

MISSION

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation fosters educated philanthropy through collaboration, pooled resources and individual giving to positively impact the community.

VISION

IWCF raises philanthropic consciousness, inspires strategic charitable investment, and transforms the community through leadership in focused collaborative giving.

VALUES

Philanthropy
Education
Inclusiveness
Collaboration
Significant Pooled Giving

A Message from the Board

We've just completed another year of working to be a force for positive impact in our community. In May, we awarded six grants totaling more than \$163,000, bringing our collective philanthropic investment to more than \$2.8 million since 2001.

Last year, we embarked on a new three-year strategic plan with three key focus areas:

- evolving our grants process to enhance our impact, including gaining a better understanding of community needs and collaboration opportunities;
- adjusting our operational structure to carry us into the future without increasing volunteer workload; and
- advancing engagement for our current members, while addressing a changing population of potential members.

We tweaked our pooled-fund grants this year to allow grantees to elect multi-year payouts. All six grantees opted to do just that, telling us the guaranteed multi-year income stream enables them to better plan their projects for sustainability.

Through our 2015 small-group discussions, we initiated a second step in the evolution of our grants process. Since 2012, we've consistently awarded more than \$160,000 annually in our pooled-fund grants. We're now comfortable that we can continue to fund five grants of up to \$30,000 – our current maximum grant size. How, then, should we invest any funds “above and beyond” what we need to support these five Interest Area grants? How can we enlarge our impact? Should we collaborate with other fund-makers in some way to make a greater difference in our community?

Answering these questions will enable IWCF to stay true to our mission while evolving our investments to remain relevant to southwestern Idahoans' needs. Some really interesting ideas have been put forth by several members in our discussions; it has been truly gratifying to see members' interest in trying something new.

In gratitude, your 2015-16 Board of Directors

2015 - 2016 Board of Directors



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Pooled Giving *for a greater impact*

IWCF annually accepts and researches grant proposals from nonprofits, then evaluates them under our funding criteria. To determine the allocation of their annual pooled-fund grants, members vote on the projects proposed in five interest areas: cultural arts, education, environment, financial stability and health.

In 2015, the grants committee of 59 members narrowed the many applicants to 10 ballot possibilities. Six projects (one each in all five interest areas plus one additional project) received enough member votes to receive grants.

At our annual meeting in May, IWCF awarded a total of \$163,500 in grants for these projects:

The Cancer Connection Idaho

Write from the Heart

\$20,000 (over 2 years)

Allocated over two years, this IWCF grant will transform a therapeutic outlet for teens into an annual program. It will celebrate teens, raise awareness of their emotional needs as they undergo cancer-related challenges, and bring catharsis and healing through the act of writing. In 2016, a booklet containing the teens' winning essays will be published, and the program will add writing mentors.

Council School District

Council Rural Environmental Stewardship Team (CREST)

\$23,500 (over 2 years)

This IWCF grant will bring together Council's school, community and area to create a sustainable, environmentally friendly park and pond. As the 240 students apply inquiry-based learning to real watershed problems, they will gain



job skills, receive training in job application and make contacts with forest industry employers. In this financially depressed area, CREST's work will benefit both locals and visitors for many years.

Good Samaritan Home

Building Renovation Repair Beautification Project

\$30,000 (over 3 years)

Thanks to IWCF, the 72-year-old Good Samaritan Home will receive much-needed improvements to its 18,800-square-foot facility, which houses low-income veterans, seniors, and men and women with disabilities—people who otherwise might not have a place to live. The home is seriously in need of repairs generally, especially replacement of badly worn flooring in the main traffic areas.



Feed the Gap, Inc:

Safety Net for Hungry Children in Boise Schools

\$30,000 (over 3 years)



To close the food gap for 8,000 children who would otherwise go hungry because of their parents' financial instability, IWCF is partnering with the Boise School District to identify and feed them for three years through this grant. This support goes to schools that do not qualify for federal assistance. The three-year program will help children be ready to learn and protect them from being turned away in their cafeteria.

