

2016 Annual Report

WOMEN IN NORTHFIELD GIVING SUPPORT



WINGS is a **100% volunteer-led grassroots network** of women who **pool together resources** to **improve the lives of women and youth** in the **Northfield** area. Joining **WINGS** brings you into a community of **local women** who are **making a difference!** Since 2000, **WINGS** has grown to be the second-largest local grantor, **giving** over **\$810,000 to local nonprofit organizations.**

GIVE TO WINGS

Please join this dynamic organization! Simply send a check to: P.O. Box 845, Northfield, MN 55057 or donate online at: www.wings-mn.org/donate

Voting membership begins at \$120

WINGS MISSION

WINGS educates and expands the number of women in philanthropy, builds and strengthens community through pooled investments, and improves the lives of women and youth in the Northfield area through focused giving.



Leave a legacy that empowers women and children in Northfield. Join WINGS Forever by designating a legacy gift to WINGS. See Frequently Asked Questions about legacy giving on our website at www.wings-mn.org/legacy-giving.

STAY CONNECTED

Are you receiving emails from WINGS? If not, please contact us at Communications@wings-mn.org

WINGS 2016

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2016 WINGS Board (left to right):
Laura Riehle-Merrill, Leah Eby,
Nancy Moe, Meleah Follen,
Kathy Olson, Alice Carson,
Diane Lyman, Nancy Carlson,
Maelynn Rosas, Vicki Stevens,
Jacqui Dorsey
Not pictured:
Patsy Ophaug, Bonnie Jean Flom

President: Jacqui Dorsey
Vice President: Kathy Olson
Treasurer: Meleah Follen
Secretary: Diane Lyman
Grants: Alice Carson
Membership: Patsy Ophaug
Outreach: Nancy Moe
Communications: Leah Eby
At Large: Bonnie Jean Flom
At Large: Laura Riehle-Merrill
At Large: Maelyn Rosas
At Large: Vicki Stevens
Ex-Officio: Nancy Carlson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Chair: Nancy Carlson
Nominating Committee: Nancy Hegland, Mary Loven,
Mary Lynn Oglesbee

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The founding members of WINGS dreamed of an organization that would provide reliable funding for the Northfield community. They laid the foundation for success, and you have built multiple layers on that base. Our first year of grants was deemed a resounding success, as we gave \$21,258 in 2001. This year we more than tripled that amount by giving \$70,400. Another successful year!

Our future giving is supported through the use of our Endowment Fund, which now boasts a balance of more than \$560,000. This balance provides at least \$21,000 each year for grants. Many members have named WINGS as a beneficiary of their wills to ensure that our Endowment Fund will continue to grow. As our endowment grows so does the giving from that fund.

In addition, the full amount of your gifts to the Annual Fund and the WINGS Entrepreneurial Fund are put to use each year. These are the “wild cards” that increase our grants beyond the available amounts from the Endowment. Your donations can be made to one or all of the different funds.

This year’s grants included our second Dare to Dream award of \$10,000, which was given to create a Latino Childcare Providers Network. This project is a collaboration of Northfield Early Childhood Family Education and Northfield Promise. WINGS encourages collaboration by nonprofits, and this is a prime example. You can read more about the impressive project within this report.

Our annual fund got a boost of \$1,629 this year, which was a match for contributions on Give to the Max Day. This celebrates six new voting members, plus online contributions totaling \$11,129. These funds will be used for grants in 2017. Thank you to all who joined and contributed!

Your dedication and involvement has reinforced the role of WINGS as an essential funding source for our local nonprofits. Our pooled gifts are making a difference in our community. Thank you!

Jacqui Dorsey,
WINGS President



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WITH GRATITUDE

DARE TO DREAM GRANT 2016



What started as a dream by several local nonprofits and community partners became a reality in November thanks to the generosity of WINGS. With WINGS' second ever "Dare to Dream" grant award, the Latino Childcare Provider Network (LCPN) was born this fall. Over the next two years, the network will offer monthly trainings in Spanish to individuals who are providing early childhood care to children. Special emphasis is made to reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who are providing care, as data indicates that many young children in the community are cared for by these individuals.

