



Celebrating 36 Years
Nevada Women's Fund

Newsletter 10-Fall 2018

inspiring achievement

NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND AWARDS \$323,700 IN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND NON-PROFIT FUNDING

The Nevada Women's Fund continues its mission of *inspiring achievement* this 2018 awards cycle, by disbursing **\$323,700** in community grant funding and individual education scholarships. Seventy-three women received \$183,000 in Education Scholarship funding with an additional \$64,963 in Nevada Women's Fund Community Grants and Donor-Directed Funding to local non-profit agencies. Established in 1982, the Nevada Women's Fund has raised and distributed over \$7.7 million from our generous Northern Nevada region with all funding awards going to local students and non-profit organizations. Additionally, the Giving Circle at the Nevada Women's Fund distributed \$76,385 to the Community Foundation of Western Nevada to implement its micro-lending program in coordination with Northern Nevada HOPES.

For the 2018-2019 academic year, 73 local women received education scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000! These women are pursuing Bachelors, Masters and Doctorates degrees in a variety of fields including criminal justice, nursing, medicine, business, science and education. They have diverse backgrounds, and represent a variety of ethnicities and ages, ranging from 17 to 57.



Donor Directed—\$12,963

Assistance League—Operation School Bell

Terry Lee Wells Discovery Museum

Nevada Women's History Project

NWF COMMUNITY FUNDING—

\$52,000

STEP2

Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevada (VARN)

Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada

Child Assault Prevention (CAP)

Nevada Health Centers

The Giving Circle at NWF—\$76,385

CFWN | Northern Nevada HOPES
(financial literacy and micro lending)



Nov. 16—SAVE THE DATE for another exciting **POWER OF THE PURSE** holiday shopping experience! Your favorite vendors will return and you will also enjoy the delicious food and desserts!

Doors open at 5pm with shopping, food and fun going until 9pm. This is the **PREMIERE HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR!** As always there will be the exciting designer purse raffle, featuring Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Frye and many more! If you have ever attended, you know this to be the highlight of the evening!

Join us for a fun **GIRLS NIGHT OUT!** Enjoy holiday shopping while *inspiring achievement* in local community women and families. Pre-event tickets are \$45, and \$50 at the door. There is a 10% discount for purchasing bundles of 10.

Purchase your tickets now!

Call (775) 786-2335 or visit www.nevadawomensfund.org/events.

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President's Message



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Fall is the best time of year! We enjoy this time not only for cooler temperatures and colorful foliage but also to reflect during a refreshing time after hot summer days filled with activities and memories with friends and family. At the Nevada Women's Fund, it's when we reflect on our mission goals and accomplishments for the year.

Pride is what I feel when I review the past months which incorporated many firsts for the Nevada Women's Fund.

- 220 qualified scholarships applications, more than ever in our history (\$183,000 to 73 ambitious women).
- The Salute to Women of Achievement luncheon celebrated all that *shines* in Northern Nevada with captivating remarks by fighter pilot and speaker Heather "Lucky" Penney and words of hope and gratitude from student Sasha Osorio. Supported by the prominent businesses and organizations of the Truckee Meadows, the lunch reached revenue of \$420,000 to sustain our work.
- And we received the heartfelt gifts of charitable giving and estate planning that will provide continued services in future years.

With the year far from over, we begin the festive season preparing for **POWER OF THE PURSE**, on November 16th. We look to a strong year-end and hope you will join us and celebrate our mission of inspiring and empowering achievement in our incredible community.

Meet Your NWF Staff

Michele joined the Nevada Women's Fund as the Development and Program Administrator in summer 2018, and comes to us from Community Services Agency, in Reno, where her work was focused on the development of services designed to improve the lives of low-income Nevada families. She holds multiple years' experience in strategic fund, business, affordable housing, economic and new program development, with a strong emphasis in data analysis. Michele holds a B.A. in Economics and Spanish from the University of Nevada, Reno and also a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is active in the community through many professional organizations. Her interests outside of work include practicing yoga, reading, traveling and cycling.



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STEPHANIE GONZALEZ

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Stephanie is Administrative Assistant and Event Coordinator for the Nevada Women's Fund. A native of Kings Beach and later working in Truckee and Verdi, Stephanie comes to the Nevada Women's Fund with experience in product and client management, skills in customer service and problem-solving. She is familiar with managing multiple projects. Her prior knowledge and desire to make a difference in her community make her a perfect fit for the Nevada Women's Fund. Stephanie has previously worked with non-profit organizations including the North Tahoe Family Resource Center and Whole Hearts Minds and Bodies.

