



# WINGSPAN

WOMEN IN NORTHFIELD GIVING SUPPORT

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## A Letter from Your President

What makes you happy? Is it spending time with family and friends? Do you find joy in sharing the successes of your loved ones? Are you energized by making life easier for others?

The members of WINGS clearly enjoy helping others, and this goes beyond being happy, it translates into personal fulfillment. We take pride in our efforts to improve Northfield and make it the best place possible not only for today, but also for future generations.

How can we share those feelings of fulfillment? One WINGS member believes so strongly in doing so, that she has taken a big leap. She has committed to increasing our membership, and to increasing the funds available for grants, through the use of matching gifts.

I am proud to announce a Give to the Max Day Challenge, for November 17, 2016. A current WINGS member has pledged up to \$3,000 for new members and for contributions over \$10,000. This is how it works:

- \$100 for each new member at or above the Bronze level
- When WINGS total online GiveMN contributions reaches \$10,000, each dollar raised over the \$10,000 total will be matched.

Please help us meet this challenge. We will educate more women about philanthropy. We will increase the funds available for grants next year. Plus, it will make you happy.

Warmly, Jacqui Dorsey



*Help WINGS fly into the future. Become a sustaining member by donating monthly or annually.*

SAVE THE DATE

give TO THE MAX NOV 17, 2016

Bring a friend!  
2 ways to join in the fun!

- 1** WINGS Coffee and Social
  - Thursday, November 10, 2016
  - 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM
  - Hideaway Coffeehouse and Winebar
  - Schedule your donation early!*
- 2** WINGS Wine and Cheese Social:
  - Thursday, November 17, 2016
  - 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
  - The Alumni Guest House Library, Carleton College
  - Located at the corner of First and College Streets

## Renew your membership by November 30

**Thanks for your ongoing membership in WINGS!** As a member of WINGS, you have demonstrated your desire to focus your giving locally and to make an impact by supporting the needs of women and children in our community.

Please help WINGS process donations by renewing your membership by November 30. **One great way to ensure donations are received by this time is to participate in Give to the Max Day on November 17.** We also welcome you to become a sustaining member! Remember, you may donate at any time via our website at [www.wings-mn.org/donate](http://www.wings-mn.org/donate), or by sending a check to: WINGS, PO Box 845, Northfield, MN 55057.

## Help WINGS meet the Give to the Max Day Challenge and qualify for other prizes!

- Donate online early. Scheduled giving starts Nov. 1 and ends Nov. 16. All donations made within this period will be processed on GTMD.
- Online gifts through GiveMN qualify for the hourly drawing of \$1,000 Golden Tickets (24 of them) and the drawing for 2 Super-sized Golden Tickets of \$10,000.
- Help us qualify for Leaderboard prizes of \$1,000 to \$10,000
- Bring a friend to one or both events!

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

# Northfield YouthBank: Presents at Fall Event

Speakers from the Northfield YouthBank team “wowed” WINGS members at our fall event by showing us that youth philanthropy is alive and well in Northfield. Gabi Estrada, Delina Haileab, Julia Hodel, Emma Iverson and James Miller shared information about the process their diverse team of 12 high school students goes through to award grants, channeling money into youth-led projects which support youth in our community.

Their theme for the Spring 2016 grant round was youth engagement in community building and social justice. Three projects were awarded grants totaling \$6,776.

## The YouthBank granting process involves:

- Reviewing and analyzing grant applications
- Deciding which ones meet their criteria

- Interviewing applicants
- Writing grant reports to evaluate the interviews and the overall idea
- Making final decisions as a team
- Granting money to selected projects and celebrating

YouthBank team presenters answered questions from WINGS members, sharing how YouthBank has impacted their lives. Improved communication and interviewing skills, learning the importance of teamwork, and meeting students outside their social circles were just some of the positive outcomes they cited. With confidence and poise, YouthBank speakers left WINGS members feeling honored to have helped financially support their efforts and assured of a promising future for youth philanthropy in Northfield.

## Did you know?

The first YouthBank was formed in Northern Ireland in 1999. Since then, the concept has spread around the globe. YouthBank has only recently come to the United States and the Northfield YouthBank was the FIRST US YouthBank to give out grants.

