

# Newsletter

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation

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## IWCF Awards \$162,051 in 2013 Pooled Grants pictures by Diane Ronayne



**Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County**  
*After School Transportation Program*  
\$10,000



**Family Medicine Residency of Idaho**  
*Creating Idaho's First School Based Health Clinic at Meridian Elementary*  
\$25,000



**Genesis World Mission**  
*Garden City Community Clinic Dental Expansion; Dental Specialty Referral Network*  
\$24,397



**Glens Ferry Historical Museum**  
*Where Art and History Meet*  
\$24,654



**Idaho Law Foundation**  
*New American Law Academy for Refugees*  
\$13,500



**Interfaith Sanctuary Housing Services**  
*Expanded New Directions in Supportive Services for Boise's Homeless Population*  
\$19,500



**Southwest Idaho Mountain Biking Association (SWIMBA)**  
*Better Use of Volunteers to Expand Capacity to Build and Maintain Trails*  
\$20,000



**Useful Glassworks (formerly Sustainable Futures)**  
*Building Capacity, Maximizing Efficiency, and Streamlining Methodology*  
\$25,000

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From the

# President

We've just hosted our 12th Annual Meeting, offering a chance for members to meet our new grantees and get a feel for what our funds will achieve. This year, we invested \$162,051 and, for the third year, we funded eight projects. As you'll see elsewhere in this newsletter, your gifts are breaking ground in health care, assisting children, making a difference in the environment and helping a small community establish a cultural arts center it wouldn't otherwise have.

The Susan Smith Endowment Fund you established to sustain IWCF in the long term has also done well. Because of your continued contributions and a prudent investment strategy, it now totals in excess of \$380,000! While the stock market is never a sure thing, and we don't count on a continuous upward progression, we feel good about where it's headed.

The time has again come to mark the power of collaborative giving. A few years ago, we celebrated "\$1,000,000 Well-Spent." Thanks to your ongoing desire to have significant, positive impacts on our extended community, the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation is poised now to celebrate a new milestone: \$2,250,000 invested in making a difference. You've achieved this remarkable success through our Pooled Fund, which put our collective gifts to work for 61 grantees, plus your individual grant designations to more than 300 other grant recipients.

On September 11, Kim Lynch and Mike Mallea are generously offering the grounds of the former Idaho Governor's Mansion at Irene and 21st for an outdoor soirée reminiscent of our 10th Anniversary Celebration. Come share in the fun and spend a little time feeling good about the difference you're making.

In gratitude,

Dana Kehr

## 2013-14 Board of Directors

Dana Kehr, *President*

Suzanne Lierz, *Vice President*

Susan Mauk, *Secretary*

Debbie Johnson, *Treasurer*

Ginny Miller, *Operations Chair*

Jan Riener, *Arrangements Chair*

Jena Vasconcellos, *Board Development Chair*

Beth Markley, *Communication & Marketing Chair*

Vicki Kreimeyer, *Education Chair*

Helen Carter, *Grants Chair*

Susan Smith, *Membership Chair*

Jackie Groves, *Member-at-Large*

Heather Jauregui, *Member-at-Large*

Kim Liebich, *Member-at-Large*

Tena Lokken, *Member-at-Large*

Jo Anne Minnick, *Member-at-Large*

## Thank You!

Café Vicino

Bea Black, Women's and Children's Alliance

Diane Demarest, Family Advocates

Kerry Hagerty

Evelyn Johnson, Lee Pesky Learning Center

Cyndi Friend Kay

Autumn Kersey, Idaho Business Review

Jim Kissler

Marcia Liebich

Patti Miller, Basque Museum and Cultural Center

Kristin Shaffer

Cathy Silak, Concordia University, School of Law

Tom Tompkins, Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy

Lisa Uhlmann, Women's and Children's Alliance

Denae Warren, Mercy Housing Northwest Idaho

## Welcome New Members!

Since February 2013

Deborah Brown

Ellen Bush

Kate Gorrissen

Cathy Janis

Luana Lamkin

Susan Lawrence

Lois Lenzi

Judy Nicola

Stacy Pearson

# IWCF Board Changes

## *Kudos and Thank You to OUTGOING Board Members Goltry, Gorrissen, Miller and Snyder*

Four fabulous women from the IWCF Board are being bid “adieu.”

**Tory Goltry** and **Celinda Snyder** served as Members-at-Large, lending their substantial skills and initiative in many ways, from marketing to grant impact studies to strategic planning to just plain old good governance and impressive questions and insights.

**Margaret Gorrissen** headed up Membership, chaired numerous recruiting events and helped us break the 300 member mark. IWCF has continued to grow at a healthy 10 percent annually. Margaret put together a strong committee dedicated to gaining new members and retaining current ones. Her good humor and dedication will be missed.

