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NWF Grants

Support Community Programs

For 33 years the NWF's community grant program has contributed to a variety of organizations, culminating in the success of numerous local programs that strive to improve the lives of people throughout the community. Among these groups is Pinocchio's Mom's on the Run (MOTR), a program dedicated to providing financial support to cancer patients in the Northern Nevada region.

"We are a local organization committed to assisting men and women in treatment for breast and gynecological cancers," program director Lynda Hascheff said. "Our demographic is comprised of local patients who work hard and now find themselves facing treatment for cancer."

The main goal of MOTR is preventing these patients from going into financial crisis due to their treatment costs. The organization provides patients with help towards their every day living expenses including: rent/mortgage, car payments, insurance payments, transportation costs, and more, giving patients some relief so they can focus on healing. MOTR is able to provide financial assistance through the support of organizations like the NWF, individual donors and special events like the upcoming Runway for Life fashion show on April 24. In the

past 16 years, MOTR has changed the lives of hundreds of patients, and as the organization continues to expand through the generous donations of community supporters we are positive that they will only continue to grow.

Another program supported by the NWF grant program is the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP), a team of specially trained citizen volunteers who respond, alongside police, fire, and paramedics, to provide emotional and practical support to survivors of tragedy.

"While emergency responders are investigating, putting out fires, and resuscitating, our volunteers come alongside family & friends, allowing them to grieve, answering logistical questions, normalizing the situation—just simply 'being there' for them," program director Gabrielle Totton said.

TIP volunteers begin their training by taking a required two-week, 40-hour course. Classroom training is followed by three months of field training in which mentors are assigned to new volunteers. The two work closely to ensure the recruits have developed the skills they need to be emotional advocates. This includes details on how an investigation works, what goes into putting



NWF President Isabelle Rodriguez with MOTR

out a house fire and how emergency responders think. As the program expands, the demand for volunteers increases. The next training academy will take place this spring. Interested parties should visit the TIP website (www.tipnnv.org) and click 'How You Can Help' to register for the next training session.

The number of lives these organizations have touched is staggering. Since it's inception TIP has helped 7,850 people within the community while MOTR has assisted around 5,000 patients. During 2015 alone TIP assisted 3,447 clients, and MOTR ensured the financial stability of 300 cases. These programs have benefitted the lives of thousands of people within the Northern Nevada region. Here at the NWF we are proud to stand behind these two extraordinary causes, something that is only possible because of your continued support.

Leaders in STEM Fields to Head 2016 WOA



Karen Purcell

The NWF is pleased to announce Karen Purcell P.E. as chair of the 2016 Women of Achievement luncheon. President and CEO of her own engineering and consulting firm, Karen has inspired achievement in the lives of hundreds of women. Recognized for her achievement in business, Karen received the 2012 *Reno Gazette-Journal's* Entrepreneur of the Year award for a medium-size company. She has dedicated her life to promoting the untapped potential within adolescent girls and encouraging them to channel it towards innovation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

This year's keynote speaker, Reshma Saujani, is also a leader in the STEM industry who served for years as an attorney and political activist. As a renowned author and entrepreneur Reshma was able to take her passion for public service to the next level by founding Girls Who Code, a national nonprofit organization working to close the gender gap within the engineering and technology sectors. This year Salute to Women of Achievement will take place May 26th inside the Grand Ballroom at the Grand Sierra Resort (GSR), with lunch served at 11:30 A.M.



Reshma Saujani 1

President's Message



Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson, President

In the more than 30-year history of the Nevada Women's Fund technology has dramatically changed nearly everything we do. As we move into a new year, it's a wonderful opportunity to look back and see how far we have come.

The staff and Board of the Nevada Women's Fund has focused the past few years on adapting to meet the demands of an evolving community within the past couple of years. As President of this organization it has been invigorating to observe the advancements we have made and how we have become more efficient while expanding our presence in the community. Today, our scholarship and grant applications are available online, which allows a wider range of students and community programs to participate in what has become a competitive process to receive funding which last year totaled nearly \$300,000.

