Document Packets from 12 of these agencies, then voted for six of the 12 to move forward to the Site Visit phase. When the GSC selected the two agencies that would present their programs to the entire NWP membership, NPHY and New Vista received the highest number of votes, followed by CCC.

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## New Member Profile: Ladan Daneshmand

by Nazanin Ford

"I'm always fascinated by the power of a heartfelt smile," says Ladan Daneshmand, one of NWP's new members for 2013. Daneshmand is inspired by this concept in many aspects of her life: her love of photography, for one. Her interest in several



causes, including access to healthcare and education, and freedom from violence and poverty, is another example. "I am most moved by endeavors to address injustice," says the attorney and mother of three girls, aged seven, nine, and 12.

Having fled Iran with her family at the age of 14, Daneshmand names her maternal grandmother as a primary role model. She calls her a woman of integrity and honesty who was "singularly strong," but humble. Her grandmother "had the gift of a bright mind but the misfortune of circumstances that prevented her from reaching her educational potential," says Daneshmand.

Daneshmand, a 14-year Las Vegas resident, was drawn to NWP for the opportunity to become more "intimately acquainted with the needs of our community." She joined the Grant Screening Committee (GSC) despite some apprehension about the time commitment. "[GSC] membership made me understand the NWP mission and process more profoundly," Daneshmand recounts. She says the pooling of "funds, efforts and ideas of a compassionate, industrious, and astute group of women" is the reason she believes NWP makes a difference in the community.

Daneshmand looks forward to her family's summer travels through Europe, celebrating her 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, becoming involved in the National Charities League with her eldest daughter, and serving on her children's schools parent association boards.

## Treasurer's Report (AS OF June 18, 2013) By Melissa Attanasio

WHAT WE HAVE	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE
2013 account	\$296,750.00	TBD
2012 account	\$385,229.25	\$116,058.50 to Goodwill Industries of So. NV. (\$233,941.50 due to Goodwill) \$30,000 to Helping Hands of Vegas Valley Inc
2011 account		Salvation Army Paid in Full
2010 account		Rape Crisis Center Paid in Full
OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$13,811.38	

### Member Report: 2013

83 committed members (anticipated collection \$415,000)

51 paid in full \$255,000

32 partial payments of \$41,750

32 partial payments DUE \$ 118,250

## \$2.5 million Granted

**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.