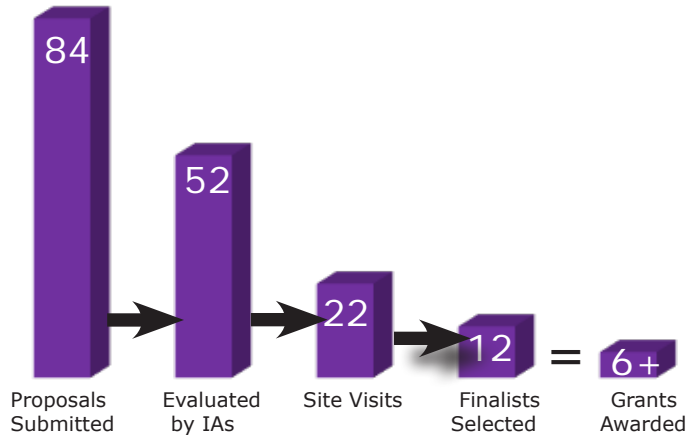


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2019 Pooled-Fund Grants Cycle



by Amy Duque, Grants Chair

Another exciting grants season is upon us! The dedication and hard work that brings our amazing village together to conduct our annual grants cycle never ceases to impress me. The Grants Steering Committee has spent the last month thoroughly examining each of the 84 grant applications that came in this year. We should all offer our deepest thanks for the experience and wisdom of **Christine Avey, Barbara Derby, Mary Hindson, Deb Holleran, Christine Keller, Susan Mauk, Susan May, Celeste Miller, Andrea Roope, Jen Sampson, Ann Sandven, Susan Smith, and Barb Turner**, under the capable leadership of Committee Chair **Kim Liebich**. Our committee screened each proposal and moved 52 forward into consideration for a 2019 grant.

The next team to take the baton was the Business and Finance Committee, who, in ten short days, read all 52 applications with special emphasis on financials, tax documents, and budgets. We worked together to assign risk ratings to each proposal and provide commentary to accompany each application to its next phase. Sincere appreciation to **Hillary Betz, Molly Guenther, Lori Smith, Sue Speer, and**

Susan Tabb, under the expert leadership of **Pamela Briggs**. These women really know their stuff! I always learn so much from them in our discussions. They brought to light many important considerations for the benefit of our Interest Area (IA) Committees.

And now the fun begins for the entire grants committee! We have six IA Committees meeting this year: Cultural Arts will be evaluating five proposals; Education will be evaluating nine; Environment will have three; Financial Stability has eight; Health has 12; and Above and Beyond will be considering 15. There are 80 members involved in some aspect of grants this year, which I think is the most ever. Of these, 24 are brand new to IWCF, which is invigorating our grants process and raising the enthusiasm level for everyone involved. It is an exciting time to be serving on Grants!

Please save one of the following dates to attend a Q&A session to discuss the grant proposals that make it to our April Ballot: **Thursday, April 4** (11:30 a.m., Boise Watershed) or **Saturday, April 6** (10:30 a.m., Boise Contemporary Theater).

If you haven't served on a grants committee before, make it a priority to sign up next year. It is a remarkable experience of camaraderie, is so rewarding to see the process through to the conclusion, and provides a window into all the exciting things the nonprofit community is already doing, needs help to do next year, and is dreaming of doing in the long-term. No prior experience is necessary--just the ability to read with care, use sound judgment, and discuss your findings with an open heart and mind with your IWCF peers.

Positive change through thoughtful giving

From the President

With the aging and record growth of Idaho's population, I've been thinking about how local nonprofit organizations are impacted and their readiness to respond.



Do their leadership have the plans in place to solve known challenges and the ability to address new problems as they emerge? Do they have the capacity—people and funding—to meet the needs and deliver the services and programs their missions promise?

Do they have enough philanthropic support to provide the momentum they need to make sustainable, lasting change?

The due diligence our grants committees conduct on behalf of the membership considers these questions so we can vote with confidence and trust that all ballot finalists are worthy of a pooled grant.

In a few short weeks we'll be voting the ballot finalists and awarding our 100th pooled-fund grant! Just as with our first grant awarded in 2002, it will be given with excitement and pride knowing it will help improve the lives of our fellow Idahoans. It will be powered by the generosity of our members and our belief in the value of collective giving.

