

Nevada Women's Fund Celebrating 38 Years Fall Newsletter - 2020

## **Nevada Women's Fund**

Empowering our future leaders today to be ready and prepared for a stronger tomorrow

Navigating uncertainty, overcoming obstacles, breaking barriers... none of this is new for Nevada Women's Fund. We were established during an economic recession and have survived many uncertain moments since then. With your help, we will continue providing opportunities for women to achieve, right here in northern Nevada.

Like many organizations in our community, the COVID-19 pandemic has driven us to reimagine how we connect with our supporters and friends. While our events may look a little different, our mission remains more vital than ever. Thank you for supporting the women and families in our community when they need it most.



# 2020 Virtual Power of the Purse!

Reno's Premiere Holiday Shopping Experience November 20

Like the fun in-person event, we will bring back favorite vendors for holiday orders, and the PURSE RAFFLE will happen!

The upside of this virtual event provides an opportunity for EVERYONE to be involved. Regardless of where you live, you can share a bit of northern Nevada with your friends and family.

#### How do you attend?

Register for our FREE event at: <u>givebutter.com/powerofthepurse</u>. (Registration grants access to the purse raffle)

Invite your friends and family to register too. Watch for Power of the Purse on social media and share! Preview of our local Nevada vendors and designer purses begins October 15 on the website. You may purchase purse raffle tickets beginning November 13 through the night of the event. The raffle will be held live online and you must be watching to win!

Safely gather your friends and family on November 20 for a party in your home or online. You'll be able to stream the event from your computer, phone, or smart TV while enjoying an evening of holiday shopping and the purse raffle with your friends, near and far. Since we are virtual anyone world-wide can join in the fund

Keep checking our event website givebutter.com/powerofthepurse for additional event information and to purchase virtual raffle tickets. We will be updating the site regularly with photos of the purses to be raffled, as well as information on our holiday vendors and event sponsors!

You may even decide to become an NWF fundraiser by starting a fundraising team. This is a great option for businesses and large groups. Contact the Nevada Women's Fund office for details, 775-786-2335 or info@nevadawomensfund.org.

## President's Message

#### **NEVERTHELESS WE PERSIST!**

For nearly 40 years, the Nevada Women's Fund has empowered achievement in women and families in northern Nevada. These incredible women have overcome obstacles and barriers to reach their educational goals and create a promising future. They persist.

Our organization was formed during the 1982 recession. We persisted.

Then came the 1990 savings and loan crisis, then the 2001 dot.com business failure, then the 2008 great recession, and now the 2020 pandemic. We persist.

Over the years, nearly 300 community board members have guided the Nevada Women's Fund by being mindful of coming turbulent times. With their guidance and management of our funds, we will move through 2020 and pivot where necessary to maintain the services important to women and families. We must persist.

Like you, we were saddened to not deliver the annual Salute to Women of Achievement. Not only is it a successful fundraiser for the Nevada Women's Fund, it also is an inspiring day for our audience and our organization. We also believe it important to healing a community so we look forward to sharing more information as it develops for 2021. We will persist.

In the meantime, to help us recover from 2020, we will present a VIRTUAL Power of the Purse on November 20 and are immensely grateful to you for sharing with friends and family. An advantage of the virtual platform allows you to share with others outside our immediate area, casting a net further than imagined. Together, we will persist.

Ruth Bader Ginsberg said "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time." While things around us may feel uncertain, I take great comfort knowing that our organization continues to move forward, one step at a time, steadfast in our mission to make enduring change in the lives of the women and families we serve. So, nevertheless we persist.

We are so proud to say that in 2020 we did not miss a step and distributed \$245,000 in student education scholarships and much needed non-profit funding. This might be a community challenged with a pandemic, but not so when it comes to funding organizations and interests that uplift community. **YOU PERSIST!** 





Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson
President and CEO
Isabelle@nevadawomensfund.org

## Nevada Women's Fund Awards \$236,405 in Education Scholarships and Community Grants

The Nevada Women's Fund continues its mission of empowering achievement this 2020 scholarship awards cycle by disbursing individual education scholarships and community grants to nonprofit organizations. Eighty-nine women received \$211,605 in scholarship funding with an additional \$24,800 in Donor-Directed Funding to local nonprofit agencies.

Established in 1982, the Nevada Women's Fund has raised and distributed more than \$8.1 million from our generous Northern Nevada region with all funding awards going to local students and non-profit organizations.

