

Newsletter

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation

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2010 Annual Meeting

by Dana Kehr, Communications Chair

IWCF's annual meeting took place on Monday, May 10th at the Arid Club. This is one of the most rewarding and exciting aspects of IWCF membership – the formal presentation of the grants. Representatives spoke from each of the nonprofits whose projects we voted to fund. The diversity of those projects, the appreciation of their representatives, as well as being able to hear firsthand how our funding will help them make life better for more people in our community – these are all a wonderful finish to our fiscal year. The annual meeting also presents an opportunity to meet new members, visit with old friends, and reconnect with our purpose. A fitting finish to the year and a great way to start our next one!

Worthy Projects Considered in Grants Cycle

by Gena Delucchi, Grants Chair

While we have much to be proud of as we survey the list of projects we are able to support with the 2010 Pooled Fund Grants, there is always that tinge of regret that not all the applicants were funded. Some IWCF members may decide to designate their individual grants to these “also-ran” projects or, if they are particularly moved to help a program, give beyond that amount. An inspiring example of the wider impact that IWCF membership has on local philanthropy occurred this spring: after a Friends in Action grant application was not forwarded to the ballot, a member attending that final selection meeting decided to fund the bulk of their request (A/V equipment critical for expanding the Powerful Tools for Caregivers training) through a significant personal donation. It was so gratifying for me to know that even as I delivered disappointing news FIA's very worthy project would be able to go forward.

In recognition of the considerable vetting that each project has received, the Idaho Community Foundation has accepted copies of the proposals that were not funded by IWCF for possible consideration by the numerous donor-directed funds they manage. In addition to those projects that were included on the ballot, two other applications that were endorsed by the 2010 Grants Committee following a site visit will also be forwarded to ICF. The following are worthy projects IWCF members may want to consider for individual donations:

The Peregrine Fund *The Birds of Prey Interpretive Trail* \$20,950
Trey McIntyre Project *Idaho Engagement Program* \$20,000
Treasure Valley Family YMCA *Early Childhood Mathematics Curriculum* \$14,551
Sustainable Futures *Sustainable Glassware Program Expansion* \$11,458
Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. *Foreclosure Prevention Counseling* \$25,000

If you have a fund at ICF (or know someone who does), please contact Lauren Carlson, Donor Relations Officer, 342-3535 if you wish to review the full proposals from these organizations. IWCF members are also welcome to contact Gena Delucchi, IWCF Grants Chair, for more information about these listed applications.

2010 Grants Summary

by Gena Delucchi, Grants Committee Chair

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation members voted to award \$141,500 in grants to be distributed among the following seven nonprofits.

Cultural Arts:

Boise Community Radio —
89.9 FM Production Studio
\$24,000

Education:

Boys and Girls Club of Ada County —
Summer Program in Kuna
\$24,000

Environment:

Canyon County Habitat for Humanity —
Hydraulic Lift Truck for ReStore
\$14,000

Financial Security:

The Momentum Group —
Common Ground
\$24,000

Women's and Children's Alliance —
Treasure Valley Domestic Violence Collaboration
\$26,500

Health:

ROSE Advocates —
Better Choices for Better Futures
\$21,000

Horseshoe Bend Ladies Club —
Community Building Improvements
\$8,000

“To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power nor an easy matter.” --Aristotle

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From the President

Dear IWCF Members:

Congratulations! Your generosity provided resources to a diverse group of recipients at our annual awards dinner. This year's grantees represented a broad spectrum of the needs in the Treasure Valley. When we started, nine years ago, we delivered \$17,000 in pooled grants. Thanks to your generosity and commitment, we have just committed over \$140,000 to help make our community a better place for all.

I would especially like to express appreciation to our outgoing Board. These dedicated women have worked untiringly to make IWCF the strong community organization it is today.

As many of you know, we have exceeded our goal of pledges to an endowment match almost a year ahead of schedule! This will help to ensure IWCF's future and enable us to provide greater assistance to our community. Thank you, all!

This fall, we engage in our most ambitious agenda yet. By bringing Paola Gianturco to Boise, we can increase awareness of the tremendous strength women around the world have demonstrated to pull themselves – and their families – out of intolerable situations. Her words can be an inspiration to all of us and can reaffirm that much is possible when we all work together. We will need your help to create the enthusiasm to make this event a success.

During our May Awards Dinner, we installed a new Board, which will lead us as we enter our tenth year. Our continued success depends on all of us. We've been able to provide so much help over the past nine years. With your help and dedication, I'm certain we can do even more.

