

iwcf newsletter

Summer 2017

IWCF Awards 2017 Pooled-Fund Grants



Bee City USA

*Garden City Pollinator
Habitat
\$21,500*



Boise Contemporary Theater

*The MakeSpace Loft
at BCT
\$30,000*



Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline

*Suicide Prevention Outreach to
Rural Southwest Idaho
\$30,000*



**Intermountain Fair Housing
Council, Inc.**

*Housing Justice Center Project
\$30,000*



Lee Pesky Learning Center

*Mental Health Support at Meridian
Elementary
\$25,000*



Love INC Boise

*Donation Station Expansion
Project
\$25,000*

Congratulations to our 2017 Grantees!

Positive change through thoughtful giving

From the President

*“Hide not your talents. They for use were made.
What’s a sundial in the shade?”*
– Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Franklin was one of our nation’s first philanthropists, devoted to public service, and considered often to be the father of American civil society. He led the way, helping to establish the institutions that made Philadelphia an attractive place to live. He used his strengths to benefit his community with a legacy that endures today. He believed, like we do, in giving wisely and encouraging others to do the same.

Research shows that time invested in the development of our strengths – our natural talents – delivers several more times the potential for growth than time spent correcting our deficiencies. According to 40 years of studies by Gallup, individuals who focus on their strengths every day are “six times as likely to be engaged in their jobs and more than three times as likely to report having an excellent quality of life in general.”

When I think about the strengths of IWCF – educated philanthropy and collective giving – the engagement of our members isn’t a surprise. We value these activities. We are good at them. We strive to develop our organization’s strengths to improve our grantmaking.

And now, we are embarking on a new initiative to enrich our personal skills. This summer, you will be invited to take the StrengthsFinder® 2.0 assessment and attend a special IWCF workshop to explore the results. If you’ve completed the assessment previously, you can participate in the workshop, too. It will be a discovery opportunity to understand your natural talents and how to take action to make the most of your skills, knowledge and experience.

I’m ready find my strengths and apply my talents at home and work, through IWCF, and in our community for positive impact. Are you?

With gratitude,
Heather Jauregui, President
hajauregui@gmail.com

Welcome New Members

Since February

Tami Casper	Heather Meuleman
Jennifer Dunmire	Ashley Myers
Susan Gibson	Jennifer Sampson
Jennifer Jones	Beth Schattin
Connie Liposchak	Tammi Vacha-Hasse
Mary Kay McFadden	

Thank You!

Kate Aravich	Carly Liebich	Mary Slaughter
Christine Avey	Treacy Liebich	Gerry Soule
Jeanne Barker	Suzanne Lierz	Susan Smith
Linda Beebe	Carrie Matsko	Glenda Talbutt
Sherry Bithell	Janell McGill	Jo Wenger
Denise Brennan	Lori Mers	
Vicky Coelho	Mike Mers -	<i>Our newsletter</i>
Kathy Durbin	<i>Aspen Capital</i>	<i>editors:</i>
Sydney Fidler	Scott Peterson	Heather Jauregui
Andy Gibson	Wes Peterson	Kim Peake
Jillian Huang	Amanda Rich	Diane Ronayne
Heather Jauregui	Jan Riener	Mike Ward
Tricia Kennedy	Laura Simic	

IWCF 16th Anniversary Party

~ 2001 to 2017 ~

Celebrate 16 years of educated pooled-fund grantmaking
Honor our 1, 3, 10 and 15 year members

Tuesday, September 12, 2017
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Venue to be announced

Social beverages and appetizers

Guests, spouses, friends, significant others, and
colleagues are cordially welcome!!

\$15/per person

Our Grant Recipients Keep Growing... Growing...Growing

by Susan May, *Outgoing Grants Chair*

Our 2017 Annual Meeting created another exciting opportunity to celebrate the pooled-fund grants process. Due to our growth in membership and the generosity of all members, we were able to award six grants and still have more than \$36,000 in reserve for our next biennial grant. We also made a \$1,000 contribution to each of the four “runners-up” on the ballot. Of our six grants winners only one had previously received an IWCF grant.

The pooled-fund grants awards have grown to 87! Our community impact continues to grow, and these 2017 grantees will employ our funds to expand their efforts to improve and change lives in the following ways:

Cultural Arts

Boise Contemporary Theater will remodel a loft to create an affordable, dedicated space for young artists to practice and perform inspiring new works for our community.

Education

Lee Pesky Learning Center will provide mental health support for students at Meridian Elementary through training and ongoing classroom mentoring.