At a LCPN training, attendees eat dinner together along with their children. The adults then spend the evening in the training, while the children are taken care of by a team of Northfield Early Childhood Family Education professionals and volunteers from the Northfield High School Child Development class.

Growing Up Healthy conducted a series of interviews with local Spanish speaking providers to gain initial topics for the trainings and to determine the time and location. Training topics for the



2016 HIGHLIGHTS



Ruth's House

Minnesota Community Foundation gave a \$500 grant to WINGS for its high-level organizational structure.

WINGS was featured in an article for Girlfriends Magazine, a regional publication.



Tattered Pages: Nfld Middle School

Communications Committee successfully launched our updated website in December.



first few months include: social-emotional skill development; nutrition/healthy eating; and first aid. After these opening months, organizers will survey those attending regularly to see what topics they would like to have covered.

In addition, the Dare to Dream grant made it possible to create a lending library of developmentally appropriate early childhood toys and activities. Training attendees can check these kits out to use over the next month with the children they care for. They can then bring the kits back to the next LCPN training to exchange for a new one.

“As the newly hired Growing Up Healthy Coordinator, I couldn’t be more excited to be partnering with the Latino neighborhood leaders to create a meaningful support system for those who provide childcare,” said Laura Tiano, Growing Up Healthy Coordinator. “The connections with Northfield Early Childhood Family Education and Northfield Early Childhood Initiative Coalition make this a truly exciting community effort – one that would never have been possible without WINGS’ support.”



For more information, please contact Laura at lauratiano@northfieldhci.org.



Northfield Fine Arts Boosters

The Fall event featured speakers from the Northfield Youth Bank. Anne Hoyt Taff also gave a historical perspective on women’s philanthropy.

Hannah Breiland was welcomed as our first youth board member. She brings ideas and energy to the Membership Committee and to the Board of Directors.



BWCA Wilderness Experience

WINGS has sponsorship funds available for membership fees.

Just ask a board member!

2016 WINGS GRANT RECIPIENTS

Dare to Dream: \$10,000

- Growing Up Healthy: Latino Childcare Providers Network – Collaborate with ECFE and Northfield Promise to create a Latino Childcare Providers Network

Basic Needs: \$10,700

- Ruth's House of Hope: Transitional Shelter Program – Partially fund the cost of utilities for shelter for homeless women and their children in Rice County
- Community Action Center: Housing Assistance for Women and Children – Provide direct rental or utility assistance to low-income households headed by women at risk of homelessness
- Northfield Area Learning Center: Backpack Food Program – Purchase food for work experience students at the ALC, pack backpacks with food, and deliver to schools and Three Links
- HOPE Center: Core Service Provision – Support HOPE Center's core services, including basic needs such as gas cards, grocery cards and safe housing

Education: \$34,100

- Northfield Area Learning Center: BWCA Wilderness Experience – Provide outfitting fees for wilderness experience for at-risk youth to build personal and workplace skills
- Northfield Fine Arts Boosters: Roger Jenni Instruments for All – Help purchase or repair donated instruments, buy music, and give lesson scholarships to those in need
- Northfield Middle School: Tattered Pages Bookstore – Purchase books to fill gaps in collection and purchase bows and gift wrap for holiday sales
- Greenvale Park Community School: Early Learning Childcare – Support early learning childcare to increase early learning curriculum, programming, and family involvement
- Greenvale Park Community School: Film – Support GVP Film, which will be a resource for video projects, photography and early career training for all HCI groups
- Northfield Booster Club: Athletic Fee Waivers – Assist with fees for athletes who cannot afford to participate in high school sports
- Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative: Scholarships – Offer sports scholarships to allow low-income youth to participate in sports sponsored by local associations
- Northfield Public Schools TORCH Program: Check and Connect – Help fund a Promise Fellow to implement the Check and Connect Program

