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Pat Amtower, Editor

For Your Calendar

- September 12, 2011 9:30 AM
General Meeting
The Inn in the Garden Room
- September 19, 2011 9:30 AM
Grants Committee Kick-Off
The Inn-Croquet Cottage
- November 7, 2011 6-8 PM
Annual Membership Meeting
The Inn in the Garden Room
- February 6, 2011 9:30 AM
General Meeting
The Inn in the Garden Room

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Simple Acts



This time of year is filled with excitement! The flowers are in bloom. Summer is almost here! Graduates are finishing one leg of their life journey and are exuberant about new beginnings. The RSF Women’s Fund has completed the diligent grants process and awarded the finalists with grants to begin new projects and impact the individuals they serve.

A special thank you to Donna Vance, Chair of the Grants Committee, and the entire Grants Team for their extraordinary efforts. It was a particularly challenging task this year beginning with over 100 LOI’s to narrow the pool to the final 10 organizations. But after months of review, evaluations, and site visits, the Women’s Fund was able to award eight organizations nearly \$285,000 and have a major impact on our community. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who was involved from chairing committees, evaluating grant applications, reviewing financials, participating in site visits, attending grant presentations, and voting. Each *simple act* of involvement is important to support the overall process.

I would like to extend another thank you to the Chairs of the various committees this year. Thank you for your leadership, creativity, and commitment. A special thank you to Paige Vanosky. Two years ago, Paige recommended to the Advisory Committee that we add a volunteer component to our programming. She surveyed the membership and then led the effort to make this a reality. She is now turning over the leadership of this committee to Cathy Hopf and Becky Horowitz. Thank you Paige for all you have done! Also thanks to those individuals that have accepted leadership roles for next year. The leadership committee has already been meeting to develop plans for next year to ensure the Women’s Fund continues to grow and support our members and our community.

Last month, we had a planning session that addressed three key issues: 1. Membership Recruitment, Engagement and Retention, 2. Leveraging the Impact of our Grant Dollars and, 3. The Heart’s Desire Program. You will be hearing more about these issues in the fall as we seek your input. Thanks to each of you for your *simple acts* (and sometimes more than simple acts) of leadership. And much appreciation to all our Members—whether you do a little or do a lot--your membership makes a difference!

Have a great summer. We will kick off again in September for another productive and rewarding year!

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The Grant's Committee had a fantastic and busy year with a record number of requests for grants for the RSF Women's Fund! We had a record number of members who participated in the grant's process with our motto in mind..."do a little, do a lot." Over 50 fellow RSFWF members participated on work groups, site visits or both, with approximately 25% of our new members participating! Please join me in thanking your fellow members for their time and dedication to furthering the great work that we do together!

Work Group Leaders: Susie Hayes and Susan Sharpe

Work Group members: Pat Amtower, Emily Bagnall, Susan Danton, Ginny Dearborn, Jennifer Dunn, Donna Ferrier, Joanne Fishman, Georg'Ann Fletcher, Franci Free, Gilliam Gillies, Lola Green, Cathy Hopf, Jacki Johnson, Suzanne Johnson, Carol Linovitz, Diane Martin, Becky McKinney, Annabel Moore, Susan Muha, Diane Murphy, Paula Powers, Josie Reno, Shari Sapp, Jinda Singh, Joan Sealy, Mary Ann Smith, Sandy Somerville, Karen Weseloh, Kate Williams.

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Thank you all so much again for your role in making RSR Women's Fund such a dynamic organization and I look forward to another successful year, with your help and participation, as we look forward to 2012 and our new grant cycle!

Donna Vance
Grant's Committee Chairman

RSF Women's Fund Awards Luncheon

On May 23, 2011 the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund held their Annual Awards Luncheon at the Rancho Santa Fe Inn. The festive event was well attended and members had an opportunity to mingle and talk with award recipients. During the delicious luncheon, Advisory Committee Chairman, Donna Walker, welcomed members and guests and Grants Committee Chairman, Donna Vance, presented our recipients with their awards.

It was with great pleasure that the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund awarded nearly \$285,000 to eight deserving recipients. Congratulations to the 2011 Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund grantees.

THE 2011 AWARD WINNERS!



Mary Ann Smith, John Grissom for Accion, and Donna Walker

ACCION San Diego received a grant in the amount of \$31,000. They are the largest micro-lenders in California and our grant will be used to serve start-up and existing enterprises with access to capital and business resources.

Angels Foster Network received a grant of \$40,000. Our grant will launch a marketing communications outreach campaign to recruit and train more qualified foster families to meet the growing demand.

The Burn Institute received a grant of \$50,000. Our grant will be used to fund a summer camp, Camp Beyond the Scars, for burn victims to develop coping skills in dealing with their physical and psychological injuries.

CSUSM ACE Scholars Services received a grant of \$48,600. Our grant will provide monies needed to develop and ground a Working-Scholarship program for at risk former foster youths attending CSUSM that places the at-risk students in an on-campus work situation and provides financial assistance, professional and personal development.

Reality Changers received a grant of \$50,000. Our grant will fund the weekly Senior Academy program that pairs local professionals with disadvantaged seniors who guide them through all phases of the college application process, from applications to scholarship applications, to housing and financial aid.

San Diego Blood Bank received a grant of \$24,031. Our grant will fund the Freeze Works program that is an inventory tracking system for all cord blood units and samples and will benefit and serve thousands of patients.

Senior Community Centers received a grant of \$28,434. Our grant will help to fund their Senior Nutrition Program with healthy meals for needy seniors, who are among the poorest, most physically and emotionally at-risk population in our community.

Urban Corps San Diego County received a grant of \$12,865. Our grant will help provide on-the-job training, skills, and educational opportunities to young adults, 18-25, in their "Corps to Career" program.

Please join all of your fellow members in toasting to the success of the eight wonderful organizations that we have helped this year! May they all grow and prosper with the help of you, the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund 2011!



Donna Vance and Jim Mickelson of CSUSM ACE Scholars

Special thanks to The Ranch Santa Fe Review for allowing use of the pictures from their article on the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund Awards Luncheon in the June 2, 2011 edition.

Special Program Announcement!

Dr. Danielle Weisse, Center for Hormonal Health and Well Being, will speak about women's health at the September 12, 2011, General Meeting in the Inn Garden Room.

Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund Joins Military Outreach Ministry

On April 30th, a group of volunteers from the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund, took off on an adventure to Camp Pendleton to hand-place new TOMS "Tinies" on participating military toddlers' feet. In cooperation with the Military Outreach Ministry (MOM), this "Shoe Drop" allowed the volunteers to experience the "hands-on giving" side of the work this organization does within the San Diego North County Community. The shoes were donated by members of the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund, specifically for the military personnel and their families as a way of saying, "Thank you for your service." It was a fun, fulfilling, and powerful experience for each of those attending.

