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\$250,000 IN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND NON-PROFIT GRANT FUNDING AWARDED TO COMMUNITY

(Reno, Nev. – Sept. 6, 2018) - The Nevada Women's Fund (NWF) is pleased to announce that \$247,319 in community grants and individual scholarships have been awarded to five area non-profit organizations and 73 northern Nevada women. Since its inception in 1982, and through 2018, the NWF has distributed more than \$7.7 million in scholarships and grants to inspire achievement in women and families in northern Nevada.

NWF awards non-profit funding for services addressing physical and mental health, aging, violence and prevention with a total of \$64,963 awarded in August.

NWF allocated \$52,000 to the following organizations: **Step2** will apply funds to assist the Lighthouse Cottage residences with employment access and readiness including transportation, childcare stipends and restorative dental; **Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevada (VARN)** will provide free legal services to victims of domestic violence living in all 15 rural counties; **Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada** funds will ensure that no girl is ever denied the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouting due to lack of finances or resources. The Girl Scout Leadership Experience will be brought to at-risk girls ages 5-17 at the downtown Reno homeless shelter; **Child Assault Prevention** will use their funding to empower 2,000 children to be "Safe, Strong and Free" through education prevention programs designed to increase children's safety from bullying, abuse and assault; and **Nevada Health Centers** funds will provide free mammograms and breast health education to needy northern Nevada women regardless of insurance or financial status.

The NWF also awarded nearly \$13,000 in donor directed grants to three organizations including: **The Assistance League** for its **Operation School Bell** program, **Terry Lee Wells Discovery Museum**, and **Nevada Women's History Project**.

For the 2018-2019 academic year, 73 northern Nevada women were awarded education scholarships totaling \$182,356. Individual scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and assist local women pursuing degrees in a variety of fields including nursing, medicine, criminal justice, business, science and education. Local recipients represent a diverse background and a variety of ethnicities and ages, ranging from 17 to 57.

The scholarship and grant awards support NWF'S mission of inspiring achievement in women and families to reach their full potential. To learn more about the Nevada Women's Fund, visit nevadawomensfund.org or call (775) 786-2335.

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About the Nevada Women's Fund

Established in 1982 the Nevada Women's Fund (NWF) has been supporting women and families through the allocation of education scholarships to help northern Nevada women increase their chances for a self-sufficient future. NWF works to identify the issues that affect Nevada's women and families and facilitate solutions by recognizing and celebrating the outstanding achievements of women in our communities and providing them with the resources they need to become community leaders.