## WINGS Friends and Members — January 1, 2016 – September 2016

Patrice Abbe	Deborah Christensen	Patricia Franson	Pat Lamb*	Joy Otten	Ann Sullivan
Karen R. Achberger	Patrice Ciernia	Pam Franz	Ann Larson	Rebecca Otten	Sam Sunderlin*
Connie Albers	Elizabeth Ciner	Rebecca Freeman	Leone Larson	Priscilla Paton	Sarah Swan McDonald
Barbara Altstaetter*	Judy Code	Jodine Friedow	Sally LeGrand*	Tammy Paulson	Erika Tallman
Joy Amunrud	Elisabeth Comeaux	Mary Gasho	Janet Lewis-Muth	Yvonne Pavek*	Marjorie Tarr*
Cynthia Anderson	Ellen Connolly-Eckhoff	Ann Gosack	Lois Lindbloom	Susan Pedersen*	Maren Thompson
Anonymous	Kathleen Costa	Paula Granquist	Susan Lohmann	Pamela Percy	Merrell Thornton
Erin Bailey	Carol Cowles	Beret Griffith	Virginia Lorang	Janet Petri-Zorn	Thrivent Financial for
Lois Bakko	Laurie Cowles*	Jayne Hager Dee	Mary Loven	Kay Pfahning	Lutherans Foundation
Anndora Barvir	Jennifer Cox Johnson	Mary Hahn	Barbara Lundergan	Claire Pfau	Laura Tiano
Michelle Bauer	Kristi Craig	Elizabeth Hankins	Diane Lyman	Susan Pokorney	Teresa Tillson*
Elizabeth Behrens	Ruth Crane*	Jeanette Hartley	Joyce Mace	Hannah Puczko	Marian Tise
Allyson Bernstorff	Barbara Crouter*	Patti Haskins	Karen Mader	Susan Quinnell	Linda Tollefson
Elizabeth Berry	Susan Crow	Deanna Haunsperger	Kathryn Margolis	Laura Riehle-Merrill	Janis Truax
William Berry	Gwen Daniels	Tammy Hayes	Carol Marshall	Jane Rinehart	Christene Valek
Patty Betterly	Tracy Davis	Nancy Hegland	Judith Mason	Patricia Robertson	Pam Vig
Debra Bjornard*	Kim Decker	Laura Heiman	Rachel Matney	Janice Roetzel	Patricia Vincent
Linda Blaisdell*	Connie DeGrote	Katherine Helgen	Anne Mayer	Claudia Roman Jimenez	Jean Wakely
Mary Bleckwehl	Susan deMalignon	Penelope Hillemann	Elizabeth McKinsey	Maelynn Rosas	Virginia Walsh
Jane Blockhus	Sharon Detert	Sonja Hillestad	Abigail Meierbachtol	Mary Rose	Sue Weaver
Ruth Bolstad	Roxzanne Devney	June-Marie Hiza	Alicia Meland	Kitty Runzheimer	Eve Webster*
Cynthia Book	Vicki Dille	Carolyn Hogan	Anne Meyer Ruppel	Connie Ryberg*	Michon Weeks
Amy Boxrud	Judith Dirks	Patricia Hohertz	Krista Middlebrooks	Kathy Sackmaster	Elizabeth Wickmann
Sue Boxrud	Kathleen Doran-Norton	Sue Hollinger	Sue Middleton	Susan Sanderson*	Liz Wicks
Crystal Boyd	Jacqui Dorsey*	Jane Horton	Katherine Mills Mroz	Mary Savina*	Karen Wingate
Diane Boyum	Mary Douglass	Jenny Howenstine	Charitable Fund	Jennifer Sawyer	Margaret Witt
Martha Brown	Joan Drenth	Nicole Huebner Briese	Nancy Moe	Linda Sawyer*	Molly Woehrlin*
Lin McLaughlin Bruce*	Norma Driver	Marion Hvistendahl*	Adrienne Mohrig*	Donna Rae Scheffert*	Mary Wood*
Betsey Buckheit	Mary Dunnewold	Andrea Iseminger	Emily Monaghan	Mary Schier	Barbara Zaveruha
Najwa Bukhari	Leah Eby	Ellen Iverson	Sandra Morisette	Kathryn Schmidt-Lozada	Litao Zhang
Linda Burdell	Jennifer Edwins	Margit Johnson*	Michelle Muench	Emily Schmitz	Kathryn Ziegler-Graham
Evelyn Burry	Gay Eggers	Pat Johnson*	Sandra Mulford	Nicole Schroeder	Becky Zrimsek
Jan Burry	Gretchen Ehresmann*	Virginia Kaczmarek	Kari Nelson	Grace Schroeder Scott	
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Sarah Carlsen	Peg Enders	Joan Kark	Connie Nelson	Lynne Severson	
Mary Carlsen*	Diane Enebak*	Judith Karlson	Elaine Nesbit	Mary Shimp	
Carol Carlson	Jan Ensrud	Teena Keiser	Marilynn Neuville	Janet Shoyer*	
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Mary Carlson	Kristine Estenson	Julie Klassen	Jean Noack	Corinne Smith	
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Susan Carlson	Shirley Evans	Becky Koenigs	Sue Norsted	Charlotte Smith*	
Alice Carson	Jill Ewald	Carol Korda*	Margaret O'Leary	Margaret Stary	
Lois Cary	Regina B Fineran	Dolores Kornkven	Mary Lynn Oglesbee	Teresa Stead	
Mary Casey	Margaret Fink	Carolyn Koziolk	Meg Ojala	Vicki Stevens	
Faye Caskey	Bonnie Jean Flom	Barbara Krause	Kathleen Olson	Lois Stratmoen	
Natalie Chell	Meleah Follen	Cindy Kreis	Elizabeth Olson	Shelley Strobel	
Nancy Child	Kimberly Foss	Patricia Kriesel	Patsy Ophaug*	Betty Stromseth*	
Elizabeth Child*	Tracy Fossum	Dianne Kyte	Linda Oto	Julie Sullivan	