Over the past 38 years, generous donors from our Northern Nevada community have formed 65 scholarships, which this year have been awarded to 89 local women. These scholarship amounts for each recipient range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 and are awarded to women pursuing Associate, Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate 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 54. Congratulations to Nevada Women's Fund donors and Scholarship recipients! What a successful year!

## Nevada Women's Fund 2020 Scholarship Awards



This scholarship means that I can continue to follow my dream of attending medical school and receive my Master of Public Health. My goal is to advocate for equal healthcare access for uninsured and underinsured women in Nevada. I feel truly honored and blessed to be receiving this scholarship from Nevada Women's Fund, an organization that empowers and supports women. - Menan Ashraghie



I am determined to always be a great example to all seven of my children who are aged 6 – 26. I am proud and humbled to be a recipient of the Nevada Women's Fund, and forever thankful. The scholarship will help me to support my family while I attend school full time.

It is greatly appreciated by all of us here in Elko!

- Cassandra Sasse



I am so incredibly appreciative of this generous scholarship from the Nevada Women's Fund. I am proud to be a woman in science, and moreover I am honored to be supported by an organization that so generously promotes women in Northern Nevada. This scholarship will allow me to fully commit to my education and research without fear of financial insecurity, especially in these uncertain times. Thank you all so much! - Alec Brennan



As a first-generation college student, this is such an honor to have been selected for the Nevada Women's Fund Scholarship. I always have worry that I won't be able to afford to finish college, and am extremely thankful as it will help me accomplish my dreams and goals. I am an Information Systems major, and intend to use my education to open my own business in the future. - Janelle Tan



Growing up my family did not have much, but I always knew I wanted to pursue higher education and while in high school I found my love for medicine and healthcare. It has been extremely difficult to continue my path with my financial situation. The Nevada Women's Fund scholarship plays such an integral part of the sustainability of my dreams and success. Thank you! - Alejandra Sataray-Rodriguez



This scholarship awards means so much to me and my family! Medical school is extremely demanding, especially financially. This scholarship not only eases the financial burden, but reminds me that I am part of a network of women who support me and want me to succeed! I am truly grateful to Nevada Women's Fund and it is my hope to one day pay it forward and help support a medical student like me by forming a scholarship. Thank you! - Rachael Lambin

## Nevada Women's Fund 2020 Grant Recipients

Assistance League Reno-Sparks, Operation School Bell
The Discovery - Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum
Nevada Women's History Project
Step2

Women and Children's Center of the Sierra



#### **AAUW- Reno Chapter** Scholarship - \$3,000

Sarah Ley Lisa Soule

#### Amy Biehl Scholarship Funded by **Dermody Properties Foundation-**\$2,500

Menen Ashagrie

#### **Ashley and Emily Foundation** Scholarship - \$2,850

Tara Langus

#### **Barbara Nielsen Endowed** Memorial Scholarship- \$1,500

Roxanne Piskel

#### **Beverly Jean Acton Sr. Memorial** Endowed Scholarship-\$674.15

Janet Lara Cerrillo

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#### Courage Sans Peur Foundation Scholarship-\$10,000

Amanda LeClaire Haley Toups Lizett Montes Lopez

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NV Teach Scholarship - \$1,500 Sierra Loorz-Hopper

#### NWF Board Alumnae Scholarship -\$6,167.29

Vanessa Arias Alec Brennan Maicee Byrd Tania Gonzalez Contreras **Avery Grant** Meiqi Huang Rachael Lambin Tara Langus Gabriela Meza Garcia Megan Pecson Angela Pitera Lindey Smith

#### **NWF General** Scholarship - \$2,700

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Avery Grant Lauren Harvey Janet Lara Cerrillo Sarah Ley Nikki Nadeau Jessica Ochoa Stephanie Otto Leanne Perez

> **Orduna Hastings** Scholarship - \$1,500 Nayeli Zarazua

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**Peg Murphy** Endowed Scholarship - \$2,000 Jessica Price

#### Pinocchio's Moms on the Run Scholarship-\$4,000 Rachael Lambin Alejandra Sataray-Rodriguez

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**Reno Gazette Journal Foundation** Scholarship - \$1,207.40 Vanessa Arias

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#### **Mark your Calendar!**

2020 Power of the Purse
Where: Your (or a friend's) living room
When: November 20, 2020
What time: 6 pm

## Check out our new Website!

Nevada Women's Fund has a new look expanded information on our work! nevadawomensfund.org

### Nevada Women's Fund Mission

The Nevada Women's Fund is dedicated to strengthening its community by empowering women to uplift 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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