

# Newsletter

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation

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## Finding Creative Solutions

by Vicky Coelho, Education Chair

Lasting solutions emerge when people share talent and inspiration, as well as, funding. For 2008-09 the IWCF Education Committee is planning programs that examine how people do just that: *coordinate* talented individuals, inspiration and funding *to help mankind*.

The Fall Symposium 2008 will initiate our theme: **Coordinating Compassion: Transforming Inspiration Into Practical Reality**. Keynote speaker, **Dr. Karl Watts**, President and Founder of Genesis World Mission, will give us insight into how he brought talent and resources together to meet the physical, medical, and spiritual needs of the less fortunate both locally and globally. In addition, three workshop sessions in the morning will feature speakers who can attest to their success in meeting community needs in creative ways: **Melanie Curtis** from Supportive Housing and Innovative Partnerships, Inc.; **Marla Lipscomb**, LMSW, Tidwell Counseling and Family Practice Medical Center; and **Tom Sanford**, Director of Project Patch. The Symposium will be held Oct. 28 at the BSU Student Union Building, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Parking is available.

In November, with the *environment* in mind, we plan to visit Boise's new **WaterShed** building and discover its purpose and value. In December we will review books and articles--the latest publications on philanthropy. Not to be missed!

The growing national trend in women's philanthropy, in particular our relationship to the Washington Women's Foundation model, will be the focus of our topic in March. **Colleen Willoughby**, WWF Founder, will keynote a mini-conference on women's philanthropy. Other guests will participate from some of the WWF model spin-off foundations around the country.

To brighten spring, we will uncover what's new in the *arts* in April.

All education events will be posted on the IWCF website and in the news emails currently being sent to members weekly. All members are welcome to join the IWCF Education Committee which meets monthly, usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Boise Public Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Call Vicky Coelho, Education Chair, for details, questions or suggestions: 939-8205 or email [largegsd5@msn.com](mailto:largegsd5@msn.com).

## Illustrating the Power of Good

With the intention to convey the power of a good idea, this fall IWCF Board will unveil a mural representation of the growth and good works of Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation.

Across five tall, portable panels our story is colorfully illustrated. Seven years of pooled and individual grants are documented on the mural along with educational programs and speakers. In addition,

the values of our organization are imbedded in the text. The design includes space for activity.

The mural will be displayed for the first time at the IWCF Fall Symposium. Sponsored by Johanna Bell and The Mother Earth Foundation as well as other IWCF members, this display is portable and will be able to travel and illustrate the purpose and track-record of IWCF.

### Million Dollar Party Planning Committee:

Planning is underway to celebrate the IWCF's reaching the *one million dollar* mark of philanthropic giving since its inception in 2001. This is a remarkable feat that we could not have attained without each and every one of our invaluable members!

Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, March 5, 2009**. We are planning a luncheon focusing on the educational aspects of the IWCF, then a PARTY that evening in the beautiful Stueckle Sky Club at Boise State -- complete with dinner and music! It will be a great opportunity to introduce your spouse or friends to the great group of women at the IWCF.

We are looking for sponsorships to keep the costs of these functions low for our members -- and if you would like to volunteer to work on any of the committees putting the various events together, please contact Susan Smith, 345-1607 or [sme6587@cableone.net](mailto:sme6587@cableone.net).

Gary and Janet Benoit  
*Sonna Building office space*

Johanna Bell & the Mother Earth Foundation  
*Mural Funding*

Alexa Howell  
*Artwork for the new office*

Deb Holleran  
*Annual Meeting contribution*

Jennie Sue Weltner & Brainstorm Ink  
*Web Site Redesign*

Eileen Barber  
*Contribution*

**THANK  
YOU!**

**POSITIVE CHANGE THROUGH THOUGHTFUL GIVING**

# From the President

*Dear IWCF Members,*

Recently, you all received a very important letter announcing new plans to accommodate the rapid growth of IWCF. The Board discussed the issue of growth at length, and determined that IWCF could best fulfill its mission by continuing to expand the number of women involved in philanthropy.



To achieve this goal and maintain smooth operations, we require stronger support for administrative functions and our organizational infrastructure. Our new downtown office space and part-time staff support will allow us to continue growing without overwhelming the capacity of our

extremely committed volunteers. Fortunately, we will be able to cover the new costs with just a small increase in our annual membership contribution.