Idaho Children's Trust Fund
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Initiative
\$30,000 (over 3 years)



During this three-year project, IWCF funds will support a coordinator and workbooks for training 5 percent of Treasure Valley adults (~22,500 people) how to prevent sexual abuse, using the research-based curriculum "Stewards of Children." Research has shown that reaching this number is the

tipping point for changing behavior, which must be done to address the most prevalent health problem children face.

Life's Kitchen, Inc.
Life Skills and Employability Training Project
\$30,000 (over 3 years)

Building on 12 years of Life's Kitchen's success, IWCF will fund its trainees for three years. They will learn skills to live as independent young adults and job skills to secure and maintain employment. They also will complete their high school diploma equivalent, earn professional food industry certification and be mentored to improve their sense of self-worth and gain the ability to set and accomplish life goals.



Those We've Touched



2014 Grantee - *Artisans4Hope*

ACLU of Idaho
 Adoption Advocates International
 The Advocates
 Advocates for the West
 Agency for New Americans
 Alpha Kappa Service Program
 Alzar School
 Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Assoc.
 Amazima Ministries
 American Cancer Society
 American Film Institute
 American Red Cross of Greater Idaho
 American Society of Cinematographers
 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Assn.
 Andrew J. Somora Fund
 Animals in Distress Association, Inc.
 ANSER of Idaho Inc.
 Aplastic Anemia & MDS
 Artisans4Hope
 Assistance League of Boise
 Balance Dance Company
 Baby Steps
 Ballet Idaho, Inc.
 Baltimore Medical System
 Baptist Bible Fellowship International
 Basque Museum and Cultural Center
 Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative
 Be the Change, Inc.
 Baptist Bible Fellowship International
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Idaho
 Bill Wilson Center
 Birds of Prey Northwest
 Birthright of Idaho Falls
 Bishop Kelly Foundation
 Blaine County Recreation District
 Blue Iris Flower Market
 Bogus Basin Lifetime Sports Education Foundation
 Bogus Basin Recreational Association
 Boise Art Museum, Inc.
 Boise at Home

Boise Baroque Orchestra
 Boise Bicycle Project Inc.
 Boise City Parks & Recreation
 Boise Community Radio
 Boise Contemporary Theater, Inc.
 Boise Little Theater
 Boise Master Chorale, Inc.
 Boise Montessori PTO
 Boise Nordic Foundation
 Boise Philharmonic Association, Inc.
 Boise Police Department Association
 Boise Public School Education Foundation
 Boise Rescue Mission
 Boise Samaritan Village's Care Center
 Boise State University Foundation
 Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
 Boise Urban Garden School
 Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity
 Boise Watershed Exhibits
 Bollinger Christofferson Foundation,
 Boulder Mountain Clayworks
 Boys and Girls Club of Nampa
 Boys and Girls Clubs of Ada County
 Bridge Meadows
 Brown University Charitable Trust
 C.J.D. Foundation
 C.A.R.T.E. (Child Abuse Resolved through Education)
 The Cabin
 Caldwell Fine Arts
 Caldwell School District
 California Pacific Annual Conference
 Cambridge Friends School
 Camp Rainbow Gold
 Camp River Run
 The Campfire Foundation, Inc.
 The Cancer Connection Idaho
 Canyon County Habitat for Humanity
 The Caring Foundation, Inc.
 Caring Hearts and Hands of Hope
 Cascade Lake 4-H Camp, Inc.
 Casting for Recovery Idaho
 Catholic School Foundation of the Sacred Heart
 Center for Emerging Futures
 Center for Spiritual Living
 Center for the Arts
 Challis School District
 Chase Away the Clouds
 Children of Vinh Son Orphanage
 Children's Dance Institute
 Children's Free Dental Clinic Inc.
 Children's Home Society of Idaho
 The Children's School of Boise, Inc.
 Chrysalis Womens Transitional Living Inc.
 City Club of Boise
 City of Boise
 City of Boise / Project CATCH
 The Cloud Foundation
 Cole Community Church
 College of Idaho
 College of Western Idaho Foundation
 Community Care Clinic
 Community Food Bank
 Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel
 Corpus Christi House, Inc.
 Council School District #13
 Create Common Good
 Crisis Nursery