**Celeste Miller’s** co-chairmanship of the Grants Committee and her participation on the Board made possible huge strides in efficiency, online processes and consideration of future possibilities. Her dealing with contracts and legal issues, combined with her nearly daily contact with committee members and nonprofit organizations, made for great success in IWCF grant-making.

## *Welcome INCOMING Board Members Minnick, Jauregui, Carter and Miller*

Four amazing women are joining the IWCF Board! The IWCF Board continues to be strong and committed, welcoming new members who bring their strengths and “new blood” to the leadership of IWCF.

**Jo Anne Minnick** and **Heather Jauregui** begin their Board service as Members-at-Large. Jo Anne has an education background and is involved in a number of nonprofit organizations. Heather has worked in development, fundraising and marketing; currently, she is a consultant to nonprofit groups across the country. They are joined by Tena Lokken and Kim Liebich, who are new to the Member-at-Large position but are veterans to board responsibilities. Jackie Groves continues in this position, making five Members-at-Large.

**Helen Carter** is partnering with Anne Hay at the helm of the Grants Committee. She serves on several community boards, enjoying retirement after many years with Hewlett-Packard.

**Ginny Miller** has been working non-stop since February, taking over Operations from Kim Liebich. With the office staff, they are writing procedures to keep IWCF running smoothly and efficiently.

## 2013 - 2014 IWCF Board



Front row: Tena Lokken, Beth Markley, Jo Anne Minnick, Susan Smith, Jan Riener, Anne Hay, Heather Jauregui Back row: Debbie Johnson, Helen Carter, Vicki Kreimeyer, Dana Kehr, Ginny Miller, Suzanne Lierz, Jena Vasconcello Missing: Susan Mauk, Jackie Groves, Kim Liebich

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# Endowment Report 2012 - 2013

Debbie Johnson, Treasurer

The Susan Smith Endowment Fund was established in March 2009 to support the organization's administrative needs in perpetuity. Members and friends responded generously, and as of May 31, 2013, the value of the investment account totals \$383,291.

In April 2012, an investment policy was adopted for the Fund and an investment account was set up with Aspen Capital Management to oversee and manage these funds consistent with the policy. The objective is to balance safety of principal with long-term growth of capital. The investment goals are to have 70 percent of assets in broad-based global equity funds, 27 percent in fixed-income accounts and 3 percent in cash.

Our funds were deposited with Aspen Capital Management on June 19, 2012 and experienced an approximate \$63,000 in growth with a combination of interest, dividends and market appreciation, plus \$5,050 in new contributions to the Endowment. Although this growth has helped our Fund tremendously, we are mindful that in the stock market, past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

Aspen Capital has done a superb job of managing this investment. Thank you Mike Mers, for donating staff expertise and services to IWCF.

## Membership Committee Update

For the past year, the membership committee chaired by Margaret Gorrissen and a membership-engagement task force chaired by Mindy Plumlee and Susan Smith, have been discussing different approaches to enhance the IWCF membership experience. We have explored a range of subjects, including communication, events, outreach to members, new-member orientations and a mentoring project.

To make the IWCF experience as rich as possible, we have started small-group orientations for new members, and in September we will launch a mentoring program. It needs three elements: mentors willing to share their IWCF knowledge, mentees who would enjoy getting to know a fellow member and learning more about the mission of IWCF, and a coordinator. The good news is that Linda Perez, who is familiar with the program from working with Mindy Plumlee to create it, will be the coordinator.

We are over 300 members, and we want to make sure that each one, whether new or current, feels welcome and valued.

*We are looking for 15 to 20 women to serve as mentors for new members. This program will start up in the fall. If you have been in IWCF for two or more years, had committee involvement and want to share your passion for the organization, please contact Linda Perez at [lperez@cablone.net](mailto:lperez@cablone.net) or 208-949-1053.*

## Thank You To Our Newest

### Three-Year Members

Margi Babcock	Stacey Nolan
Nikki Balch	Minnie Patton
Pamela Doucette	Barbara Petersen
Jennifer Dye	Daria Pori
Heidi Egerman	Kristin Prieur
Janice Fulkerson	Lisa Reed
Kam Garner	Mary Reiman
Leslie Garrett	Lisa Rendon
Tonia Ginkel	Jan Riener
Rashelle Gussner	Karen Ruttkie
Sondra Hackborn	LeAnn Simmons
Aileen Hale	Penny Simons
Sharon Hanson	Mary Slaughter
Jane Houston	Susan Tabb
Sue Hunter	Doris Talbutt
Martha Keener	Glenda Talbutt
Nancy Kobe	Judith Taylor
Kathy Kustra	Marisela Therrien
Jeanie Mooney	Mikel Ward
Nancy Napier	