In gratitude,
Susan Smith, President

IWCF Endowment Fund — off to a Roaring Start

by *Alicia Ritter, Susan Smith IWCF Endowment Co-Chair*

Thanks to the generosity of more than 80 of our members, we successfully met the endowment match put forth by the Charitable Leadership Foundation which challenged us to raise \$150,000 in pledges by March of 2011. Almost one year ahead of schedule, we have secured \$153,750 in pledges! This \$300,000 seeds our operating endowment, and provides a strong foundation upon which to grow this fund and support IWCF in perpetuity. As this will be the final communique about this phase of the endowment campaign, I would be remiss if I didn't thank my wonderful co-chairs Kim Liebich and Alice Hennessey in addition to our terrific committee members: Heather Jauregui, Susan Smith, Gena Delucchi, Kellie Kuster, Julie Manning, Lee McKeown, Lauren Necochea, Marj Reedy, Vicky Coelho, Lisa Derig, Georgiann Raimondi, Ann Sandven and Jena Vasconcellos.

More importantly, we all owe a big "thank you" to our leadership givers for without whose generosity we could not have met our goal in such short order:

\$22,500

Dick & Susie Parrish

\$15,000

Anonymous

\$10,000

Mark & Kim Liebich

Treacy & Kurt Liebich

Michael & Susan Smith

\$5,000

Mary Abercrombie

Ann & Darin DeAngeli

Margaret & Willy Gorrissen

Don & Marcia Liebich

Satz Asbury Family Foundation

Our endowment fund is off to a strong start, and in the coming months you will hear about more giving opportunities. If you would like to donate or help fundraise for the endowment, contact Kim Liebich at information@idahowomenscharitablefoundation.org.

Welcome New Members!

Since February 2010

Cathy Barney	Lori Mers
Laurel Carignan	Jill Reed
Marilyn Clemins	Connie Schroeder
Stephanie DeMordaunt	Sara Shepard
Theresa Eckersell	Celinda Snyder
Joan Edwards	Susan Tabb
Jean Larson	Jean Thomas
Maria Lee	Stephanie Wicks
Tena Lokken	

Thank You to Our Newest Three-Year Members

Susan Abdo	Ardyth Eisenberg	Patty Northrop
Janet Adolphsen	Tory Goltry	Jackie Parrish
Liz Allen	April Gwin	Linda Perez
Laura Barton	Anne Hay	Mindy Plumlee
Stephanie Bender-Kitz	Phyllis Keith	Wendy Rancourt
Suzanne Bergmann	Judi Kieffer	Shannon Satz
Linnæe Costello	Kaye Knight	Noreen Shanafelt
Marlys Davenport	Vicki Kreimeyer	Rosalie Sisson
Caren DeAngelis	Kathy Lee	Janice Stevenor Dale
Jeanne Doering	Theresa Madrid	Cathy Strausser
Betsy Dunklin	Tina Michael	Alison Tate
Sherry Dyer	Brenda Miller	Nancy Vinsonhaler
Dixie Dykman	Deborah Nelson	Janelle Wise

Paola Gianturco speaks in Walla Walla

by Tena Lokken, member

[One of our members, Tena Lokken, heard Paola speak in Walla Walla, Washington, on May 12th. Afterward, she wrote the following to encourage all of us to attend the IWCF Fall Symposium at which Paola is the featured speaker.]

It has been said that many people long to reinvent their lives, but most lack the confidence and creativity to do so. This is clearly not the case with Paola Gianturco and the remarkable women featured in her book, "Women Who Light the Dark." Their stories inspire us to use our time, talents, imagination and other resources to make a difference in our communities and in the world:

- The Girl-Child Network in Zimbabwe - 30,000 girls ages 6-16 who are fiercely dedicated to ending child rape in their country.
- The mothers in Kenya who provided wells near the local schools to ensure that their daughters are able to attend school instead of hauling water as many as seven hours each day.
- The innovative women in Vietnam who begin the healing process for victims of domestic violence by teaching them line dances.
- The creative women in Morocco who create and produce dramatic and entertaining plays that educate illiterate women about their legal rights.

- The resourceful women in India who have educated hundreds of abandoned children on the railway platforms of 12 different train stations.

Paola shared these and many other compelling stories and images from her book, at the YWCA Leadership Luncheon. She spoke to a sold-out crowd of nearly 500 people at this annual fundraiser for the YWCA programs that assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. And by supporting this event, the attendees also helped the Global Fund for Women to whom Paola donates 100 percent of her book royalties (and in this case, her speaking fee).

At the completion of her presentation in Walla Walla, Paola said, "My dream about this work is to inspire people to understand each other more completely, so that we can work together more effectively to tackle the problems that darken women's lives, and by doing so, to kindle new hope and possibilities for our world."

