

2023 Annual Report

Empowering Women - Strengthening Communities





Mission

Empowering Women to Achievement

Nevada Women's Fund is dedicated to Empowering Women to Achievement through education and career advancement opportunities, uplifting their families, and ultimately strengthening the very fabric of our community.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the 2023 Nevada Women's Fund Annual Report. It's with immense gratitude and pride that we share the impactful stories, achievements, and progress made in our mission to empower women and shape the vibrant Nevada communities we celebrate on the pages of this report.

At Nevada Women's Fund, we envision a future where every woman has the opportunity to thrive, where barriers to success are dismantled, and where communities flourish because of their success.

Our commitment to this vision is steadfast, and in 2023 we made significant headway through three initiatives to diversify our fundraising and pave the way toward our 2024 goals.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, volunteers, partners, and beneficiaries. Your dedication and commitment fuel our mission and inspire us to continue striving for a brighter future.

Thank you for being a part of Nevada Women's Fund.

With gratitude,

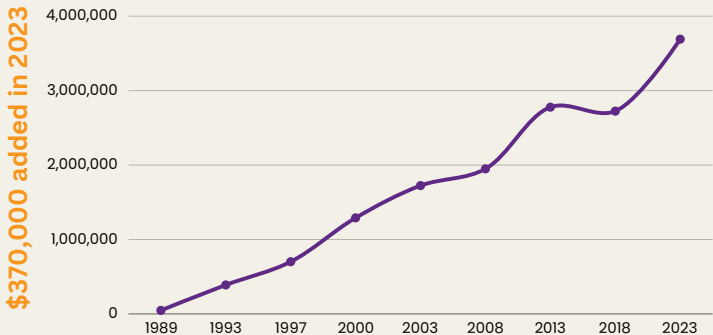
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Ila Achtabowski
President & CEO

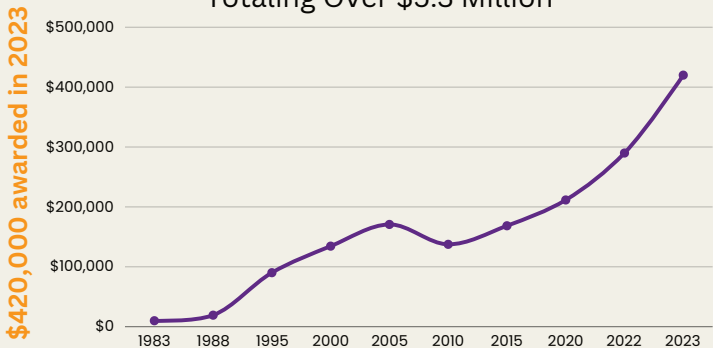


Since 1983 your generous contributions have been instrumental in empowering bright futures.