**\* Founding Member**  
*Every effort has been made to print an accurate list of members. Our sincere apologies if we have made an error. To correct our records, please contact Meleah Follen at [tresurere@wings-mn.org](mailto:tresurere@wings-mn.org)*

# Meet Anne Hoyt Taff



Anne leads the Community Affiliates program at Minnesota Philanthropy Partners, collaborating with local community foundations on philanthropic projects across 17 communities in Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities. She was a guest speaker at the WINGS fall event, presenting “Women in Philanthropy: A Not-So-Small Group of Committed Citizens Who Can Change the World.”

Anne shared with us some insights she has gathered on the power of women in philanthropy, focusing on women’s unique approach and contributions to the field through the years. She noted that research has shown that women approach philanthropy in a significantly different way than men because women have more

empathy, and empathy has been proven to be positively related to charitable giving.

She talked about the role of women in supporting poverty-relief organizations, about women’s essential place in the history of philanthropy and about what the next generation of women philanthropists are beginning to tackle.

With her inspiring words, she reaffirmed the important network to which WINGS members belong. She left us with a challenge to begin considering the future and to start thinking about how we will rise to meet it. According to Anne, “As WINGS members, each of you has become a woman in the philanthropy movement. And you are changing the world.”

## Take Note:

from Anne Hoyt Taff



Women are the driving philanthropic force behind child care, homelessness prevention, food and emergency relief and shelter. We are also the leading supporters behind organizations run by and for girls. (Women’s Philanthropy Institute, Lilly School of Philanthropy, Indiana University)

Women and youth are an undervalued and underinvested sector in philanthropy and our society as a whole. In fact, less than 15% of donors consider giving to groups run by and for girls. Only 6% of all charitable giving by foundations is dedicated to these issues. (O’Neil, Megan, “Personal Experience Motivates Giving to Women’s Causes, Study Finds,” Chronicle of Philanthropy, May 24, 2016)

Scholars at the Women’s Philanthropy Institute surmise that if women gave just 1% of our total wealth to charity we could grow philanthropy in the United States by \$200 billion dollars.

## Spreading Our Wings: Our gifts in action



### The TORCH Program

TORCH (Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes) supports the high school success and post secondary access of low-income, minority, and first generation college students in Northfield. Each year, TORCH supports over 500 students in grades 6-12 and more than 100 recent high school graduates, focusing on building positive relationships and providing

individualized support to each student involved. WINGS has been a longtime advocate of the TORCH program, providing funding that has supported students’ summer experiences, college visits, academic support programs, summer PLUS work experiences, and more.