The Cross at Tablerock
 Cru Idaho
 Dana Hall Schools
 Days for Girls
 Denver Dumb Friends League
 Denver Public School Foundation
 Discovery Center of Idaho, Inc.
 Doctors Without Borders USA, Inc.
 Dominican Overseas Education & Relief Society
 Dustin's Paw Idaho Inc
 EcoLogic Development Fund
 El Ada Community Clinick
 Elks Rehab
 Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
 F I N C A
 Family Advocate Program
 Family Advocates
 Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
 Fanconi Anemia Research Fund
 Feed the Gap
 First Cong. United Church of Christ
 First Unitarian Society
 First United Methodist Church of Boise
 Flagstaff Int'l Health & Education
 Focus North America
 Foothills School of Arts & Sciences
 Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
 Foundation for Idaho History
 Free The Children International
 Free the Slaves
 Friends in Action
 Friends of Teton River Inc
 Friends of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority Inc
 Friends of the Donnelly Library
 Friends of World Food Program
 Friends of Zoo Boise
 Friendship Clinic
 Fund for Idaho
 Garden City Community Clinic
 Garden City Community School
 Garden City Library Foundation
 Garden Valley Communications
 Garden Valley District Library
 Garden Valley School
 Gateway School of Language and Culture
 Generation Life - Stanton Healthcare
 Genesis World Mission, Inc.



2009 Grantee - *The Idaho Foodbank*

Individual and Pooled Gifts Since 2002

Gig Harbor Academy
 Giraffe Laugh, Inc.
 Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council
 Girls on the Run Idaho, Inc.
 Glens Ferry Historical Museum
 Global Service Partnerships
 Golden Eagle Audubon Society
 Golden Retriever Foundation
 Good Samaritan League
 Grace Anglican Church
 Grand Circle Foundation
 Gratis Humanitarian Aid Network
 Greater Boise Rotary Foundation
 The Gretta Foundation
 H. E. R. O.
 Heartland Hunger Resource Center
 Heifer International
 Holy Trinity CEC
 Holy Trinity Church
 Hometown Elementary School
 Hometown Joint District
 Honor Flight of Idaho
 Hope House, Inc.
 Horseshoe Bend Mutual
 Improvement Club
 Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship
 Humphreys Diabetes Center, Inc.
 Idaho Assoc. for the Education of
 Young Children
 Idaho Aviation Foundation
 Idaho Black Bear Rehab, Inc.
 Idaho Black History Museum, Inc.
 Idaho Botanical Gardens, Inc.
 Idaho Bus. Coal. for Education
 Excellence
 Idaho Children's Trust Fund
 Idaho Coalition against Sexual &
 Domestic Violence
 Idaho Coalition for Justice
 Idaho Commission for the Blind
 Idaho Community Foundation
 Idaho Conservation League, Inc.
 Idaho Dance Theatre
 Idaho Diabetes Youth Program
 Idaho Diaper Bank
 Idaho Edu. Public Broadcasting Fdn.
 Idaho Episcopal Foundation
 Idaho Families of Adults with
 Disabilities
 Idaho Federation of Families for
 Children's Mental Health
 Idaho Foodbank Warehouse, Inc.
 Idaho Foundation for Parks and
 Lands
 Idaho Human Rights Education
 Center,
 Inc.
 Idaho Humane Society, Inc.
 Idaho Humanities Council
 Idaho Law Foundation
 Idaho Lions Sight & Hearing
 Foundation
 Idaho Meth Project
 Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue
 Unit
 Idaho Nonprofit Development Center
 Idaho PEO Chapter House
 Idaho Public Television
 Idaho Regional Ballet
 Idaho Rivers United, Inc.
 Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc.
 Idaho Smart Growth