With gratitude for your contributions to IWCF,

Heather Jauregui



Service Day 2016 Idaho Foodbank

Thank You to our helpful members

Marti Agler	Marilyn McAllister
Sherry Bithell	JoAnne Minnick
Molly Blackaby Harder	Judy Nicola
Jill Carissimi	Megan Orthmeyer
Carolyn Casey	Linda Perez
Amy Duque	Jan Riener
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Linnea Lovlien	Donna Wetherley
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Susan May	

Members Give \$196,500 to the 2019 Pooled Fund

by Linda Perez, Membership Chair



Thank you for your continued membership and for building the pooled fund for our 2019 grants. IWCF is 393 members strong! The January 31st renewal deadline enables our membership to know the actual amount of pooled funds available at the start of the grants cycle.

We understand there may be extenuating circumstances for members that have not yet renewed. We encourage you to still “pledge” your membership by completing the online renewal form. [Click here](#) to pledge now.

The second part of your renewal is the Individual Grant Designation (IGD). This is the portion of your donation which you designate to the charity(ies) of your choice. If you have not filled out your IGD and wish to do so now, [here](#) is the link for your convenience.

Once you’ve renewed and designated your IGD, our last request is to **please remember to vote**. The ballot opens Monday, April 1 and closes Wednesday, April 17 at noon.

Finally, you can enrich your membership experience by participating in the grants process or serving on one of IWCF’s committees. There are also social and educational events for our members to attend throughout the year. However, if

you are just “super happy” making your financial contribution to IWCF, that works too! Regardless of how you choose to be involved, IWCF deeply values your commitment to our organization. Thank you for being a member and making a difference in our community!

Welcome New Members

Since November 2018

IWCF is excited to welcome the following new Blue Ribbon members. Thank you for joining our mission!



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| Pam Ahrens | Carolyn Rees |
| Leann Arkema | Simone Roope |
| Sally Balluff | Georgia Roope |
| Sue Balluff | Parker Roope |
| Rachel Bergmann | Nancy Roth |
| Jennifer DeBoer | Fran Rutter |
| Jennifer Dickey | Cassie Shoebridge |
| Deb Eisinger | Monique Smith |
| Jeanne Gorrissen * | Heidi Smith |
| Bev Harad | Monique Smith |
| Linda Hendricks | Rachel Smith |
| Mary Mandell | Amy Stahl |
| Kay Mechigian | Adrienne Swain Smith * |
| Suki Molina | Vicky Swerdloff * |
| Diane Panetta | Gayle Verschoor |
| Lisa Reed * | *returning members |

The Heart of Our Mission: An Update on Our 2018 Grants

by Grants Assessment Committee

Grants are the heart of IWCF's mission. It's the reason we invest our time and resources. While selecting the recipient organizations in itself is quite rewarding, even greater joy comes from watching the execution of innovative and creative programs that positively affect the community.

In 2018, IWCF awarded \$173,600 in grants to six different organizations within the five interest areas: cultural arts, education, environment, financial stability and health. Great progress has been made putting our funds to work in the community. For more information on each grantee, click on their name to visit their website.

Jannus & the Refugee Speakers Bureau – \$30,000

Community Building Through Story



Storytelling is what makes us human and unites us across centuries and continents. Our grant allows the stories to be told. IWCF funds contributed to the hiring of a part-time coordinator to develop cultural events and partnerships and serve as a bridge between the refugee and non-refugee communities. The agency is well on track to meet their planned community outreach goals, having reached 339 people at 12 Neighborhood Narrative events since May. A short post-test showed participants felt



they were more informed about the refugee journey, refugees contribute to the story of Boise, and refugees need our support and friendship. As one participant stated: "...one person can make a difference to someone new."

Friends of MK Nature Center – \$25,000

New Signage for the MK Nature Center



If you are looking for a "feel-good" grant success story, this is it! IWCF funded an integrated signage upgrade and as of September, the project was completed! MK Nature Center finished the design work for the signage and fundraising ahead of schedule allowing them to receive their

final grant payment four months early. Uniform, lively, and accessible signage now provides educational support for hundreds of annual school tours and engages the thousands of individuals and families who visit the MK Nature Center annually.

If you haven't been, check it out!



Greenspeed Research – \$30,000

Renewable Energy Innovation Hub

Making grants does not come without unexpected results. Unfortunately, Greenspeed Research was forced to vacate their building unexpectedly, halting their 2018-2019 program and therefore, returned the grant. The \$30,000 will be added into our 2019 grant funds.

Interfaith Sanctuary – \$30,000

Work Program



- Full time employment for many.
- People moving from shelters to permanent residences.
- A gentleman who had been homeless for over ten years employed with the Boise Parks and Recreation, owning a home, and possessing his own transportation.