Hunter Grobe a senior at Northfield High School, first got involved in TORCH as a freshman. In the classroom, Hunter participates in the PSEO program, earning 13 college credits so far. In addition, she made several college visits with TORCH staff. Through encouragement from TORCH, Hunter began volunteering in the PLUS program, which eventually led to a paid position as a PLUS Site Assistant for the district. Hunter has also served as a LINK leader, helping freshmen transition to high school. In October, Hunter was accepted at Winona State University, and plans to pursue a degree in elementary education. “I would not be where I am without the help of the TORCH office, staff members, and opportunities (they) provided,” says Hunter.



### The Hope Center

The HOPE Center’s mission is to create zero tolerance for sexual and domestic violence through healing, outreach, prevention, and education. HOPE Center serves clients living in Rice County of all genders and ages, 90% of whom are women and children. The center has a 24/7 crisis line for crisis intervention services; provides transportation and placement in

local safehomes; accompanies clients at evidentiary exams and civil and criminal court hearings; offers support groups, individual advocacy, referrals and general support; provides information about victims rights and reparations; assists with court remedies; aids in developing and training response agencies; and runs outreach, prevention and education initiatives.

Their WINGS grant supports core services, with a focus on Northfield clients’ immediate needs. These include gas cards, grocery cards for food and other essentials, as well as five nights of safe housing. According to HOPE Center director Erica Staab-Absher, “All too often we see women flee from their own homes because they need to get away from the violence. They do not know that an eviction order, or an Order for Protection, is an option. Or, they may not know the ins and outs of the custody process.” Safe housing provides clients with the space – physical

and psychological – and the support from HOPE Center staff to work toward long-term solutions.



◀ HOPE Center garden



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WINGS (Women in Northfield Giving Support) 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.

Please mail your check (P.O. Box 845, Northfield) or donate online ([wings-mn.org/donate](http://wings-mn.org/donate)) by Nov. 30th. Send your tax-deductible gift soon. Thank you!

**WINGS Forever**  
 Leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Thank you for considering making your legacy gift to WINGS. For more information, contact Jacqui Dorsey; [president@wings-mn.org](mailto:president@wings-mn.org)

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YouthBank pictured at Defeat of Jesse James Days parade

## 2016 WINGS Grant Recipients

\$10,000	Dare to Dream
\$10,700	Basic Needs
\$34,100	Education
\$6,600	Physical and Mental Health
\$9,000	Entrepreneurship
<u>\$70,400</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>



### Dare to Dream:

- Growing Up Healthy: Latino Childcare Providers Network

### Basic Needs:

- Ruth's House of Hope: Transitional Shelter Program
- Community Action Center: Housing Assistance for Women and Children
- Northfield Area Learning Center: Backpack Food Program
- HOPE Center: Core Service Provision

### Education:

- Northfield Area Learning Center: BWCA Wilderness Experience
- Northfield Fine Arts Boosters: Roger Jenni Instruments for All
- Northfield Middle School: Tattered Pages Bookstore
- Greenvale Park Community School: Early Learning Childcare
- Greenvale Park Community School: Film
- Northfield Booster Club: Athletic Fee Waivers
- Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative: Scholarships
- Northfield Public Schools TORCH Program: Check and Connect
- Northfield Public Schools TORCH Program: College Readiness
- Northfield Union of Youth: Unlocking Relationships with the Key

- Project Friendship: Mentoring with Direction
- Northfield Public Schools Community Services: Connected Kids
- Northfield Public Schools: Camp FRIENDS
- Dakota Prairie Adult Basic Education: Family School Transportation

### Physical and Mental Health:

- Northfield Area Family YMCA
- Girl Scouts of MN & WI River Valleys: ConnectZ
- Infants Remembered In Silence (IRIS)
- HealthFinders Collaborative: Northfield Service Expansion

### Entrepreneurship:

- Dollars and \$ense
- Healthy Community Initiative: Northfield Youth Bank
- Mainstreet Project: Latina Women Agripreneur Project
- Northfield Arts Guild: Autism and the Arts: Summer Art Mart



2016 WINGS Grantees: Grant celebration at St. Olaf