I am amazed at how much we have accomplished and the professional reputation we have built with thousands of hours from dedicated volunteers. I am grateful to all of you for your invaluable contributions. Although we have 'graduated' in a sense, our staff support will take on only a small portion of the work required to keep IWCF running smoothly. We will continue to rely on the energy, passion, and generous gifts of time that our members bring to our cause.

In gratitude,  
*Susan Smith*

## Our Vision:

*The Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation is a dynamic membership organization committed to raising philanthropic consciousness while positively impacting the community.*

## Ann DeAngeli Takes Helm as Communications Committee Chair

The IWCF Board has voted Ann DeAngeli to replace the Communications Committee Chair position vacated by Alicia Ritter earlier this year. She will serve in this position until May, 2010. Ann joins with much experience in writing, communications and the legal field. Ann also works for Senate leadership during the Idaho legislative session, and is excited to bring her skills and enthusiasm to the IWCF.

## The IWCF Membership Committee

is searching for any members interested in joining us in our endeavor.

The Committee plans activities to cultivate new members and strengthen relationships among existing members. We meet on a monthly basis. Additionally, if you know of any potential members or would like to host a membership event, please contact Donna Wetherley at 345-9207 or [wetherleys@cablone.net](mailto:wetherleys@cablone.net).

## IWCF Joins the Idaho

This month, in order to better serve our members, the IWCF became a charter member of the Idaho Nonprofit Center, an association of, by and for Idaho nonprofits. The stated mission of the Idaho Nonprofit Center is to provide a toolbox (resources) to build strong and accountable nonprofits and a soapbox (platform) to rally public involvement and gain support for the nonprofit sector. Our membership will help the IWCF gain more visibility in Idaho, while providing both networking opportunities and cost savings.

Membership in the Idaho Nonprofit Center will also provide us with a variety of resources to help us in our goal of raising the

## IWCF Provides Leadership Opportunities

*Please don't wait to be asked!*

Let us know of your interest in Board or Committee participation. Your organization is successful and growing, and we are always looking for committed and forward-thinking women to become involved. Contact the Nominations Committee to be added to the list of members interested in the leadership team.

Call any of us or email [jenavascon@yahoo.com](mailto:jenasvascon@yahoo.com)  
Jena Vasconcellos, chair  
Kristin Hoff Sinclair  
Georgiann Raimondi  
Kay Alspaugh

**Let's do lunch!** IWCF's Arrangements Committee provides lunches or dinners for events surrounding the organization's annual meeting, fall symposium, educational events, and grantmaking meetings. Last year, volunteers organized approximately 600 meals for members and guests. Committee members do everything from researching and booking event locations, to securing catering, menu selection, and ensuring that the event runs smoothly. Amy Rustad is the chair of the Arrangements Committee and Margie Baehr is assistant chair.

philanthropic consciousness of our members and the people of Idaho. We gain instant access to their staff and website, and to a wide variety of programs, such as educational conferences and workshops, as well as cost saving programs to help us attain our goals. Further, it will provide the organization with a place where we can pursue the common interests of the nonprofit community. It will allow us to share knowledge with similar organizations, and it will assist us in solving the problems nonprofits face in their quest to serve the common good. To learn more about the Idaho Nonprofit Center and how it can assist us, we invite you to visit their website at

## Learn About Community Needs through the Grants Committee

Every IWCF member can contribute to the Pooled Grants process this year by ensuring that all the worthy nonprofit organizations they are associated with or know of are made aware of our application procedures. Please direct them to our website to download the LOI form and learn more about our funding criteria. I also invite all IWCF members to attend the other open Grants Committee meetings, even if you cannot sign up for a workgroup, this year to keep up with the progress of our work of selecting your ballot choices.

By signing up to participate on the Grants Committee, members get to learn in-depth about our community's needs and issues as well as have significant input on the local projects that will be included on the final ballot for 2009. The entire Grants Committee meets 4 times between now and April as well as confers about the same number of times in smaller (5-7 person) Interest Area groups.

Our first organizational meeting will be November 6, 11:30 am -1:00 pm, at the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy reception room (box lunch can be pre-ordered). I encourage members who are not sure about participating, those who are new to our organization, and previous Grants Committee members to attend and become further informed about our process and for updates on changes.