All of these stories paint a picture of the successful program expansion by Interfaith Sanctuary funded by IWCF to their work programs for their chronically homeless, unemployed guests. Interfaith Sanctuary partnered with the City of Boise Parks and Recreation and



Boise State University to provide employment in gardening work crews. Grant funds for the program provided salaries for case managers and transportation to job sites. Since receiving the IWCF grant, a new partnership has been established with Idaho Youth Ranch where guests are employed for regular hours at the same location. This improves efficiency and allows them to use one vehicle and fewer case managers to operate the program.

The program has been very successful leading to full-time employment for 14 guests with another three at the interview stage. In addition, eight guests have transitioned from the shelter to their own residence, and continue to work with the program and its case management team.

Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest – \$30,000

Increased Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception Methods for Underserved Women

This grant has had life changing impact. "It helps me know that I am safe and healthy, without being a major financial hardship," expressed one woman. It has also positively



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impacted the centers' personnel, giving them the opportunity to provide their patients this affordable option.



Currently, \$14,317 of the initial \$15,000 has been expended by Planned Parenthood for long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) services for 13 low-income women at the Boise and Meridian Health Centers.

The goal is to provide an additional 17 uninsured, underinsured, or low-income women with LARC services with the remaining grant funds in 2019. Planned Parenthood is well on their way to meeting that goal.

United Way of Treasure Valley & Sacajawea Community School – \$28,600

Extended Kindergarten

Investing in our children is an investment in our future. United Way of Treasure Valley and Sacajawea Community School are using the IWCF grant to extend half-day kindergarten to a full-day in an effort to improve early learning, numeracy, and literacy in the lowest achieving learners.

The initial \$14,300 award has been expended to support the paraprofessional salary and for material and intervention supplies and support.

Nineteen students are enrolled in Extended Kindergarten, reflecting good progress toward



the goal of 24 students by May 2019. The power of the grant is reflected in the students' enthusiasm and increased confidence. One classroom teacher commented, "The kids come back to our classes excited about what they've done and learned."



Newsletter Feedback?

CLICK HERE to give us your thoughts and ideas about our newsletters. We love your feedback.

A Winter Evening at The Owyhee

by Linda Perez, Membership Chair

IWCF members and their guests gathered for the annual Winter Social. The recruitment event was held in the lobby of The Owyhee and featured guest speakers Paul Webster and Bev Harad.

Paul Webster, Principal of Sacajawea Elementary and 2018 grant recipient, shared how the Extended Kindergarten program is already proving to be a success. When looking at the growth made on the state early literacy indicator, from August to December, "his kids" who were in the extended day kindergarten grew nearly twice as much as their peers who were only in the regular kindergarten class. These children are becoming better prepared for first grade rather than starting at a disadvantage. Not only have they seen improvements in the children, teachers and parents have benefited as well. Thank you, IWCF members! It's our giving that is making a positive change in the lives of these children.



Bev Harad is a philanthropic force in our community. She has served on numerous boards and is a founder, innovator, and (likely most satisfying for her) a mover and a shaker for education in our state and community. She successfully stopped education funding cuts through the mobilization of citizens, public opinion, and ultimately confronting the Idaho legislature. Her years of involvement and philanthropy have resulted in a wealth of knowledge and the ability to connect people and produce solutions. It was a true pleasure to be in her presence as she spoke of



her experiences and current undertakings. She is an inspiration to us all. And we are very excited that she is joining us as a new member of IWCF!

Thank you to everyone who came and brought guests so they could learn more about IWCF.

Winter Social



January
23,
2019



photos courtesy of Heather Webster

How the Growing Imbalance in Wealth and Income Affects the Community and You!

by Carolyn Casey, Education Committee



How is income inequality impacting our nation and our community? Who is hit the hardest and how do the impacts affect the total economy? Guest speaker and IWCF member Molly Guenther addressed these questions on January 30 at an

education event held at the BSU Alumni Center. Molly is an Investment Analyst and Portfolio Manager who has studied, researched, and written about economic trends throughout her thirty-year career.

Currently, the gap between rich and poor is the widest it has been in over a century. Surprisingly, the United States has the worst wealth disparity of all the developed nations. This trend has accelerated over the past twenty years as manufacturing jobs shifted overseas, technical advances increased productivity at the expense of jobs, and single-parent households became more prevalent. Our most vulnerable citizens are being severely impacted by the lack of affordable housing options, combined with sharp price increases in childcare (up 200% versus the rate of inflation), education (up 300%), and healthcare (up 200-300%).

There are some positive policies at the federal level to offset these alarming trends including the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit. However, healthcare costs are on an unsustainable trajectory and, as Molly pointed out, must eventually be addressed in a

constructive, bipartisan manner. In the meantime, innovative new delivery methods such as team-based primary care facilities and telehealth are helping to lower costs. Expanding pre-kindergarten programs, low-cost online options, and innovative new ways to fund college are helping to combat soaring education costs.