2009 Grantee - Boise Urban Garden School

Idaho State University Foundation
 Idaho Steelhead & Salmon Unlimited
 Idaho Suicide Prevention & Hotline
 Idaho Syringa Girls State
 Idaho Veterans Assistance League
 Idaho Voices for Children
 Idaho Women's Charitable
 Foundation
 Idaho Women's Charitable
 Foundation - Administrative Fund
 Idaho Women's Charitable
 Foundation - Pooled Fund
 Idaho Women's Network Ed &
 Research Fund
 Idaho Youth Ranch, Inc.
 Idaho Zoological Society
 Innerlight Women's Recovery
 Association
 Interfaith Alliance of Idaho, Inc.
 Interfaith Sanctuary Housing
 Services
 International Interior Design
 Association
 International Interior Design
 Association Foundation
 International Children's Surgical
 Foundation
 International Justice Mission
 International Rescue Committee
 Invisible Children
 Jackson Elementary School
 Jesse Tree of Idaho
 Junior Achievement of Idaho
 Junior League of Boise Idaho
 Juvenile Diabetes Research
 Foundation
 Lake Country Cares Cab, Inc.
 Land Trust of the Treasure Valley
 Learning Lab, Inc.
 Lee Pesky Learning Center
 Life's Doors Hospice
 Life's Kitchen

Light for Life Foundation
 Lillian Valley School
 Lung Cancer Alliance
 Lutheran Community Services
 Northwest
 Make-a-Wish Foundation of Idaho
 Maplewood Academy
 March of Dimes Idaho
 Marol Academy
 Master Yoga Foundation
 McCall Donnelly Education
 Foundation
 McCall Music Society
 McCall Ski Racing Team
 McPaws Regional Animal Shelter
 Meals on Wheels Program
 The Mentoring Network
 Mercy Beyond Borders
 Mercy Housing
 Meridian Area Senior Citizens
 Association
 Metropolitan Youth Symphony
 Microenterprise Training and
 Assistance
 Miles of Smiles (Children's Free
 Dental Clinic)
 Mini Joys, Inc.
 Modest Needs Foundation
 Momentum Group
 Monastery of St. Gertrude
 Morris Animal Foundation
 Mountain Home Senior Center
 Mountain States Group, Inc.
 The Mountain School
 Mountain States Group, Inc.
 Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc.
 Museum of the San Ramon Valley
 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
 National Alliance for the Mentally
 Ill - Boise Chapter
 National Federation of the Blind of
 Idaho

Individual and Pooled Gifts Since 2002

National Old Time Fiddlers, Inc.
 Natural Resources Defense Council
 The Nature Conservancy
 Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
 New Directions Education Project
 New Heritage Theatre Company
 New Israel Fund
 North Beach Paws
 Northfield Mt Hermon School
 Northwest Children's Home, Inc.
 NOW Foundation
 OATHS (Organization Assisting the Homeless Student)
 Oberlin College
 Ocean Park Community Center - Team Sojourn
 One Acre Fund
 One Stone Foundation
 Opera Idaho
 Parkcenter Montessori
 Partners in Health
 Payette Public Library
 People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
 Peregrine Fund
 Pilgrim Cove Foundation
 Planned Parenthood of the Great NW
 Positive Partners Assistance Dogs
 Preservation Idaho
 Preservation New Jersey
 Prevention Int'l: No Cervical Cancer
 Pride Foundation
 Project PATCH
 Prosthetics Outreach Foundation
 Publishing Young Authors, Inc.
 Range of Motion Project
 The ReUse Market
 Ride for Joy
 River Discovery
 Riverstone International School
 Rock on Wheels Inc.
 Rolling Dog Ranch Animal Sanctuary
 The Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise
 Ronald McDonald House Charities of ID
 Roosevelt Elementary School
 Rose Advocates
 Rotary International
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Safe Place Ministries
 Sage International Charter School
 Saint Alphonsus Health System
 Saint Alphonsus RMC Foundation
 Salvation Army, Boise Chapter
 Santa Clara University
 Sawtooth Society
 Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire Department
 SCU Mens Varsity Rowing
 Seeds of Peace, Inc.
 Senior Solutions
 Serve Idaho
 Seva Foundation
 Shepherd's Home
 Shepherd's Inn
 St Se Pused Idaho, Inc.
 Sierra Club Foundatio
 Simply Cats
 Sisters of the Road Cafe, Inc.
 Small Village Foundation
 Smile Train
 Snake River Alliance

