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FUNDING GUIDELINES

The Women's Fund of New Hampshire 2006 Funding Guidelines are Available Now!

Two Application Deadlines in 2006 – January 13, 2006 and May 15, 2006

Visit our Web site www.wfnh.org for the guidelines and application form; or contact the office for a copy.



Photographer: Joanna Maznek

Sarah Denmark (left), WFNH Director of Development, and Lynne Delise (right) auction attendee.

**RECIPE FOR CHANGE
SILENT AUCTION RAISES
OVER \$30,000!**

(See inside)

YOU FUEL OUR FUTURE!

When the resources of the Women's Fund of New Hampshire grow, our ability to reach into the state also grows. This past spring, we awarded nearly \$80,000 in cash grants to 18 innovative programs that hold the promise of creating lasting, positive change for women and girls. This is almost double what we were able to accomplish in grant funding in 2003. Our growth is primarily the result of more and more individuals supporting the guiding vision of WFNH: that every woman and girl in New Hampshire have the opportunity to reach her full potential.

The Women's Fund supports our communities by funding solutions that eliminate the barriers facing women and girls today. We know that when women and girls prosper, our communities thrive. WFNH specifically seeks out programs that:

- Empower and build self-esteem for women and girls.
- End sexual and domestic violence.
- Ensure women a lifetime of access to job training, good-paying jobs, healthcare resources, secure shelter, and educational opportunities that establish economic self-sufficiency.

The programs we support can use a tool kit of strategies to find a solution to an issue area. These strategies may include public policy, public education campaigns, and/or direct services. In 2006, WFNH

will have two grant application deadlines (see sidebar).

The Women's Fund is a permanent resource for women and girls in the state. We are truly grateful for your support of our mission, you fuel our future.

WFNH is part of what is now a global network of women's funds that includes over 100 Funds; from Africa to Europe to Asia, and from New York to Dallas to San Francisco, and all kinds of small communities in between. All of these funds have grown up over the past 35 years. We share best practices, strive to measure our collective impact, and continue to inspire women and men from throughout the world to invest in women and girls. *Thank you for your support!* ❖

ZAINAB SALBI VISITS (SEE INSIDE)

First Lady Dr. Susan Lynch, Honorary Program Chair, speaking with Zainab Salbi



Photographer: Nancy Horton

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.

INNOVATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

The New London Inn will donate a percentage of the proceeds to WFNH from all dinners served on December 15, 2005. Thank you to the New London Inn for their support of our community!

COMING SOON: SHARE YOUR STORY.

We want to learn about you. Join the WFNH community by sharing your experience, story, or thoughts about what brings you to value the work of the Women's Fund in New Hampshire. Send us 600 words (more or less) with your name and contact information.

We will be posting these stories on our Web site in 2006! Send to Share Your Story Project, WFNH, 46 S. Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 or send to wfnh@ttlc.net ❖



Bonnie CLAC client with new car.

GRANTEE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: BONNIE CLAC

"When you don't have a car in New Hampshire, it can be pretty hard to hold down a job. And when you have a small income, buying a car can seem like an impossible dream. Bonnie CLAC is working to change that." (NHPR, "The Front Porch" 4/8/05)

The Women's Fund awarded a grant to Bonnie CLAC to help "get the word out" on this innovative statewide organization designed to help people of all walks of life gain access to affordable and reliable transportation. Bonnie CLAC's primary service is to guarantee car loans so that people can obtain credit to purchase affordable, fuel-efficient vehicles at very low interest rates. The program is loosely modeled after Fannie Mae, which uses its guarantee to help people purchase homes. Its comprehensive program is designed to build client's self reliance and to encourage economic self-sufficiency.

Over 75% of Bonnie CLAC's clients are women. Many are women with low or moderate incomes. Bonnie CLAC's programs have helped women who have struggled for years with old, unreliable cars; who have low incomes or poor credit; who dread going into a car dealership to purchase a car.

Executive Director, Mary Burnett explained, "Our program empowers each individual who works with us. They graduate from our program with financial management skills, a steadily increasing credit rating, an asset that will hold its value, and confidence."

WFNH support will help Bonnie CLAC build its New Hampshire Educational Campaign, consisting of outreach to community action agencies and women's resource centers, public lectures and the production of an informational brochure. *The Women's Fund is proud to support social change programs such as Bonnie CLAC. For more information on this program, visit www.wfnb.org ❖*

Bonnie CLAC in Keene: Free Public Information Seminar, All are Welcome! Thursday, February 2, 2006; from 5:30-7:30pm at the Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) (<http://www.hcsservices.org/>). The address is 312 Marlboro Street, Keene, NH 03431. For more information on a program in your community, visit the Bonnie CLAC Web site: www.bonnieclac.org

CHANGEMAKERS: LEADERSHIP GIVING HELPS MEET 2005 CHALLENGE GRANT!