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2018 NWF Scholarship Awards



As a child, I was hospitalized several times and remember the care provided by my pediatric nurse. Not only did she make my stay at the hospital as best as it could be, she showed endless care and compassion in all of her work, and I aspire to be just like her. I am working diligently towards getting my bachelor's degree in pediatric nursing. With this, I plan to work at Renown, and start making my mark on the world, one patient at a time. Thank you Nevada Women's Fund! —*Nikki Stone*

Thanks to the Nevada Women's Fund scholarship opportunity, I am attending UNR this fall to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree and become a Neonatal Nurse. I want to advocate for newborn's health. Within my profession, I want to be supportive and care for those in need.—*Janet Lara Cerrillo*



As an emergency nurse in rural Nevada I see firsthand how difficult it is for patients to receive quality mental health care close to home. My small community has a higher than expected rate of suicide attempts and I see these patients' struggles all the time at work. My degree facilitated by the Nevada Women's Fund will allow me to become a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. I plan to stay in Lovelock to build my psychiatric practice and help the disadvantaged. My hope is that patients can use my services to improve their quality of life, beat substance abuse, and decrease suicidal behaviors. —*Melissa Washabaugh*

Class of 2018

Majors/Course of Study

Business	16%	Nursing	13%
Education	9%	Sciences	19%
Medicine	9%	Social Work	21%
Health Sciences	13%		

Residential Information

Reno/Sparks	86%
Rural Nevada	14%

Institution

University of Nevada, Reno	90%
TMCC	10%



My passion is to help people and is why I chose to be a Social Worker. I am very grateful for the Nevada Women's Fund scholarship as it will help me get closer to my dreams. When I moved to America five years ago, I had to face several challenges including learning English and graduating high school. I want to be happy and prove myself a strong woman. I also want to make my parents proud as they have done so much for me.—*Nimra Nawaz*



One of my goals is to help the community and be an innovative member and leader. Thanks to the Nevada Women's Fund, I am majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering and plan to obtain an MBA or a Master of Science in Civil Engineering. I plan to use my degree to become a professional engineer emphasizing environmental justice. At some point in the future, I will also open a non-profit business that aims to help kids in alcoholic homes.—*Sophie Waite*

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Nevada Women's Fund 2018 Scholarships - \$183,000

2018 SALUTE TO WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT



Terri Ward and Angie Taylor



Nettie Oliverio and Dennyse Sewel



Sally deLipkau, Frankie Sue Del Papa, Dr. Trudy Larson



Speaker Heather "Lucky" Penney and University of Nevada, Reno—ROTC



Melissa Harmon, Dana Bennett, Billie Crapo



Sasha Ortega Osorio

ORDUNA HASTINGS SCHOLARSHIP



Ana Sanchez Flores, Joey Orduna Hastings, student Dajhanna Flores

AMY BIEHL SCHOLARSHIP BY DERMODY PROPERTIES



Marjorie Henriksen, student Serenity Sweet, Carole Martin



Cindy Carano

2018 Scholarship & Grant Award Celebration

MARGARET HART CONABOY SCHOLARSHIP



Student Kirstie Walker and Margaret Hart Conaboy

DR. RITA HUNEYCUTT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



Student Karla Silva, JoAnn Coy, Dr. Kim Luikart

FRITSI H. ERICSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



Fritsi Ericson and student Eva Vazquez

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Our Mission

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



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Mark Your Calendar!

2018 Power of the Purse
Downtown Reno Ballroom

November 16, 2018 | 5-9p.m.

2019 Salute to Women of Achievement
Grand Sierra Resort - Grand Ballroom

May 23, 2019 | 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.

Non-profit org.
US postage
PAID
Reno, NV
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YES ! I WANT TO *INSPIRE ACHIEVEMENT* IN HOPEFUL WOMEN & FAMILIES TODAY

The Nevada Women's Fund is a Nevada corporation and IRS designated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization formed to strengthen its community through education scholarships and community grant making. Your generous donation may be tax deductible.

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Checks payable to:
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Like what we do? Follow us on social media!



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.

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100

Other _____ Enclosed check

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date ____/____ CVC_____

VISA AMEX

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Please keep my gift anonymous

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