Additional changes we have made include updating our website with the help of a generous community partner, adding PayPal as a payment option to make it easier to attend our events, conducting computer upgrades and using cloud solutions to improve the overall technical functionality of NWF. We continue to look for ways to improve our systems so we can focus more time and resources on the donation programs that impact our community.

For nearly 33 years the Nevada Women's Fund has supported the dreams of women throughout the community. It is through the support of our generous donors and dedicated board members that these technological changes are possible. In the future, we hope to fulfill our mission of inspiring achievement by continuing to focus on new innovative ways to both engage and support our community.

The 2015 Power of the Purse

To kick off the holiday season the 8th Annual Power of the Purse was held November 20, 2015 within the Downtown Reno Ballroom. The event featured a total of 68 local vendors who sold a wide array of products that included exquisite jewelry, delectable food items, Christmas ornaments, hair products and beautifully made clothing. Thanks to the generosity of our board members the purse raffle consisted of 29 designer bags with brands ranging from Brahmin to Tory Burch. Overall more than 1,000 guests attended, culminating in the most successful event thus far.



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PHOTO GALLERY



2016 Nevada Women's Fund Board Alumnae

Past and present board members met inside Aura Ultra Lounge February 2, 2016 to meet their scholarship recipients. Last year through the generosity of the board alumnae, the women raised \$10,000 to award nine scholarships to deserving students throughout the Northern Nevada community.

This meeting allowed the women an opportunity to come together to celebrate not only their own success, but

to interact with their recipients.

Among these recipients are women who are going back to school for their medical, composition, and business degrees. With the support of these board members women in the region are able to inspire achievement for their families by completing their education. As the board of the NWF continues to grow and exceed expectations over the years, so does NWF's commitment to women in the area.



Lynn Atcheson, Melissa Wadsworth, Caroline Perez, and Derrian Goebel

Coming Full Circle

Frieda Hulka: A NWF Legacy

A special thanks to our outgoing board members for their six years of outstanding volunteer service

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Carla Pierson Lynda Ribaudó

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At the Nevada Women's Fund we support women who are passionate about their schooling, and who against all odds are able to achieve success through their academic endeavors. Frieda Hulka a previous scholarship recipient, board member and donor is a shining example of the kind of greatness that stems from supporting women within our community.

Born in LA, Frieda moved to Carson City for high school, then attended the University of Nevada, Reno for her BS and MD. The scholarship that Frieda received from NWF helped with her tuition and living expenses while in med school. After graduating from the UNR School of Medicine Hulka was nominated by the fund as a Woman of Achievement, then later asked to serve on the board. As a board member Frieda was able to observe the ins and outs of the organization.

"I think the strength of the NWF is the women involved, when you educate a woman you educate a family. The fund

is such an amazing thing because it helps women who otherwise may not have an opportunity to complete their education, and it feels great to be a part of something that supports strong, powerful influential women from all different areas of the community" said Hulka.

Though her term with the board has ended, Frieda continues to donate to the fund in the hopes of encouraging more women to pursue their educations. Currently Frieda is a general, pediatric and trauma surgeon at Western Surgical Group.

"A quote in my office says that in 100 years, it will not matter how much money I made or what car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child, and I believe the same is true for the importance of the fund in a woman's life," Hulka said.

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Our Mission

The Nevada Women's Fund is dedicated to strengthening its community by empowering women to improve their lives and those of their families. We identify critical social needs and address those needs through scholarships and community grant making.



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Mark Your Calendar!

2016 Salute to Women of Achievement

May 26 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.
Grand Sierra Resort Grand Ballroom
Tickets - \$125 | Table of 10 - \$1,250

Keynote Speaker

**Reshma Saujani, Founder
Girls Who Code**

2016 Power of the Purse

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NWF makes inspiring achievement simple:

- Make a general donation to support NWF's mission of inspiring achievement in women and families.
- Form a restricted scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 annually.
- Become a member of the NWF Giving Circle by making a minimum 3 year pledge of \$2,500 or more annually to award grant funds for needed community services.
- Establish an endowment account with a minimum and principal donation of \$10,000, held in perpetuity.

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