Endowment Growth Since Inception
\$3.7 Million As of 12/31/23

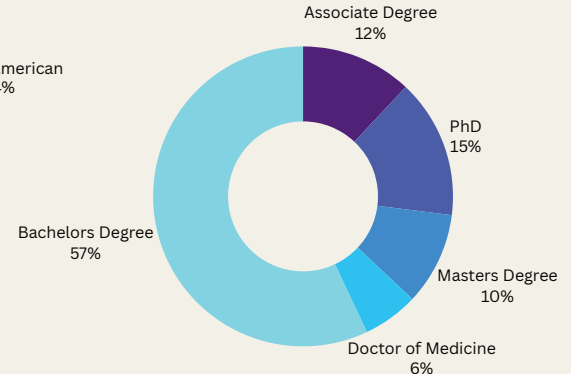
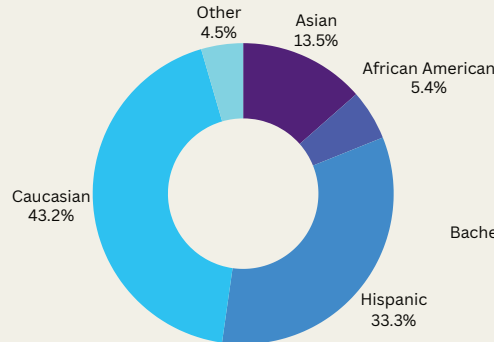
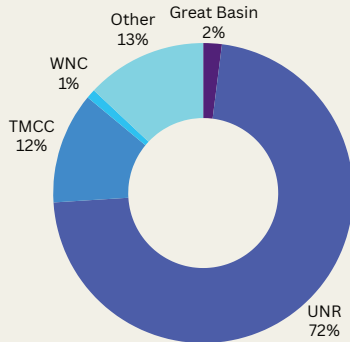
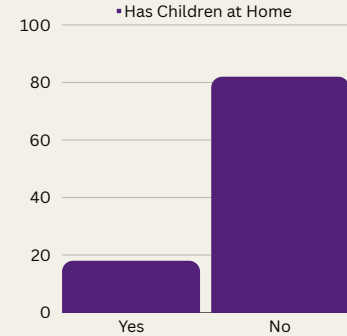
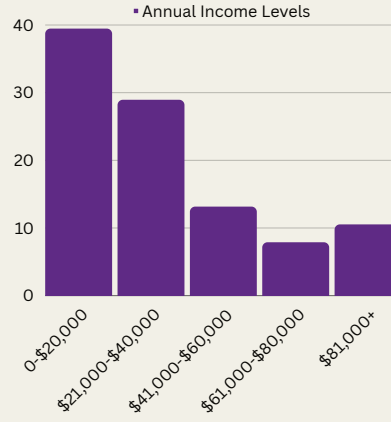
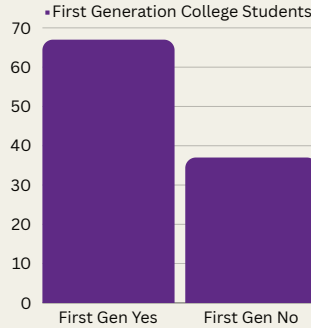


1,759 Women Awarded Scholarships
Totaling Over \$5.3 Million



The Future is Bright

2023 Scholarship Statistics



Spotlighting Achievement

Scholarship Alumnae Research Project

2023
Initiative

In 2023, Nevada Women's Fund embarked on an extraordinary initiative to reconnect with more than 1700 scholarship recipients spanning four decades, unveiling a treasure trove of remarkable stories and impactful data. Among these remarkable women are Broadway stars, globally acclaimed medical professionals, and individuals who have remained in Northern Nevada, dedicated to contributing to the enhancement of our local communities.

The impact of Nevada Women's Fund's efforts is best shared in the stories of the women served.

Illuminating their stories:

If you have received a scholarship from Nevada Women's Fund or know someone who has, please get in touch with us! We would love to get to know you again!



Scholarship Alumnae



Beverly Ann Colgan, Professional Harpist

Beverly Ann Colgan received Nevada Women's Fund Scholarships in 1988 and 1989. She was Principal Harpist with the Nevada Opera, the Reno Philharmonic, and the Nevada Festival Ballet. She has performed for Luciano Pavarotti, Frank Sinatra, Loretta Lynn, Sammy Davis, Jr., Toni Tenille, and many other visiting artists. She is a soloist and former Principal Harpist with the Reno Chamber Orchestra, and teaches harp.



Rebecca Judd, Broadway Star

Rebecca Judd received scholarships from Nevada Women's Fund in 1986 and 1987 and is an actress-singer and has appeared on Broadway as Mdm. Giry in "The Phantom of the Opera". She has toured Internationally as Sarah Brown in "Guys and Dolls". Her regional credits include Maggie Jones in "42nd Street" and the Beggar Woman in "Sweeney Todd".



The Honorable Judge Cheri Emm-Smith

Judge Cheri Emm-Smith received a Nevada Women's Fund Scholarship in 1985. She earned a graduate degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and Arizona State University, College of Law. She is presently serving as Yerington Municipal Court Judge, as well as engaged in private practice. Cheri has served as District Attorney of Mineral County and Deputy District Attorney of Churchill County. In addition to that she wears another hat, she owns a ranch in Lyon County and proudly calls herself a "farmer."



