



IDAHO WOMEN'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

2018 Annual Report

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



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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



Message from Leadership

“**M**ore members, more impact,” the theme that drove the year ending June 30, 2018 meant that our nearly 400 members’ individual and pooled giving, fueled by their dynamic energy and sincere passion to make a difference, brought lasting change to our community. This report reflects the membership’s thoughtful and educated efforts to use their financial contributions made to IWCF for the benefit of people living in southwestern Idaho and beyond.

We are grateful to the many committees who worked on behalf of IWCF to accomplish our education, membership and grant programs. From the details of the Annual Meeting to the investment strategy of our Endowment, the talents and experiences of our members ensure attentiveness to our mission and longevity.

IWCF reflects the growth our region is experiencing - grappling with the opportunities and challenges presented by increasing numbers and needs, to be inclusive so that all those that who join in our philanthropic work feel welcome. With 93% of our members participating in the vote for our Pooled-Fund Grants awarded this year, we continue to move forward together for Idaho.

Sincerely,

IWCF Board of Directors

Annual Meeting

The 16th Annual Meeting and Grants Awards provided the opportunity for the 2017-18 grant recipients to accept their awards and to hear how our pooled fund grants will help their organizations address specific needs for our community.



Photos courtesy of Heather Webster

Board of Directors 2018-2019



Front Row: Susan Smith, Christine Avey, Linda Perez, Heather Jauregui, Mikel Ward, Sherry Bithell **Back Row:** Susan Wishney, Amy Duque, Jennifer Dunmire, Laura Siimic, Kim Liebich, Peggy Runcorn, Kelli Parker, Amber Myrick, Susan May, Linnea Lovlien

Heather Jauregui	<i>President</i>
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Susan May	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
Kelli Parker	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
Peggy Runcorn	<i>Member-at-Large</i>

Pooled-Fund Grants

Educated Philanthropy & Positive 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 2017-2018, IWCF made grants of \$20,000-\$30,000 to nonprofits, educational institutions, and government agencies throughout Southwest Idaho.

Our members studied the proposals in great detail, evaluated them according to our criteria, and conducted site visits with the most impressive candidates.

In this grants cycle, 73 members participated in grants committees to help narrow down the 73 grant applications that we received to ten excellent ballot choices. The six projects that received the most votes were awarded grants.



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At our annual meeting in May, IWCF awarded a total of \$173,600 in grants for these projects, as well as four \$1,000 awards to our ballot finalists.

The 2018 IWCF Grant recipients are impressive, impactful, and passionate organizations. Each has found a unique way to improve the quality of life in Idaho.

Cultural Arts: The Refugee Speakers Bureau

(\$30,000) uses storytelling as a powerful instrument for change. By bringing in professional trainers from the Moth in New York, the Bureau will help local refugees learn how best to convey their experiences to audiences who may not understand the refugee experience. Through live performances at venues all around the Treasure Valley, the Bureau will help to build

tolerance, understanding, and respect throughout our community.



Education: United Way of Treasure Valley

(\$28,600), in conjunction with the Sacajawea Community School in Caldwell, will use our funds to provide extended Kindergarten for low-income students who need extra help to develop proficiency in student skills. Reading



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readiness and other academic benchmarks are essential in the earliest years of school, and by catching these kids up early, Sacajawea can set them up for future success.

Environment #1: Greenspeed Research (\$30,000)



will use our funds to stimulate interest in STEM careers with high school students. They will bring in teams of teens and give them the spare parts needed

to build a 100% solar-powered go-kart. The kids have to figure out how to build the vehicle, and then they get to race them. For those who get inspired to do more, Greenspeed provides lab space and resources to work on individual projects. Our funding will help purchase go-kart kits and will also fund staffing to expand this program.

October 2018 Update: Greenspeed was just notified that they will be losing their lease in December, and will need to relocate. The project we intended to fund will be put on hold. Greenspeed has offered to return our grant money, and will apply again in the future when they are ready to restart operations. We wish them luck as they regroup.

Environment #2: The Friends of MK Nature Center (\$25,000)

will revitalize this Boise institution by removing all the outdated, damaged, and negative signs around the property, and replacing them with family-friendly, educational, and attractive new designs. They will also



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be taking a concrete wall near the fish viewing area and using it as an interactive art installation about fish that will acknowledge all their donors.

Financial Stability: Interfaith Sanctuary (\$30,000) has a fantastic new work program with the City of Boise, where their residents can work in teams for the Boise Parks and Rec Department. IWCF funding will allow them to expand this program to more teams, with funds paying for case workers to accompany each team, as well as transportation costs. There have been success stories already, in the short time the program has been piloted, where residents have been hired directly as city employees, enabling them to move out of Interfaith Sanctuary and live independently on their new salaries.



Health: Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and Hawaiian Islands (\$30,000) will use our grant to fund long-acting reversible contraceptives (IUDs and implants) for low-income women who do not have insurance. Depending on the product selected, these contraceptives can be effective for up to 12 years, so the impact will be significant for the women who receive them. The cost of the device, as well as all medical costs associated with implantation or insertion, will be covered for at least 30 women.



Education

THE YEAR IN EDUCATION: Learning about our community and fostering educated philanthropy.