- Northfield Public Schools TORCH Program: College Readiness – Support TORCH to help prepare students for college
- Northfield Union of Youth: Unlocking Relationships with the Key – Maintain current staffing levels and increase the presence of assistant daily staffers
- Project Friendship: Mentoring with Direction – Mentor/Mentee science-focused trips to River Bend Nature Center
- Northfield Public Schools Community Services: Connected Kids – Support school-based mentoring program targeting at-risk youth
- Northfield Public Schools: Camp FRIENDS – Provide summer social, recreational and educational programming for middle school and high school students with disabilities
- Dakota Prairie Adult Basic Education: Family School Transportation – Provide support for family literacy program consisting of adult English language learning, parenting education, early childhood education and parent/child interaction

Physical and Mental Health: \$6,600

- Northfield Area Family YMCA – Y Scholarships for low-income families
- Girl Scouts of MN & WI River Valleys: ConnectZ – Give girls from diverse and low-income communities the opportunities to develop skills
- Infants Remembered In Silence (IRIS) – Help fund bereavement support packets
- HealthFinders Collaborative: Northfield Service Expansion – Support the relocation of the Dundas office to downtown Northfield for increased access and associated service expansion

Entrepreneurship: \$9,000

- Dollars and \$ense – Support individual development account (IDA) program for lower-income youth
- Healthy Community Initiative: Northfield Youth Bank – Support youth-led grant making initiative which channels money into projects that will improve the quality of life in our community
- Mainstreet Project: Latina Women Agripreneur Project – Support Northfield Latina women in receiving ongoing support in poultry production
- Northfield Arts Guild: Autism and the Arts: Summer Art Mart – Support summer program with focus on generating art for the marketplace, including making, packaging, marketing and selling original art work at River Walk

2016 Treasurer's Report

Meleah Follen, Treasurer

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	Annual	Endowment	WEF	Operating	Totals
Balance 1/1/16	\$ 42,264	\$ 550,050	\$ 3,122	\$ 4,683	\$ 600,119
Contributions	\$ 25,228	\$ 18,400	\$ 1,261	\$ 5,165	\$ 50,054
Other Income	\$ 2,325*	\$ 7,124		\$ 13	\$ 9,462
Change in Value		\$ 26,962			\$ 26,962
Grants	\$ (45,518)	\$ (21,764)	\$ (3,118)	\$ (2,250)*	\$ (72,650)
Fees	\$ (381)	\$ (7,516)	\$ (103)	\$ (362)	\$ (8,362)
Operating Expenses				\$ (3,777)	\$ (3,777)
Balance 11/30/16	\$ 23,918	\$ 573,256	\$ 1,162	\$ 3,472	\$ 601,808

MN Partners does not update until 6 weeks after the close of the month. December numbers will be available by the end of February

* The Board voted in February of 2016 to move \$2,250 of accumulated operating funds into the annual fund for grant distribution

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE				
As of September 30, 2016				
Multi-Asset	Annualized 5 years	Annualized 3 years	1 year	YTD
Endowment Portfolio	9.0%	5.6%	(7.9%)	(5.7%)

NOTE: This year's Give to the Max Day was a week later than usual due to the election. Because of that there are no Give to the Max Day donations reflected in this report as funds were deposited into our accounts in mid-December. Updated numbers that will reflect the entire year's contributions will be available in mid to late February and will be distributed to membership via the e-newsletter.

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WINGS Membership <i>the sky's the limit!</i>				
\$1 - \$119	\$120 - \$299	\$300 - \$599	\$600 - \$1,199	\$1,200 +
\$10 + month	\$25 + month	\$50 + month	\$100 + month	
				
Friend/Student	Bronze Wings	Silver Wings	Gold Wings	Blue Wings

WHY JOIN WINGS? YOU WILL ...

- Simply donate or choose your time commitment - join a committee, if you'd like
- Pool your money with others to have a greater impact
- Focus your giving locally
- Expand your network of contacts in the community
- Connect with a thriving, active group of women
- Help this dynamic organization grow