If you wish to serve on this committee, but cannot attend on November 6, please contact Gena Delucchi, Grants Chair, to sign up and I will make arrangements for you to receive a Grants booklet.

# Final Reports from 2007 Grantees

by Susan Chaloupka, Treasurer

## Idaho Law Foundation Volunteer Lawyers - \$25,000

The organization requested and was granted an extension of time to complete the expenditure of IWCF funds. They submitted a progress report in June that stated that they had made presentations to 19 organizations serving single parents (WCA, Baby Steps, Head Start, Family Connections, Hope's Door) on Paternity, Child Support & Custody and/or Wills, Guardianship, Parental Power of Attorney & Adoption. Curriculum materials to support these two workshops have been developed as well as a general informational brochure.

Presentations will be continued this fall along with additional volunteer attorney recruitment efforts. An FAQ fact sheet is planned for development as well as translation of all materials into Spanish.

## Homedale Elementary School Walking Track - \$22,500

This project, funded solely by IWCF, has created a new focal point in town by allowing families with small children, seniors and disabled residents to participate in the walking club or for individual fitness. It has received wide positive media attention. Plans are already being developed to add fitness stations and playground improvements.

## Garden Valley After School Club - \$13,000

Approximately 10 elementary and 20 middle and high school students attended the club four days per week. Teachers have reported increases in homework returns, fewer failing grades, and more students moving from proficient to advanced in testing. The later bus has allowed students to also participate in sports activities which lack of transportation had previously prevented. Visits to the Boise Zoo and the Discovery Center were the first field trips that Garden Valley students had taken in 3 years.

Thanks to the IWCF grant, the community is now aware of the need for after school activities for latch key students. The \$400,000 mil levy passed last year will pay for the club this year. Community members have stepped up to offer to share their talents/expertise to further enrich the program.



Furry Philanthropists

## A Few Notes About Your Individual Grant Designations:

All the specifics of your individual grantmaking are in the IWCF Directory and just to clarify, the individual designation is the second part of your \$1000. The first \$500 goes to the pooled grants and the second \$500 we send as you suggest. You may designate at any time: Individual Designations are processed monthly except in December unless a specific request is made. A copy of the letter sent with the allocation is sent to the granting member. The beneficiary is asked to acknowledge the member with a copy to IWCF as well. All individual grants designations are kept confidential except the individual grants beneficiaries are published periodically in the newsletter. Thank you to those who have answered our reminder call about designations. We will be processing two more batches of checks this year; the middle of October and mid-November. If you would like to designate before the end of the year, please send in your form or contact [KimLiebich@cablone.net](mailto:KimLiebich@cablone.net).

## Welcome New Members!

Since October 2008

Julie Carlson  
Luane Dean  
Janine Greene  
Pamela Lemley  
Marni Odermann  
Claudia Pfennig  
Linda Saulls  
Jan Scripps  
Judy St. John  
Pam Storms  
Alison Tate

## Children's Dance Institute - \$10,000

The Cultural Respect Program was offered over 5 weeks in 19 Head Start classrooms, including Mountain Home and Glens Ferry. This pilot program has been able to gather data and feedback to help clarify the curriculum as well as provide solid results to other potential funders for future continuation. The project was successful in increasing children's awareness and respect for different cultures, encouraging children in joyful expression and providing students and teachers with creative strategies for classroom discipline.

## Women's Voices for the Earth - \$10,000

The Bilingual Outreach - Toxins in the Home project reached over 1,000 Latinas (plus non-Hispanic and male clients) in southwest Idaho. The bilingual environmental health materials developed with IWCF funds will continue to be used in future outreach. One of the best tools for engaging women is the Green Cleaning Party Kit. The IWCF grant has increased WVE's community visibility, which in turn helped them form new partnerships, attracted the attention of funders and inspired capacity building of the Idaho office.

## Publishing Young Authors - \$7,200

The three most important achievements that came from this project was the number of students we were able to accommodate, the positive impact it had on students and the interest it stimulated in teachers to make books in their own classrooms. Total number of students served was 351 plus the 132 with Teed, Highlands, Shadow Hills, Galileo, Seven Oaks and Hidden Springs joining. Sixteen clubs were planned but they ended up offering 20.

The curriculum was redesigned to be more use-friendly and enjoyable for the students and the teachers. A father whose child went to a local school wants to use his family's foundation to support a couple of writing clubs.