The IWCF Education Committee strives to increase awareness and understanding of the community's needs and assets through programs presented for our members and guests. In 2017-2018 our programs focused on Financial Stability, Philanthropy, and Education. Our goal was to increase understanding of community issues and to increase member commitment to informed philanthropy.

In addition, the committee worked on organizing the six workshops about poverty and homelessness to be presented at the 2018 Fall Symposium.

IWCF Education Programs:

September 6, an interactive StrengthFinders workshop led by Rochelle Delong. The workshop was a collaborative effort by the Education and Leadership Development committees to gain knowledge of the membership's

strengths and to help give members a more meaningful IWCF experience by identifying and utilizing their talents.



Education

October 19, members learned about the continuum of care for the homeless in Ada County with a panel presentation by Diana Lachiondo, Maureen Brewer and Stephanie Day, who are all involved in programs that serve the homeless. This very informative presentation was a lead in to the 2018 Symposium on poverty and homelessness.



November 15, in collaboration with the Idaho Nonprofit Center, celebrated National Philanthropy Day with a workshop on Philanthropic Giving that was organized by the IWCF Education Committee and awards luncheon.



The panel title was “Collaboration— Working Together to Get Things Done.” The luncheon honored recipients who were given awards to acknowledge their volunteer activities in the various nonprofits in the area.

Education

February 28, the Education Committee led the lunch and evening discussions for the Symposium Book Club book by Nicholas Kristof, the keynote speaker for the October 16, 2018 Symposium. The book, *A Path Appears—Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity* gave us food for thought as to how others are affected by our personal philanthropy.



March 21, the program “Positive Pathways: Options for Students Post High School” explored the various programs available for students and emphasized that not all students are suited for a four-year college degree. There are many careers where a good income can be earned.



*Amy Little, presenter
Positive Pathways*

Finance Report

During fiscal year 2017-2018, Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation received \$384,300 from member contributions. In the spring, IWCF members voted to grant \$173,600 to six nonprofit organizations representing each of the Pooled-Fund Grant Interest Areas, and distributed \$188,850 during the year to various nonprofit organizations through Individual Grant Designations (IGD's). Of the remaining amount, \$4,500 is restricted to the 2019 pooled-fund grants, and \$24,100 was added to the Above and Beyond Grant fund.

Member contributions restricted to operations to carry out the business of the IWCF totaled \$37,159. This sum was augmented by interest income of \$717, a distribution from the Susan Smith Endowment fund in the amount of \$11,716, and an additional \$6,975 in cash and in-kind donations as designated by the members and donors. Operation of IWCF represents 12% of the total funds received during the year, and 88% of member contributions and other donations went to the Pooled-Fund Grants, IGD's and the Above and Beyond Grant fund.

The Susan Smith IWCF Endowment increased nearly 14% during the fiscal year; IGD's and other donations constituted 8% of the increase, and 6% was attributable to market gains, dividends and interest. The value of the endowment at the end of the fiscal year totaled \$675,388.00.



*Susan Smith
Founding President*

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The fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 was the first year for the equity portion of the Endowment portfolio to be invested in Socially Responsible Investments. The current allocation of the assets in the portfolio is 40% in fixed income investments and 60% invested in stocks. An evaluation of the performance of the portfolio over the year revealed that the 6% increase is only slightly below the blended benchmark of the S&P 500 and Barkley's Aggregate.

The investment portfolio is reviewed quarterly by the Investment Committee, a sub-committee of the Finance Committee which was formed in July 2017.

This snapshot of the financial activities of IWCF demonstrates the collective endeavor of our members to positively impact our communities through the power of pooled resources.

Sincerely,



Susan Wishney
Treasurer

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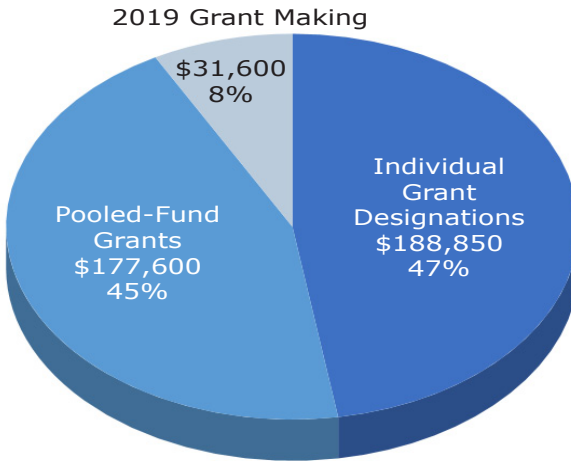
SOURCE OF FUNDS

Member Fees & Donations	\$438,170
Susan Smith Endowment Fund	11,716
Interest Income	717
TOTAL	\$450,603

USE OF FUNDS

Individual Grant Designations	\$188,850
Pooled-fund Grants	177,600
IWCF Operations	52,553
Restricted for 2019 Grant Making	31,600
TOTAL	\$450,603

GRANT MAKING



Diversity and Inclusion Policy

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation is committed to equal opportunity and diversity. In its membership, employment opportunities and its business partners, IWCF is inclusive; IWCF makes determinations only on relevant qualifications. IWCF is committed to the principles of diversity and will not discriminate based upon race, religion, gender, age, disability, marital status, gender identity or sexual orientation.

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