Environment

Bee City USA-Garden City will continue to expand a habitat that educates and raises awareness about serious threats to bees (our much-needed pollinators).

Financial Stability

Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Inc. will help provide affordable, safe housing by offering legal services to individuals and families experiencing discriminatory housing issues.

Love, INC Boise will build a donation station to expand space for beds, dishes, and clothing that will be provided to families in need, working toward self-sufficiency.

Health

Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline will provide enhanced outreach and training to increase the use of crisis and suicide prevention services in southwestern Idaho.

Congratulations to these fabulous organizations, many thanks to the more than 50 members who served on a grants committee this year, and huge gratitude to all members for your ongoing commitment to IWCF.



Congratulations!

Opportunity to Volunteer!

by Susan Smith, *Membership Committee*

Please join us on August 22 at 5:30 p.m. for a very fun evening. We need 15 people to step forward for an approximate six-hour commitment to help at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. We will be asked to help prepare the theater, seat and greet guests, hand out programs and assist with ticket-taking. Then we will have the pleasure of watching the production and getting a shout-out to IWCF!

ISF VOLUNTEER INFO

RSVP - a members-only event

For more details or contact Donna Wetherley at 345-9207 or wetherleys@cableone.net.

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IWCF Grants Assessment and Impact Committee

Review of Progress Reports, May 2017, by Deb Holleran



In May, the Grant Assessment and Impact Committee (GAI) reviewed progress reports from three, 2015 multi-year grant winners ([Feed the Gap](#), [Good Samaritan Home](#) and [Idaho Children's Trust Fund](#)); one,

2016 multi-year grant winner ([Children's Free Dental Clinic](#)); and the 2016 ABC grant winner ([Valley Regional Transit](#)) for disbursement of \$60,000 in IWCF grant monies. The GAI receives progress reports from all of our grant award winners at six-month intervals during the life of the grant.

These five organizations shared exciting highlights regarding the impact our pooled-fund grant monies have had within their communities. Here are a few excerpts:

[The Good Samaritan Home's](#) completion of their extensive remodeling projects brought the Home into the 21st century, up-to-code on building requirements and is providing a "homey" atmosphere rather than an institutional one. An Open House is scheduled for Friday, July 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 3501 W. State Street, Boise. Please RSVP to the Home at (208) 343-6051.

[The Children's Free Dental Clinic](#) and their Miles of Smiles Dental Van Project was able to increase the number of children seen by their volunteer professionals and expand their clinical efforts to additional schools (6+ at this reporting period). One third grade student was so fearful, the treatment staff had to develop a specific plan to gradually ease her fears and gain her trust. Now a 6th grader, she is proud to show off her permanent teeth, with no cavities and a beautiful smile!

And, **[Valley Regional Transit's](#)** Mobile Village Van Service has seen a steady increase (9%) in employment agencies finding jobs for workers who are enrolled in the Village Van Service. Also, for the first 6 months since receiving their grant monies, approximately 30 individuals have used this service.

If you'd like to review all of the progress reports, please contact Deb Holleran (holl77@cableone.net) or Kim Liebich (kimliwcf@gmail.com) for a link to each of the project reports. Additionally, we would love to have you on our committee - please holler to join us.

Annual Meeting 2017

By Linda Perez, Membership Chair

The setting for this year's Annual Meeting was breathtaking. The spring weather was at its best, and viewed from the dining room at Hillcrest Country Club, the Boise Foothills were on glorious display. Add the excitement and camaraderie of the 166 members and guests present, and you have what makes for a momentous evening.



Suzanne Lierz called us to order for the last time as president and reflected on our collective impact over the past year; Heather Jauregui greeted us with a smile as incoming president and shared the key initiatives planned for IWCF in the months ahead. Secretary Terry Anderson confirmed the approval of the membership's balloting of required business, bylaws updates, new budget, and new board of directors.

The climax was the Grants Presentation! IWCF members invested a total of \$165,500 in six worthy projects, each



described by a grantee representative. After hearing from them, at the end of the evening we went home inspired, knowing how much we affect positive change through our thoughtful pooled-fund giving.

Boise Parks: No Longer Just Playgrounds

by Jo Anne Minnick, Education Committee

On the morning of March 21, 2017, IWCF members and guests gathered at the Boise Train Depot for an educational program on Boise Parks and Recreation and the city's green space. Parks Planner Jennifer Tomlinson shared information about the history, current status and future of our park facilities and recreation opportunities.