Snowden Wildlife Sanctuary
 Solar Cookers International
 Southern Idaho Learning Center Fdn.
 Southside Blvd United Methodist Church
 Southwest Mountain Bike Association
 SPAN Idaho
 Speak Your Silence
 Special Olympics Idaho
 Special Olympics World Winter Games
 Spay Neuter Idaho Pets
 St. Johns Cathedral
 St. Joseph's School
 St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
 St. Luke's Health Foundation, Ltd.
 St. Mark's Catholic Church
 St. Mary's Church
 St. Michael's Episcopal Cathedral
 St. Paul's Catholic Church
 St. Vincent de Paul
 Stanford University
 Stanford Community Library
 Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation
 Sun Valley Summer Symphony
 Surel's Place
 Susan Smith IWCF Endowment Fund
 Sustainable Futures
 Tabitha Foundation USA
 Tamarack Environmental Protection Assoc.
 Terry Reilly Health Services
 Texas Christian University
 Third Judicial District Guardian Ad Litem Program
 Thir Order of St. Dominic, Inc.
 Tomorrow's Hope, Inc.
 Transform Idaho
 Treasure Valley Even Start
 Treasure Valley Family YMCA
 Trey McIntyre Project
 TRICA

U.S. Green Building Council
 UCSF Foundation
 Union College
 United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.
 United Methodist Committee on Relief
 United Nations Foundation
 United Service Organizations, Inc.
 United Way of Treasure Valley
 University of CA at San Francisco Foundation
 University of Idaho Foundation
 University of Idaho Foundation, School of Law
 University of Portland University of Texas Medical Branch
 University of WA Medicine Advancement
 University of Wisconsin Foundation
 Unplanned Good
 UofI, School of Law - Boise Campus
 Úsful Glassworks
 Vineyard Christian Fellowship
 Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Assoc.
 Whitney Elementary School
 Whitney United Methodist Church
 Wildland Firefighter Foundation
 Winsor School Annual Fund
 Wish Granters
 Women for Women International
 Women's and Children's Alliance
 Women's Business Center
 Women's Voices for the Earth
 Working Solutions
 World Bicycle Relief
 World Center for Birds of Prey
 World Relief Boise
 World Vision, Inc.
 WorldWide Fistula Foundation
 Wounded Warrior Project
 Wyakin Warrior Foundation
 Yosemite "Conservancy" Foundation
 Young Life - Idaho Region



2013 Grantee - Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County

Year In Review

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation received a record \$328,000 in member contributions for Pooled-Fund Grants and Individual Grant Designations during Fiscal Year 2015. This figure reflects both our members' ongoing generosity and their continued belief in the importance of personal giving.

In spring 2015, IWCF members voted to grant \$163,500 from Pooled Funds to six organizations. In response to feedback from the local grantee community, IWCF gave them the option to receive their grants over a two- or three-year period, rather than over one year as in the past, and all of them chose to do so. In addition to these Pooled-Fund Grants, IWCF distributed \$168,750 to a wide variety of nonprofits serving southwestern Idaho through members' Individual Grant Designations.