Megan Rescigno, MD

Megan received Nevada Women's Fund Scholarships in 2018, 2019 and 2021. She graduated from UNR with her degree in Medicine and is currently a Pediatric Resident Physician at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Her interests are in pediatric advocacy, substance use education and prevention, and underserved populations. As a medical student, she has served as the district representative for the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and is currently on the Nevada Board for the AAP. In addition to advocacy, she has worked with the National Institutes of Health on various projects in the field of Endocrinology and has developed a substance use and addiction curriculum for high school health classes in Washoe County School District.



Leslie Greenberg, MD

Dr. Leslie Greenberg received Nevada Women's Fund Scholarships in 1993 and 1994 while attending the UNR School of Medicine. She is now an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at UNR as well as an attending physician on the inpatient wards at Renown Regional Medical Center, where she supervises both medical students and family medicine residents. She is passionate about teaching physicians their trade and helping them incorporate other roles in their lives. Outside of work, Dr. Greenberg spends time with friends, travels, writes a medical blog, and enjoys her husband and three kids.

Building for the Future

Corporate Scholarship Program

By aligning our scholarship program with our corporate partner goals, we've created a strategy to increase scholarship funding while:

- Meeting corporate community investment giving goals.
- Achieving long-term workforce development by fostering relationships with scholarship recipients transitioning from college to career readiness in donor's field through internship opportunities.
- Meeting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion standards.
- Promoting corporate brand recognition amongst students and community.
- Strengthening company culture and employee morale.
- Making significant contributions in the education of women today.

Contact: ila@nevadawomensfund.org for more information

**2023
Initiative**



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...of all Nevadans

In 2023 Nevada Women's Fund strengthened rural Nevada communities through:

\$114,000 in Academic Scholarships

25% of NWF's 2023 scholarship funding was awarded to women living and educating in rural Nevada communities. NWF is working with educators, corporate partners, industry professionals, employers & local municipalities to expand its reach and impact.

\$25,000 Grant

NWF granted \$25,000 to the Carson City non-profit FISH to support housing for women in the newly built FISH Family Student Housing Project. The project aims to provide students with the chance to finish their education without the financial strain of housing expenses. This initiative empowers women to enhance their earning potential, uplifts families from generational poverty, and contributes to the overall strength of communities.

Scholarship Check Presentations

NWF embarked on a meaningful trip to Winnemucca and Elko, personally presenting scholarship awardees with well-deserved honors. This thoughtful gesture not only recognized their outstanding achievements but also brought the joyous celebration to the heart of their hometowns.

**2023
Initiative**



Wendover, NV



Signature Events

We raised 100% of our operating costs in 2023, through our two inspiring, signature events, assuring that 100% of all scholarship donations continue to be awarded directly to scholarship recipients.

Show your support by sponsoring or attending these signature events:

Salute to Women of Achievement

Join us Thursday, May 23, 2024

This annual event serves to honor deserving women in our community by giving local corporations and organizations the opportunity to recognize their community service, career, and personal achievements, while supporting the Nevada Women's Fund mission.

Power of the Purse

Join us Friday, November 22, 2024

At Nevada Women's Fund we empower the woman who carries the purse. Nearly 1000 guests support this mission annually at Power of the Purse, shopping local vendors, enjoying food, beverages, and participating in our popular designer purse raffle.



The Future is in Your Hands

Since 1983 your support has empowered our mission allowing us to award \$9.4 million in academic scholarships and grants to organizations supporting women and families. Thank you.



 **YES! I WANT TO EMPOWER ACHIEVEMENT IN WOMEN & FAMILIES TODAY!**

To donate online go to nevadawomensfund.org/donate or scan this QR code



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Ila - Hiking in the hills above Reno, NV



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