

A Well-Spent Million

On March 5-6, 2009, IWCF brought members of women's philanthropic organizations from many parts of the country to participate in meaningful workshops and discussions on issues vital to philanthropic communities, such as projects grants, membership recruitment and retention, the role of education, shared resources, community impact and sustainability as organizations.

An evening event on March 5, 2009 at the Stueckle Sky Center celebrated ***One Million Dollars in combined grants and individual designations*** since IWCF's inception in 2001 — a remarkable feat that could not be possible without the support of each and every one of its dedicated members!

Susan Smith Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation Endowment

During the March 5th evening celebration, Alice Hennessy announced the exciting news of our intention to establish an IWCF endowment fund to be named in honor of Susan Smith. The Charitable Leadership Foundation of Clifton Park, NY, has generously agreed to match IWCF members' and friends' donations up to \$150,000. The creation of an endowment to sustain IWCF in perpetuity has been one of Susan's most desired projects and follows the example that several of our "sister" organizations established at their inception. Watch for more information about this exciting opportunity.

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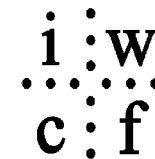


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2008-2009 Year in Review

A Message from the President

Looking Back: Year In Review

Dear IWCF Members:

“A Well-Spent Million” has been an appropriate theme for our organization over the past year. While IWCF achieved an amazing level of philanthropic giving to our community; we remained diligent in using our resources collaboratively, efficiently, and intelligently. We continue to identify and fund great ideas, and our funding serves as a catalyst for driving change in the Treasure Valley. We have demonstrated that we engage effective strategy for our philanthropy – and that each member can truly make a difference.

Because our pooled and individual grant-making is supported by a strong infrastructure, this year we were able to hire a part-time administrative assistant and acquire office space (donated at a greatly-reduced rate). This step is one more indication that our organization is maturing and becoming a sustainable philanthropic entity. Fortunately, we are still able to rely on the IWCF Board and volunteers for a large share of the administrative work.

This year also brought the establishment of a dedicated endowment fund and the pledge of matching funds from the Charitable Leadership Foundation to ensure the sustainability of IWCF. Combined with our members’ time, commitment and willingness to invest in our philanthropic mission, IWCF’s hope for the future remains bright. I thank each and every one of our members for their invaluable support.

In gratitude,

Susan Smith - President

2008 - 2009 Pooled Grants: \$126,000 invested in our community. Thirty-one members reviewed 79 letters of intent and 25 final proposals in our extensive community grants process.

2008 - 2009 pooled grant recipients in our five interest areas include:

Cultural Arts:

Baby Steps
The Step-Up Academy
\$24,000

Education:

TriCA
Theater Lighting & Sound System
\$25,000

Environment:

Treasure Valley Even Start
Family Literacy program
\$10,000

Financial Security:

Boise WaterShed Exhibits
Welcome Basin Video
\$25,000

Health:

Idaho Meth Project
Billboard Campaign
\$25,000

Education for Informed Philanthropic Decisions

Coordinating Compassion: *Transforming an Idea from Inspiration to Practical Reality* in October, 2008 with keynote speaker Dr. Karl Watts. Breakout sessions led by Melanie Curtis of **SHIP**, Marla Lipscomb, **Tidwell Counseling & Family Practice Medical Center** and Tom Sanford, **Project Patch**. All focused on ways that non-profits work together to reduce hardship and improve lives.

Well-Spent Million: March celebrated past accomplishments and prepared us for future growth. Colleen Willoughby, Founder of **Washington Women’s Foundation** in Seattle, delivered the keynote address. Workshop sessions were conducted by Chris LaRocco and Vicky Coelho, **Maximum Impact**; and Dr. Keith Allred, **Maintaining the Spirit of Your Organization**.

Other events investigated two grant interest areas: Environment and Arts. At the Boise WaterShed in November, we learned savvy tricks to conserve power in our homes. An art-walk in April conducted by Boise City Department of Arts and History gave us a taste of popular trends in public art. In January, reviews of germane books and periodicals informed members of current trends and conditions in philanthropy.

A Mural for Your Thoughts

Member Johanna Bell introduced the idea and contributed a large portion of the funding to create a beautiful mural that illustrates the roots, values, accomplishments and goals of IWCF. The completed mural was unveiled at our symposium in October and again displayed at the Stueckle Sky Center in March. The mural can be easily adapted and updated. It can be used to represent IWCF at community events as needed.