We are fortunate indeed that Paola has agreed to be the featured speaker at the IWCF Fall Symposium on October 7th. As she autographed her book for me in Walla Walla, she told me that she is very much looking forward to our event in Boise. So save the date, and start thinking about who you will invite to attend the symposium and be inspired by Paola Gianturco. You will not be disappointed!

Fall Symposium — Women Who Light the Dark

by Janelle Wise, Education Chair

Mark your calendar for IWCF's Fall Symposium on Thursday, October 7th! Our program will include:

9:30-10:15

Health for the Poor in Haiti: The Saint Alphonsus Story

Donna-Marie Hayes, Project Haiti Board Member and author of Touching Haiti- A Medical Mission Story.
Barb Tomasini, RT(R), CV, RCIS [Radiology Dept.]

MicroLending: The Idaho Story

Ron Berning, MicroEnterprise Training and Assistance (META) Program Director

10:30-11:15

Stitching Together a New Life

Hildegard "Hildy" Ayer, Director of Artisans4Hope
Joan Cloonan, Verset CEO, Board Member for Artisans4Hope and co-founder of Butanese Knitting Group

Breaking Barriers for Refugee Women

Keziah Sullivan, Community Outreach Specialist, International Rescue Committee

11:30 -1:30

Women Who Light the Dark: the spark that empowers generations

Paola Gianturco, photojournalist, documentary photographer, author, speaker and women's advocate, sharing intimate images and stories of inspiring women all over the world through her work.

For more information visit: www.idahowomenscharitablefoundation.org/2010fallsymposium.html or www.paolagianturco.com

Paola bookmarks available!

Do you belong to a book club or other organization? Don't forget we have beautiful book marks to publicize Paola's presentation at our Fall Symposium. Contact Tawny Flanders at iwcf.info@gmail.com or call (208)343-4923 to request some to share with friends.

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Legacy of Leadership — A Tribute to Outgoing Board Members

by Jena Vasconcellos, Nominations Committee Chair

Ann DeAngeli, Communications Chair - As communications chair since 2008, Ann has done much to advance the image of IWCF in our community. Ann's contributions include managing all IWCF internal and external communications, developing a slide show for the Well-Spent Million event, soliciting event sponsorships – such as engaging Channel 2 as a media partner – and launching the marketing campaign for the 2010 Fall Symposium.

Susan Chaloupka, Member-at-Large - Susan joined IWCF in 2005 and became treasurer after reading about our fifth anniversary in Diane Ronayne's column. She first became treasurer, but has also recruited members and served on the Well-Spent Million committee. As member-at-large for two years, Susan worked on grants, membership and the by-laws committees. Susan has been an ambassador for IWCF, always willing to ably fill a critical need.

Amy Rustad, Arrangements Chair - Amy has been arrangements chair since 2007, organizing grants luncheons, annual meetings, the fall symposiums and the Well-Spent Million reception with subtle flair. Amy managed transporting enormous amounts of food and beverage, as well as coordinating with various catering staffs for many functions. Her enormous efforts have resulted in well-organized, professional IWCF events.

Theresa Fox, Treasurer - Theresa began her board service as education chair, remained a member while on a two-year sabbatical in Switzerland, then returned to serve as treasurer. Theresa has given IWCF the gift of her professional financial services. Our funds are in impeccable shape, due to her financial background as a CPA and her meticulous work in streamlining our financial procedures and accounting.

Donna Wetherley, Membership Chair - As a founding member, Donna has been involved since 2001, at one time serving as both treasurer and membership chairs. Her relentless efforts helped build the membership and retain members. It is difficult to measure the number of membership packets distributed, events organized, e-mails, and phone calls made in Donna's quest to grow IWCF. Our current membership of 245 is a tribute to Donna's efforts.

Laura White Barton, Member-at-Large - Laura has served as member-at-large for two years. In that time, Laura has shared her nonprofit experience to help IWCF with some of our critical messaging such as the mural language, the tag line, and our mission statement. Laura has also helped the education committee with its program planning and written communications. One of our most successful fall symposiums featured Laura as our keynote speaker.

Grants Updates — Highlights of progress reported by 2009 Pooled Grants Grant Recipients

by Gena Delucchi, Grants Chair

Idaho Foodbank, Backpack Program: Weekend Nutrition for Children - By collaborating with school officials, the program increased access to free emergency food for children who depend on free or reduced meals at school. From September through November, 467 children from Ada, Canyon, and Washington counties accessed 3,356 backpacks (equivalent to 20,136 meals).

Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS), Toward an Edible Schoolyard: W.H. Taft Elementary Garden - BUGS has been working closely with Taft teachers to design the outdoor classroom space and assist with grade-level curriculum development. Student workshops began in December. Numerous financial and services partnerships joined to complete construction of the garden area. The whole school and greater community participated in a joyful ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Outdoor Learning Center and Community Garden on May 18th.

The Center for the Arts (Caldwell), Arts Academy - After a much-delayed and ultimately unsatisfactory mid-term report, the Board determined that we would not release the second half of this 2009 grant. The Center changed or did not fulfill several critical benchmarks for the program outlined in their grants contract. This holdback enabled us to increase this year's Pooled Fund amount by \$12,200 over 2010 member contributions.

Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, Star River Walk - It took longer than anticipated to get construction bids for the bridge. Bridge permits are in hand, the bridge contract has been let and it is currently being fabricated. In addition, Star City Council has authorized additional funds to help with signage. Initial design development is underway, with an interpretive planner who has worked around the country on similar projects. Installation is anticipated by June 30th.

Idaho Voices for Children, First Executive Director Position - The Executive Director Search Committee took four months to review 130 resumes, request additional personal information from selected individuals, perform interviews and select a candidate. The new ED began full-time employment on February 22, 2010, providing leadership on children's issues throughout Idaho and permitting IVC to take a large step forward towards accomplishing its mission.

Interfaith Sanctuary Housing Services, Roof Replacement and Shelter Operations - With operational support, Interfaith Sanctuary was able to add a new staff position to shelter management this summer. The operational funds have been used for leverage in applications for funding from 3 small private foundations. A portion of the roof funds from IWCF will be matched by the Home Partnership Foundation to purchase an additional HVAC unit to move the project closer to completion.

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Membership Welcomes Our New Board for 2010-11

by Jena Vasconcellos, Nominations Committee Chair

IWCF membership welcomed new and old Board Members at their Annual Meeting on May 10, after learning of passage of the slate by email and paper votes. With the restated bylaws ending term limits, all Board Members were voted in for terms of either 2010-2011 or 2010-2012.

A warm “thank you” and appreciation for the many hours of work and dedication of the outgoing members was expressed by President Susan Smith. Outgoing Board Members are: Laura Barton, Susan Chaloupka, Ann DeAngeli, Theresa Fox, Amy Rustad, and Donna Wetherley.

Vicky Coelho returns to the Board for one year after a break from chairing the Education Committee. She will assist in planning for transition in leadership and in reorganizing committees to share leadership and responsibilities.

Amy Costello’s background in banking and finance is helping her learn the Treasurer’s job, and she has been ably coached by outgoing Board Member Theresa Fox.

Suzanne Groff Lierz has been immersed in volunteer activities and leadership in the Boise area for many years. Her vast nonprofit experience in many areas insures that she will be a valuable member and very capable as Arrangements Chair.

Dana Kehr’s background in communications and strategic planning gave her the impetus to start helping plan for the upcoming Fall symposium, and she takes over as Communications Chair with a solid core of experience.

Kim Liebich is certainly not new to the Board, and she has worked to transition her position as Resource Manager into Membership Chair, combining the two in order to form a strong committee on which many people can take responsible roles.

Theresa Madrid has worked in strategic planning during her work career, and is ready to use that knowledge and also engage in new areas with her Member-at-Large role.

Susan Mauk comes to the IWCF Board as both an attorney and a counselor. Her interest in becoming involved as Member-at-Large will give the Board some new expertise.

Kathy Pidjeon joins the Board as a Member-at-Large with needed skills and background in the financial arena.

A huge “Thank You” to these women who are volunteering their time, skills, commitment and passion to build on the solid IWCF foundation to grow as well as sustain the organization. Please take time to introduce yourself to each of them when you get the chance.

Thank YOU!

Kellie Kuster, Ahrens & DeAngeli for the great work on our bylaws and articles!

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Kathy Pidjeon, *Member-at-Large*

Mindy Plumlee, *Member-at-Large*

Do you have a skill to offer?

Your IWCF organization continues to grow through the dedication of many volunteers. In order to fill committee, advisory and leadership roles, the Nominations Committee strives to keep current with those able to serve in some capacity. If you find that your skills fall in one of the following areas, or if you are just generally interested in getting involved, please contact Jena Vasconcellos at 343-4330 or jenascon@yahoo.com.

- Board / organizational leadership
- Accounting / financial
- Legal / nonprofit policy issues
- IWCF events—educational and social
- Membership recruitment and retention
- Grant policies and oversight
- Communications and marketing
- Or just time for “little things”



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the **Date!**

October 7, 2010

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Fall Symposium Luncheon with Paola Gianturco
Boise State University — Jordan Ballroom*

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