### Six-Year Members

Susan Abdo	Anne Hay
Suzanne Bergmann	Sharon Katz
Donna Dahlberg	Kaye Knight
Marlys Davenport	Vicki Kreimeyer
Jeanne Doering	Kathy Lee
Betsy Dunklin	Theresa Madrid
Sherry Dyer	Tina Michael
Dixie Dykman	Patty Northrop
Shelley Smith Eichmann	Linda Perez
Ardyth Eisenberg	Mindy Plumlee
Tory Goltry	Janice Stevenor Dale
April Gwin	Janelle Wise

### Ten-Year Members

Desh Anderson	Debbie Johnson
Vicky Coelho	Marcia Liebich
Linda Gossett	Treacy Liebich
Kay Hardy	Suzi Pearson
Iris Hendrickson	Gini Woolley
Margaret Hepworth	

*These members will be recognized at our Fall social in September. Thank you for your membership in IWCF, for it is your philanthropic engagement that drives our positive community impact.*

# Upcoming Events

## A Celebration of Milestone Giving

Wednesday, September 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

At the home of Kim Lynch and Michael Mallea, Former Governor's Mansion, 1805 N 21st Street, Boise

Join us for our 12th birthday social and celebration of the thoughtful giving of \$2.25 Million.

[RSVP@IdahoWomensCharitableFoundation.org](mailto:RSVP@IdahoWomensCharitableFoundation.org)

### BUGS Grant Update & Garden Tour

Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 11:15 a.m.

Boise Urban Garden School, 4821 W Franklin St., Boise

In 2009/2010 Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS) received an IWCF grant to launch a school garden program at Taft Elementary School. Now, BUGS would like to invite IWCF members to an educational tour of the BUGS youth garden, and provide an update on the Taft Elementary project and steps that have increased access to gardening education in the time since the grant was awarded.

Lunch will be created and served by BUGS summer program participants and will include a tour of the garden, and updates from Executive Director, Erin Guerricabeitia and Board President, Deb Holleran.

RSVP – email Erin at [erin@boiseurbangardenschool.org](mailto:erin@boiseurbangardenschool.org) or call (208) 891-4769 Xt 103 by June 24

### Health Risks for Children

Wednesday, September 25, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Anderson Center, Boise

This will be a joint event of IWCF and the St. Luke's Women's Forum focused on the number one health risk to children – childhood obesity. Box lunch will be provided at no cost – [RSVP@IdahoWomensCharitableFoundation.org](mailto:RSVP@IdahoWomensCharitableFoundation.org).

#### Panelists include:

**Dr. Greg Janos**, St. Luke's Children's Hospital Medical Director, discusses childhood obesity and other risks.

**Jim Everett**, YMCA CEO, will cover the significance and necessity of healthy activities and exercise for children.

**Stacy Beeson**, St. Luke's Nutritionist, will describe nutrition issues and the importance of young people eating right.

**Dr. Mindy Gaddis**, Pediatrician with the YEAH! Program (Youth Engaging in Activities for Health) explains engaging the entire family in lifestyle changes including healthy eating, physical activity, and positive behavior changes.

## Susan Smith named Founding President



The Board position of Past President was filled for the first time this year by Susan Smith. She has continued her commitment to IWCF through endless hours of hard work on a number of committees, as well as good counsel to the Board itself. The Past President is a one-year position, which ended at the Annual Meeting.

To recognize her unique long-time service in establishing this amazing organization as its first president, as well as her on-going value as a philanthropic leader, the Board recently voted to confer on Susan the honorary title of Founding President. Her advice and participation under this title will be welcomed forever. As it is an honorary spot on the Board she may also be elected to an active Board position, as is the case this year.

As she takes on her newest position of Membership Chair she starts her committee recruitment with this request - if you want to serve on the membership committee and help generate ideas for recruitment, events and retention. The committee meets every third Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Thank you, Susan, for your wealth of leadership skills, philanthropic vision and institutional knowledge!

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## *Save the Date! for September Events*

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### **Women's Collective Giving Grantmaking Network**

has a new site: <https://sites.google.com/site/wcgnnetwork/>

In 2009, IWCF celebrated \$1 million of giving at "A Well-Spent Million." Not only did we celebrate, but our event sparked the beginning of a nationwide network of like organizations with collective-giving models.

The goal of the Women's Collective Giving Grantmaking Network is to amplify the power of women giving together by providing a forum for sharing information and best practices. Currently, the network has 35 member organizations representing 18 states. In 2012 alone, these organizations, representing 6,000-plus members, contributed more than \$8.8 million in grants to their local communities. The next conference is scheduled for April 2014 in St. Louis, hosted by the Spirit of St. Louis Women's Foundation.

**\*Please Let Us Know** - Any time you have a comment or question, feel free to contact us.  
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