Publishing Young Authors

## IWCF Calendar of Events 2008-2009

### September

- 8 Executive Committee meeting
- 10 Board meeting 11:30-1:00
- 20 1 Year Member Appreciation Social 6-8pm
- 25 Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00

### October \*\*\* Newsletter

- 2 Executive Committee meeting
- 8 Board meeting 10:30-12:00
- 8 What's New for 2008-09 Q & A 12:00
- 15 What's New for 2008-09 Q & A 5:30
- 23 Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00
- 28 Fall symposium

### November \*\*\* Renewal notices mailed

- 6 Grants process, workgroup sign-ups
- 6 Executive Committee meeting
- 12 New member orientation coffee 10:00
- 12 Board meeting 11:30-1:00
- 13 Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00
- 20 Education interest area series: *environment*

### December

- 1 Deadline for 2009 Pooled Grants LOIs
- 4 Executive Committee meeting
- 10 Board meeting 11:30-1:00 / LOI sorting
- 11 Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00
- 18 Education: *book review*

### January

- 8 Executive Committee meeting
- 12 Nominations Committee meeting
- 14 Board meeting 11:30-1:00
- 22 Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00
- 25 Deadline for membership renewals to be included in 2009 Pooled Fund
- 31 Grants Committees submit RFP organizations to chair

### February \*\*\* Newsletter

- 2 RFP's sent to selected nonprofits
- 5 Executive Committee meeting
- 11 Board meeting
- 12 Valentines Day Lunch with Susan Smith
- 24 Grants Committee meeting: grant applications distributed to workgroups
- 26 Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00

### March

- 5 Million dollar party with women and philanthropy education event
- 6 Executive Committee meeting  
Board meeting 11:30-1:00  
Grants Committee meeting: site visit recommendations
- 26 Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00

### April

- 2 Executive Committee meeting
- 8 Board meeting 11:30-1:00
- 9 Education interest area series: *arts*
- 16 Grants Committee meeting:  
projects selected for final ballot  
Pooled Grants ballot sent to membership  
Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00
- 30 Pooled Grants voting deadline

### May

- 7 Executive Committee meeting
- 11 Annual meeting and grant awards
- 13 Board meeting 11:30-1:00
- 28 Education Committee meeting 3:30-5:00

### June \*\*\* Newsletter and Member Directory

- 4 Executive Committee meeting
- 10 Board meeting
- 25/26 Board retreat

\*\*\* All dates are subject to revision\*\*\*\*\*



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Foundation

P.O. Box 6164  
Boise, Idaho 83707

**Annual Fall Symposium Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

**Coordinating Compassion**

*Boise State University Student Union Building*

*9:30 to 11 a.m. workshops*

*11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. lunch and keynote address by  
Dr. Karl Watts*

*\$40 for lunch, \$10 additional for workshops*

*Reservations due by October 22nd, mail checks to IWCF,  
Box 6164, Boise ID 83707*

***Guests and friends are cordially invited***

## Three-Year Members

*A big thank you to  
our members who  
have successfully  
fulfilled their three-  
year commitment.  
We look forward to  
their continued  
participation.*

Mary Abercrombie  
Susan Allison  
Lorrie Apel  
Johanna Bell  
Janet Benoit  
Laura Macgregor Bettis  
Carolyn Casey  
Gayle Chalfant  
Dawn Christensen  
Charla Cooper  
Jacqueline Crist  
Sue Dahlgren  
Kathy Durbin  
Claire Dwyer  
Frances Ellsworth  
Patsy Fedrizzi

Bettie Ferguson  
Karen Fernand  
Theresa Fox  
Beth Geagan  
Margaret Gorrissen  
Ali Hayden  
Kay Hummel  
Heather Jauregui  
Annette Johnston  
Sharon Katz  
Debra King  
Diane Kushlan  
Chris LaRocco  
Bernadine Marconi  
Sharon McEwan  
Nanette McGrath

Christine Moore  
Annette Park  
Marjorie Reedy  
Sally Richards  
Alicia Ritter  
Regan Rowe  
Jean Russell  
Carrie Simplot  
Caroline Sobota  
Dottie Stimpson  
Vicky Swerdloff  
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Paula Warren  
Stephanie White  
Shawn Del Ysursa