There are currently 77 developed and 13 undeveloped parks in Boise. In addition to the better known regional and small neighborhood parks, the Boise Parks and Recreation Department maintains the grounds of the Anne Frank Memorial, Log Cabin Literary Center, Boise Train Depot, two cemeteries (Morris Hill and Pioneer) and two golf courses (Warm Springs and Quail Hollow), and assists with Idaho Ice World, Zoo Boise, Fort Boise Community Center, West Boise Aquatics Center and the Foothills Learning Center.

"Parks...are for a collective experience," Tomlinson explained. "The city is trying to create opportunities [for all] to get outside." Parks should be "accessible and close to where people live...[ideally within] a half-mile radius...Parks aren't just playgrounds anymore."

Parks and Rec tries to accommodate the wishes of community members. Two unique parks became realities as the result of recommendations from the public and much planning, hard work and cooperation by the city, businesses and Boise Parks and Rec.

2) The new Whitewater Park for both kayakers and surfers is also attracting national attention. Phase 2 will increase the length of the runs and add seating and viewing areas for spectators.



Plans for the future include:

- Renovation of Ann Morrison Park
- Addition of a pickle ball court (Boise already has a cricket mound)
- Creation of a number of small urban parks with AstroTurf so downtown residents have places to walk their dogs
- A walking park – no dogs
- Preservation of the Spaulding Ranch, a property near Cole and Mountain View recently purchased by the city, to be a working vintage farm used for educational purposes with actual crops grown, farm animals on site and machinery in use.



We all came away from the Boise Train Depot better informed about our parks and proud of our city for its accomplishments thus far in the wide range of experiences our parks offer. We look forward to what the future holds for our parks and recreational opportunities in Boise.



1) Rhodes Skate Park in downtown Boise is recognized as a premiere skateboarding venue. On June 9 and 10, the national X Games qualifier was held there, televised on ESPN.

Renewal Deadline Change

by Heather Jauregui, President



At its May meeting, our Board approved changing the membership renewal deadline to January 31.

This change solves a stressful problem we've faced year-after-year: not having our grant funds in place until the day before the grants ballot is sent to the membership. This practical change will help us know at the beginning of the grants process the actual amount of pooled funds we will have to grant in the current year, and the remainder amount to allocate toward the ABC grant. Memberships renewed after January 31 may be added to the pooled-grant funds for the next year's grants cycle. Our Individual Grant Designation deadline remains June 30.

New members may join anytime during the year, and their investment will be added to the pooled-grant funds as soon as possible. Please watch for more reminders in the coming months. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming 2017 Dates

July Office Hours

The office will be open sporadically in July, but messages and mail will be checked weekly. We return on August 1.

Saturday, August 5
Deadline for StrengthsFinder® 2.0
(Details on right)

Tuesday, August 22
Shakespeare Volunteer Evening
5:30 p.m., Idaho Shakespeare Festival (page 3)
RSVP

Wednesday, September 6
StrengthsFinder® 2.0 Workshop
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., BSU Alumni & Friends Center Ballroom
RSVP-Please take the test first (Details on right)

Tuesday, September 12
IWCF 16th Anniversary Party
6:00 - 8:00 p.m., location TBA (page 2)

Have You Thought of Yourself as a Leader in IWCF?

by Laura Simic, Leadership Development Chair

Are you trying to figure out how you might best contribute and have fun doing it?

In July, you'll have the opportunity to use Gallup's StrengthsFinder® 2.0 to help find answers to those questions. StrengthsFinder® 2.0 will help us gain insight into ourselves individually, and will also help IWCF identify potential leadership and build effective committees and teams.

For decades, the StrengthsFinder® 2.0 assessment has helped people excel. From top business executives and managers to salespeople, nurses, teachers, students, pastors, and others, millions of people have realized the benefits of leading with their strengths.

Additional research finds people who know and use their strengths every day are more likely to experience positive emotions (energetic, well-rested, happy, respected) and less likely to experience negative ones (stress, worry, anger, sadness).



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Achieving these benefits and more starts with the 177-question online StrengthsFinder® 2.0 assessment. In less than 30 minutes, people who take the assessment receive:

- A measure of their natural talents within 34 themes
- A life-changing lens for self-awareness
- A language to more accurately describe what they do best
- Action items and in-depth information to use as they set out to accomplish their goals

Watch for more information in the next month for how to go on line and take the assessment for only \$19.99 by August 5, and mark your calendar now for a **StrengthsFinder® 2.0 workshop on September 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**