The Susan Smith IWCF Endowment Fund ended the fiscal year at \$473,818, an increase of \$16,938 over the prior year's ending balance. Of this increase, \$10,195 came from new contributions and \$6,743 from earnings. The Endowment invests 70 percent in broadly diversified indexed stock funds, 27 percent in fixed income funds and 3 percent in cash.

Member contributions to operations and event ticket sales continue to fund operating and staff expenses, as well as educational and social functions. Unrestricted Reserves, including Board-designated funds, grew by \$787 during Fiscal Year 2015, totaling \$60,269 at year end. This Unrestricted Reserve and the earnings from the Endowment ensure that IWCF will remain a visible, vital force supporting informed philanthropy and community involvement well into the future.

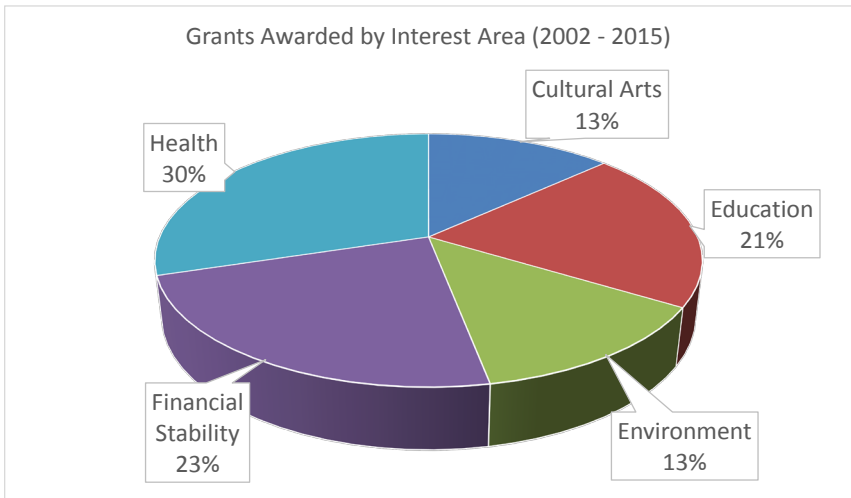
2014 - 2015 Financial Report

Assets totaled \$694,008 on June 30, 2015, held in the following accounts:

Northwest Bank checking	\$ 4,290	
Northwest Bank money market	\$215,899	
Endowment Checking	\$ 1,350	
Endowment Investments	\$472,468	
		\$694,007

Assets were distributed among the following equity accounts:

Unrestricted, directed to Fall Symposium	\$ 10,000	
Unrestricted, directed to Audit	\$ 2,000	
Unrestricted	\$ 48,269	
Restricted, Individual Grant Designated	\$ 7,750	
Restricted, Pooled-Fund 2015	\$128,750	
Restricted, Pooled-Fund 2016	\$ 21,420	
Restricted, Pooled-Fund 2017 and beyond	\$ 2,000	
Endowment	\$473,818	
		\$694,007



A Year of Education

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The IWCF Education Committee increases awareness and understanding of the community's needs and assets. We plan and conduct panel discussions, forums featuring experts, and book discussions on a variety of topics related to our five grant interest areas. This year, we focused on education, financial stability and planned giving.

September 2014: Grant-Making Process

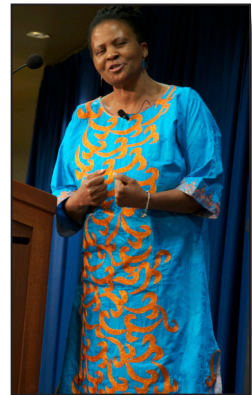
We invited our members and the nonprofit community to learn about our own grant-making process. IWCF members Anne Hay, co-chair of the Grants Committee, and Ann Sandven, IWCF member and Chief Development Officer of Terry Reilly Health Services, presented "IWCF Grant-Making Process and Best Practices for Nonprofits."

