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The Newsletter of The Women's Fund of New Hampshire

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FUNDING GUIDELINES

The Women's Fund of New Hampshire 2005 Funding Guidelines are Available Now!

Visit our Web site at www.wfnh.org to download the guidelines, or call 603/226-3355 for a copy.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

The WFNH Nominating Committee is accepting nominations to the Women's Fund Board of Directors. Please contact WFNH for more information and a nomination packet.



RECIPE FOR CHANGE AUCTION RAISES OVER \$20,000!

Over 200 women and men stirred up some fun at the Women's Fund **Recipe for Change** auction on September 30 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. Through the support of over 400 donors and attendees and the generosity of 24 corporate sponsors, \$21,000 was raised to benefit the Women's Fund of New Hampshire.

Guests began the evening by enjoying hors d'oeuvres, chocolate and "shopping" in the fast paced bidding of the silent auction. Throughout the evening, guests had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win a stunning diamond pendant, donated by Pearson's Jewelers in Manchester. Expertly modeled by Pamela Correia, Mrs. New Hampshire, this beautiful necklace, along with the chocolate fountain, was the talk of the evening.



Photo by Wendy Cahill

Pamela Diamantis (right) of US Trust, Lead Sponsor of the Recipe for Change, and Shari Jankowski (left) of Wiggin & Nourie.

WFNH rolled out a new multimedia presentation – "Fund Forward" to raise awareness of the impact the Women's Fund can have in New Hampshire, and the power of this global movement working to build a fair and equitable world for all women and girls.

Thank you to all the sponsors, donors, and attendees who contributed to our Recipe for Change! ❖

WFNH RECEIVES NATIONAL VENTURE FUND AWARD

WFNH is proud to be one of 11 women's funds nationwide selected for a Venture Fund Award, a collaborative challenge grant program of the Women's Funding Network and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The goal of the Venture Fund is to unleash philanthropy in ways that will have a significant impact on women and girls' foundations and the larger field of social change philanthropy. The projects chosen for the 2005 Venture Fund Award are from all areas of the country and

represent various capacity building efforts, with an emphasis on annual fundraising strategies. WFNH will receive \$20,000 in 2005 to expand our outreach into the communities of the Granite State.

All recipients of the Venture Fund Award also become part of a learning community to create tools and model programs that can be shared among the more than 100 women's funds world-wide, associated through the Women's Funding Network. ❖

Vision

The Women's Fund of New Hampshire will be the leader in bringing about social change that strengthens New Hampshire's communities by enabling all women and girls to reach their full potential.

Mission

The Women's Fund of New Hampshire is a statewide foundation dedicated to encouraging philanthropy among women and girls, improving the lives of women and girls through social change grantmaking, and educating the community about the potential of women and girls.

Guiding Principles and Values

We are responsible **stewards** of philanthropic resources.

We strive to hear and **include all voices** that speak for women and girls.

We continue to **listen and learn**.

We are **collaborative** and work to leverage resources.

GRANTEE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: YWCA

The Women's Fund awarded a grant to the YWCA Girls and Leadership Summer (GALS) program designed to address the specific developmental needs of girls ages 11-14. The program enables girls to make sense of their changing bodies and the conflicting messages they receive about what it means to grow up female. In a safe, supportive environment girls learn about strong female leaders, and participate in field trips and adventure activities. GALS encourages girls to embrace their strengths and develop new, productive leadership skills.

The YWCA Teen Program Coordinator, Catherine Allard, takes great pleasure in remembering the transformation of the GALS participants from this past summer. Almost every participant began the program as a cautious, timid girl and ended it with confidence and the ability to express thoughts and emotions constructively.



YWCA GALS 2004 Participants.

At the end of this empowering and extensive program, Catherine recognized that an environment had been created "where the girls were able to really appreciate and value each other, as opposed to judge and compete with each other". The YWCA is helping to create a generation of empowered girls with the ability to create their own opportunities and demonstrate strong leadership. *The Women's Fund is proud to support social change programs such as the YWCA GALS.* ❖

LEAVE A LEGACY TO NH'S WOMEN AND GIRLS!

In order to insure resources for our state's women and girls are available in perpetuity, several individuals have chosen to make a planned gift to the Women's Fund. A planned gift is an effective vehicle to make a long-term, significant investment in the future of the Women's Fund, and may also provide considerable tax savings in your estate. Although there are many types of planned gifts, bequests remain the cornerstone of our planned giving program.

A bequest is a gift that can be made through your Will. The most common type of bequest, a Simple Bequest, specifies gifting a specific

dollar or percentage of one's estate to an organization. If you are interested in creating a Simple Bequest to benefit the Women's Fund, here is sample wording for your Will.

"I hereby give, bequeath and devise to The Women's Fund of New Hampshire of Concord, New Hampshire, a qualified 501(c)3, the sum of \$_____ (or ___% of my estate) to be used for its general purposes."

If you would like to discuss making a planned gift to the Women's Fund, please contact Marianne or Jeanine at 603-226-3555. ❖

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT: Expanding a Tradition of Family Philanthropy

When **Jean and Mike Smith**, long-time WFNH donors, wanted to ensure their family foundation resources were going directly to the most innovative programs for women and girls, they contacted the Women's Fund. Each year, Jean and Mike bring together their family members to collectively decide how they want to make a change in their communities through their family's charitable giving. Through an inventive partner-

ship, the Women's Fund facilitated an appropriate match that linked the Smiths' philanthropic objectives, intentions and resources with an exemplary nonprofit. The Center for New Beginnings in Littleton received a \$5,000 grant as a result of this collaborative effort.

Thank you to the Smith Family for their thoughtful philanthropy and their focus on passing the tradition of giving to future generations. ❖



CELEBRATING WFNH WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT!