Molly also highlighted some local heroes: BSU's Re-Connect team is reaching out to former students who did not graduate from college to help get them across the finish line. Interfaith Sanctuary, with IWCF funding, has partnered with Boise Parks and Recreation to provide shelter residents compensated work opportunities and a pathway forward. Giraffe Laugh is offering high-quality educational childcare with scholarships for low-income families. Finally, IWCF is doing its part with education events such as this one to raise awareness of the increasing and critical income inequality issue.



A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

IWCF hosts numerous events throughout the year and it's important to collect images from these events.

If you are a photographer and are willing to donate your time in this way, please email Heather Webster at: macgwyn@gmail.com.

Always a Good Time at the Valentine Social

We had a lovely time at the Valentine Social held at Telaya Winery. Thank you to everyone who came out to join us!



photos courtesy of Linda Perez

Education Program Sharing our Journey: Celebrating Differences

Thursday, Feb. 28

Social: 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Workshop: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

University of Idaho College of Law

514 W. Jefferson Street, Boise

(former Ada County Courthouse)



Your Diversity and Inclusion Work Group and Education Committee have teamed up to bring you nationally recognized leadership and diversity trainer Angela Taylor, partner and co-founder of The DIGNITAS Agency. Ms. Taylor will show how different perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds promote innovation, creativity, and mission advancement.

Angela is an Idaho native who graduated from Stanford University, earned an MBA at New York University and had a 20-year career in the sports industry, namely the WNBA, as a coach and general manager.



Cost: \$12/person

Heavy appetizers & non-alcoholic beverages

No-host wine and beer [RSVP HERE](#)

IWCF Diversity and Inclusion Statement

IWCF believes diversity encompasses the whole human experience: gender, race, culture, education, personality, skills, life experiences, and more. It is everything in each person's life experience that results in unique perspectives and equips us to meet our mission. Inclusion is the critical link that enables our diverse membership to come to life, helping us unleash the power of our differences. Fostering a culture within IWCF that actively seeks and celebrates diverse backgrounds will help us to better understand, connect with, and serve our community.

Susan Smith Endowment Fund

by Debbie Johnson, Endowment Campaign Leader

In 2009, some of our forward-thinking members realized our administrative expenses would understandably grow if IWCF is to remain a strong philanthropic organization in southwest Idaho and a positive experience for our members. Subsequently, the Susan Smith Endowment Fund was established to provide a supplemental and sustainable resource, in addition to the annual administrative contribution from members, to fund the operations of IWCF.

Launched with an initial challenge grant of \$150,000, the endowment fund has grown to \$725,000, thanks to members' generosity and the recent matching grant from The Whitney Foundation. This year alone, the endowment will provide a record amount of \$20,522 to help fund IWCF operations.

We are immensely grateful to our many members and friends of IWCF who helped build the endowment fund with their cash contributions, Individual Grant Designations (IGD), and memorial gifts. Thank you for your investment in the future of IWCF.



Donors to the Susan Smith Endowment Fund since 2009

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International Women's Day--IWCF Tours & Service Projects with Grantees March 8

Good Samaritan Home (2015 Grant)
10:30-11:20 a.m., tour, [RSVP HERE](#)

Interfaith Sanctuary (2018 Grant)
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., donate food and/or eat lunch with guests, followed by tour, [RSVP HERE](#)

Bee City USA (2017 Grant)
2:30-3:30 p.m., garden spring clean up, [RSVP HERE](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

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Workshop: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
University of Idaho College of Law
514 W Jefferson Street, Boise
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Nominations for 2019-2020 Board of Directors Closes

Thursday, February 28

MARCH

New Member Orientation

Wednesday, March 6
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Home of IWCF Past President
Suzanne Groff Lierz
[RSVP HERE](#)

International Women's Day

See Page 11 for detailed schedule
for three opportunities with
grantees



Grants Ballot Finalists Decision

Wednesday, March 13
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel
[RSVP HERE](#)

Deadline for Individual Grant Designations

Sunday, March 31
[IGD form link](#) - don't wait!

APRIL

Ballot: Grants Voting Begins

Monday, April 1

Grants Ballot Q & A Socials

Thursday, April 4
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Boise Watershed
11818 W. Joplin Road, Boise
-or-

Saturday, April 6
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Boise Contemporary Theater
854 Fulton Street, Boise

Grants Voting Closes

Wednesday, April 17, noon

Ballot: Board of Directors & FY20 Budget

Monday, April 22

MAY

Annual Meeting and Grants Awards

Tuesday, May 7
6:00-8:30 p.m., JUMP

