

# BE A FORCE

SALUTE TO WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

JUNE 30, 2022

## Kerry Eaton to Chair the 2022 Salute to Women of Achievement Luncheon

Kerry Eaton is a partner at Drinkwater Eaton Law Offices centering her practice in the areas of corporate/business law, intellectual property law, and tax-exempt/non-profit entities. She grew up in Reno, graduated from the University of Nevada, and later attended William & Mary School of Law where she obtained her Juris Doctor.

"It is my great honor to serve as chair of the 2022 Salute to Women of Achievement," says Eaton. "Having served on the Nevada Women's Fund Board in the past, I've seen what's possible when our community comes together to make a difference for women pursuing their education in Northern Nevada, and I am looking forward to being a part of honoring Northern Nevada's best!"



## Marilyn Newton, Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame Inductee

Known for her tenacity in chasing down breaking news, Marilyn Newton has always been a force to be reckoned with. She began her journalism career at age 12 working as a papergirl for the Nevada Appeal and in 1967, she became the first female photographer at the Reno Gazette Journal and is believed to be the first woman hired as a full-time newspaper photographer in Nevada. She became known for chasing news at any hour, even though women were required to wear skirts and heels at that time on the job.

Throughout her career she has won more than 400 national, regional and state awards, including being named Nevada Photographer of the Year in 1992 and being inducted into the 2002 Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame.

## Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson, Keynote Speaker

Isabelle has been the force behind Nevada Women's Fund as President & CEO from 2012 to 2022. Prior to her work at NWF, she enjoyed a fascinating career that led her to the White House as Senior Advisor to the President of the United States. In this role she directed the elaborate details associated with the domestic and international event activities, travel, protocol and media for President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Isabelle will share with us her amazing story at the luncheon. She leaves behind not only a strong and successful foundation for Nevada Women's Fund, but a legacy that will continue to provide scholarships for women into the future. We are forever grateful for her impact on us and our Northern Nevada community.



## President's Message

It is an honor and a privilege to prepare this, my first message, as President & CEO of Nevada Women's Fund. "Be A Force" is our theme for Salute to Women of Achievement this year. When I look at our remarkable founders and 40 year history, the nearly 2000 scholarship recipients, the caliber of our Board of Directors, and the community support Nevada Women's Fund receives, it is evident that we embody the definition of Force; "Action inspired by a genuine concern with others." The word WITH in the definition is key; together we are a force for change. A Force for good! A Force for women! Nevada Women's Fund is changing lives WITH you.

After ten years of leadership, our own force of nature, Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson retired this February, but we have not let her go far. As you see on the front cover of this newsletter, Isabelle will be our keynote speaker at the Salute to Women of Achievement event this June. Isabelle's story is fascinating. Prepare to be inspired by what a young girl from Pomona California, a grand-daughter of immigrants to this country, was able to accomplish with persistence, patience, and resilience.

Also at the Salute to Women of Achievement event, we will induct into the Hall of Fame, the first female photojournalist for the Reno Gazette Journal, Marilyn Newton. Marilyn forced her way into a male dominated industry and into the homes of Northern Nevadans more than 50 years ago; sharing with us award winning photographs capturing our history. As a native Nevadan, I look forward to being regaled with the stories behind Marilyn's photos and celebrated career.

As for me, after just days behind the desk at Nevada Women's Fund, I can only assure you I will be the driving force that moves the Fund forward in the way our founders intended, our Board directs, and our donors support. I anxiously await all that we will accomplish WITH you - as we join forces to empower and uplift women and families in our community.

Sincerely,



Ila Achtabowski



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## Thank you to Michael & Son's Jewelers!



A great big "Thank You" to Michael & Son's Jewelers for donating \$2,000 in proceeds from their annual Bubbles and Bling Preview Event on February 10th, to Nevada Women's Fund!



## Nevada Women's Fund New Board Members



Erica Mirich  
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Sarah Sommers  
Elemental LED, Inc.

*A special thanks to outgoing Board Members for their years of outstanding volunteer service!*

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## Nevada Women's Fund 2022 Strategic Session



The Nevada Women's Fund Board of Directors held its annual Strategic Planning Session on January 28, 2022 at The Club at Rancharrah.

The Board's focus for the session was "funding and engagement" led by Board Chair, Sarah Crumby.

# Nevada's Future is in Your Hands!

**Make a powerful impact on the lives of women and families who live in Northern Nevada!**

In 2021, NWF donors provided 80 deserving women with scholarships to help them achieve their educational goals.

This year, Nevada Women's Fund received 1,000 + scholarship applications from girls and women throughout Northern Nevada, attending school in Northern Nevada. The NWF Allocations Committee, made up of board members and dedicated community volunteers, reads and scores each scholarship based on financial need, GPA, quality of their personal statement, and whether or not they are a returning applicant.

## How can you become a scholarship donor?

- Make a general donation to support NWF's mission of empowering achievement in women and families.
- Form an annual scholarship in your name or in the name of someone you wish to honor, in the amount of \$1,500 or more.
- Establish an endowment scholarship; providing scholarships in perpetuity.

**Please contact our office for more information!  
(775) 786-2335 or [info@nevadawomensfund.org](mailto:info@nevadawomensfund.org)**



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