Dana Dakin, WFNH board member, was honored in October with a Woman of Achievement Award from the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association. An every day hero, Dana was celebrated for founding and building a micro-enterprise project in Ghana, Africa. We salute Dana for her many accomplishments as a Woman of Achievement!

WFNH AWARDED GRANT FROM THE CORPORATE FUND

After participating in a competitive review process, the Women's Fund has been selected and received a \$7,500 grant from the Corporate Fund. An initiative of thirteen New Hampshire corporations and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Corporate Fund provides grants, training and technical assistance to improve the stability and effectiveness of New Hampshire nonprofit organizations. Participating companies are:

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The Children's Museum of Portsmouth
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OUR RECIPE FOR CHANGE SPONSORS, DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

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 Dartmouth College Athletics
 Dartmouth Skiway
 David Levine Oriental Rugs
 Design Wares
 Eastman Community Association
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 Shear Innovation
 Springer's Jewelers
 Squam Lakes Science Center
 Stave Puzzles
 Samantha Stoddard, Waddell & Reed
 Stonyfield Farm
 Strawberry Bazaar

“What a great event –
 again showcasing a first-
 class organization.
 Congrats and kudos
 to everyone!”

Recipe for Change Participant

Surviving the Elements
 Tarbell Bodyworks, LLC
 Sue Thoresen
 Toadstool Toys
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 Veronique Massage
 Von Barga's Jewelry, LLC
 Wentworth by the Sea
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 New Hampshire
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Recipe for Change Planning Committee

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 Sandra Hoeh
 AnaLeyah North
 Mary Rauh
 Beverly Decker Reed
 Karen Roberge
 Jill G. Schiffman
 Karen Schroeder



WFNH Founder Barb Zeckhausen and Maxine Morse take a dip in the Chocolate Fountain!

Silent Auction Committee

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 Barbara Gannon
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 Maxine Morse
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Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! Dr. Ophelia Chang (left) with Executive Director Marianne Jones (right).

Event Photos by Wendy Cahill



Admiring some fabulous auction items!

Thank you to these
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Building Inventive Partnerships

by Jill G. Schiffman

Throughout history, traditional pathways to power and wealth have not always been available to women. Women have had to build their own paths to achieve their objectives, and often formed inventive partnerships along the way. At the Women's Fund of New Hampshire, we have pioneered many unique relationships with individuals and community groups from every region of the state.

Community Partnerships

In our role as a leading New Hampshire resource on women's charitable giving, the Women's Fund developed *Connections* – an educational program that brings women from varied backgrounds together to discuss the topic of *Women's Philanthropy: A New Style of Giving*. In the Spring of 2004, the Women's Fund was invited to present this unique program at an event hosted by **Giving Monadnock**, an organization whose mission is to empower nonprofits to thrive. Giving Monadnock and the Women's Fund collaborated to raise greater awareness about the power of women's giving and to encourage women to find and use their own philanthropic voices to support their community. Since the first presentation in Monadnock, and with the support of **Fidelity Investments**, WFNH has presented *Connections* in three other communities throughout New Hampshire.



Jill G. Schiffman Chair, Board of Directors

Giving Circle Partnerships

Women give to organizations for many reasons, including the 6 C's of Women's Philanthropy - to Create, Change, Connect, Collaborate, Commit, and Celebrate. When a group of women in the state attempted to experience and accomplish these 6 C's, they realized that group giving was an effective way to accomplish their goals. To achieve this, these women formed The **Exeter Giving Circle**. Their objective is to pool the human and financial resources of their members in order to effect change in the lives of disadvantaged children and teens in their community. This year the Exeter Giving Circle chose WFNH as their administrative partner to facilitate the grant awards. This partnership has maximized the giving circle's ability to give their resources to exceptional nonprofits working in this arena.

During our six-year history, the Women's Fund has established relationships with over 400 nonprofit organizations and over 1,000 donors throughout the Granite state.

As a catalyst for positive social change for New Hampshire's women and girls, the Women's Fund will continue to build inventive partnerships with individuals, nonprofits and community organizations. ♦



In October, several New England Women's Funds convened at Public Service of New Hampshire to share best practices and explore innovative collaborations. Pictured here are Renae Gray (left), Boston Women's Fund Executive Director, and Barbara Zeckhausen (right), Women's Fund of New Hampshire Founder.

GIVE A GIFT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

At the Women's Fund, the generosity of our donors has improved the lives of over 30,000 women and girls supported through our grants and programs. By giving a woman or girl the tools to thrive, our New Hampshire communities thrive. If you believe in the promise of women and girls, consider giving a gift to the Women's Fund in honor of a girl or woman in your life.

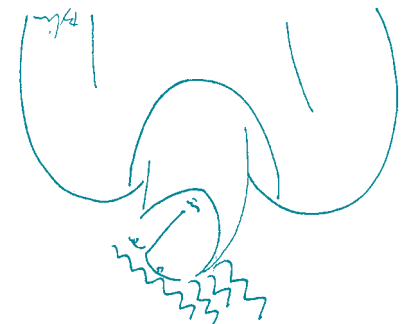
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SEND A HOLIDAY E-CARD! Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season and give a meaningful, innovative gift to someone special. A Holiday E-Card is a creatively designed greeting card sent via email. All Holiday E-Cards have been made especially for WFNH - you won't see these E-Cards anywhere else! To send a personalized Holiday E-Card, make a donation to the Women's Fund on our secure website with a credit card. Then, choose your favorite E-Card and personalize it with your own special message. It's simple and fun, and best of all, your gift helps support women and girls in New Hampshire. *Visit www.wfnh.org and send a Holiday E-Card today!*



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