October 2014: Fall Symposium

Keynoter Dr. Tererai Trent spoke to the hearts and minds of more than 400 people at our annual symposium luncheon. Her message was truly one of hope and believing in yourself to unlock your potential. She is living proof of the power of dreams and the potential of education to break the cycle of poverty.

In support of the Fall symposium and its theme: Education – A Path Out of Poverty, we presented three programs.

- "Barriers and Opportunities in Education" featured three guest experts: Dr. Don Coberly, Boise Public Schools District Superintendent, used data to reveal the strong relationships between poverty and poor reading-readiness that affect students' academic achievement at all levels. Christina Bruce-Binnion, program director for Agency for New Americans, documented the challenges faced by refugee women and girls arriving in our community as they seek educational opportunities. Fabiola Juarez-Coca, BSU Concurrent Enrollment Director, described the support provided by the Bridge Program and mentorships available for local high school students who



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are the first in their families seeking higher education. Each speaker emphasized what a difference mentorship and community support makes for students who confront barriers to their dreams for education.

- Kelly Miller, Executive Director of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, presented “Ending Violence Against Women and Girls” as a second program supporting the themes of Dr. Trent’s own experiences. Ms. Miller shared stories of women and girls that reveal how complicated violence against women can be, how intertwined it is in society and how the very systems in place to assist women can end up hurting them.



- Mark Russell, CEO and co-founder of Elevate, shared his microfinance knowledge and experience in “How Microfinance Empowers the Poor.” Russell worked several years in microfinance and other economic development initiatives for international nonprofits. The most successful microfinance projects are based on women recipients, who use loans to increase their own incomes, then reinvest what they earn in their children’s education.



November 2014: “Girl Rising”

We offered our members an opportunity to see the documentary film “Girl Rising”, which tells the stories of nine young women from developing countries. Each compelling story reveals how a young woman overcomes incredible barriers to gain an education and change her life’s trajectory. Both viewings generated energetic discussions of the issues raised, not only for young women in other countries, but in our own as well.

January 2015: Planned Giving Seminar

A panel of financial professionals, Darin DeAngeli, Raleigh Vachek, and Mike Mers, discussed the advantages of planned giving to support

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philanthropy. They strongly recommended obtaining counsel from an attorney and/or financial advisor who specializes in estate planning in order to create a charitable remainder trust, charitable gift annuity or charitable lead trust. Panel member Mike Mers pointed to IWCF as “one of the most efficient ways for getting money to work in the community” that he has seen.

February 2015: United Way Community Assessment

“When you change the conversation, you change everything.” This premise was referenced by Nora Carpenter, Treasure Valley United Way president and CEO, as she shared results of a UW community assessment that led to goal-setting in three areas of need: financial independence, education and health. To frame the discussion, Carpenter provided articles describing the strategy of “Collective



Impact.” Using this approach, nonprofits accomplish their individual missions by working together to achieve broader common goals.

May: Microenterprise Financing

Jim Munkres and Ron Berning from MicroEnterprise Training and Assistance (META), a nonprofit program of Jannus, Inc. presented how META seeks and works with overlooked, disadvantaged entrepreneurs in southwestern Idaho—people with skills and energy but no capital, such as new Americans, minorities, women, and underserved or non-English-speaking community members.. META entrepreneurs increase their net worth and household income, which in turn benefit the community with an enlarged tax base, stable home ownership and economic development.

These informative programs were created by Education Committee members Vicki Kreimeyer, chair, Jo Anne Minnick, Jillian Huang, Erin Guerricabeitia, Robin Hanford, Sherry Bithell and Laura Simic.

To give away money is an easy matter
and in any man's power.

***But to decide to whom to give it,
and how large and when,
and for what purpose and how,
is neither in every man's power -
nor an easy matter.***

***Hence it is that such excellence is rare,
praiseworthy and noble.
-- Aristotle***