Thank you to our leaders throughout the state who are helping us meet the Changemaker Challenge for 2005! All new or increased gifts to the 2005 WFNH Annual Fund will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000, by a grant from the Women's Funding Network and the Kellogg Foundation.

We have had leadership giving in the Upper Valley, the Lakes Region, the Seacoast, Manchester/Concord, and

Monadnock. Thank you Lead Changemakers! Jill G. Schiffman, Mary S. Rauh, Joanne Foulk, Charlotte Fardelmann, Priscilla and John Griffin, Whit Symmes, David Murray, Mary Atwell, Nancy Frankel and *Mise En Place* in Wolfeboro.

We are almost there, but we need your support to make the goal by December 31, 2005! ❖



Susan Mayer standing with husband, Gerry Mayer

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD!

In October, the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association honored WFNH board member, Susan Mayer with this year's Woman of Achievement Award. Susan was honored for her continuous commitment to strengthen the lives of others in her community through her philanthropy and volunteerism.

Susan's wisdom and passion for improving the lives of women and girls make her a valuable asset to the Women's Fund New Hampshire.

Susan is truly a Woman of Achievement. ❖

NEW FACES AT WFNH

When you contact WFNH, you may have already noticed we have new staff. Sarah Denmark joins WFNH as the new director of development. She comes to WFNH with over 20 years of development experience, most recently having worked with the national nonprofit, the Jewish Women Archive based in Boston, as well as with the Manchester Red Cross. Angela Yanski is the new

program director. Angela comes with eight years of experience in development and grantmaking having been with the NH Bar Foundation based in Concord. As we welcome our new staff, we also extend a warm thank you to Jeanine Tousignant and Sarah Chaisson Warner for their work with WFNH and the women and girls of NH over the past 3 years! ❖

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Successful bidders for *Coffee with the Governor*, Joanne Foulk (middle) and Sarah Knowlton (right) speak with Governor John H. Lynch.



WFNH Founders, Priscilla (middle) and John Griffin, talking with friend.

Recipe for Change Photographer: Joanna Maznek

Additional Thank You!!

Thank you to the Grantham Stonewall Gallery. In August the Gallery hosted a reception for the Women's Fund of NH and contributed ten percent of all sales that evening to WFNH. Thank you also to the Grill Room at Eastman for the refreshments.

Thank you Changemakers! Jazz musicians David Murray and Whit Symmes, have donated all of their performance fees to WFNH this year.



Beverly Decker Reed (left), Recipe for Change Event Co-Chair, with Jill G. Schiffman, Silent Auction Committee Co-Chair

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"WOMEN ARE A BELLWETHER OF A SOCIETY"

Zainab Salbi, founder and CEO of *Women for Women International*, was the guest speaker at the Women Building Community luncheon held in Manchester on June 9, 2005. Women are a key ingredient in community building — throughout the world — through volunteer leadership, volunteer time, and voluntary contributions of dollars, both great and small. The purpose of this event was to illuminate the power of women in our communities, recognizing the work of women at all levels of community building. The program was a collaborative project of the Women's Fund of New Hampshire; the United Ways of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. It was generously underwritten with support from Sovereign Bank.

Honorary Program Chair, First Lady Dr. Susan Lynch, welcomed over 400 women and a few men from throughout the state who attended the program. Ms. Salbi brought to light that societies throughout the world all too often ignore violence against women. But the status of women, she notes, becomes a "bellwether of society... what comes in the kitchen door, if unchallenged grows and dominates and is soon at the front door, ...eventually impacting the entire society."

Salbi founded *Women for Women International* a little over ten years ago as a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting women survivors of major conflicts in countries throughout the world. The goal of *Women for Women International* is to help women in these strife-ridden areas rebuild their lives, the lives of family members, and their communities through services and micro-enterprise lending systems.

Thank you to the planning committee members who helped create this program: these include Gail Garceau, Pamela Whitney, Elizabeth Hager, Jean Hoffman, Marianne Jones, Jeanine Tousignant, Sarah Chaisson Warner, Megan Burke Kidder, Ann McArdle, Honorable Kathleen McGuire, Kate Rochefort Murray, Lyn Rosoff, Deborah Schachter, Karen Schroeder, Katherine Snow, Sue Suter, Tim Allison. And thank you to our many event volunteers and Gibson's Bookstore of Concord.



Zainab Salbi, founder of Women for Women International, addressing the luncheon attendees.

Photographer: Nancy Horton

Salbi's core message was that women can and must be part of nation building. At the end of violent conflicts in nations and regions throughout the world, Salbi noted that the surviving population is predominantly women and children. When nations incorporate leadership from women, it is often the key component necessary to successful rebuilding. She gave the example of Rwanda. Ten years after the horrific conflicts there, it now has a stable government. Salbi pointed out that 49 percent of the elected members of parliament in Rwanda today are female; there are 33 articles written in to the Constitution that address women's issues explicitly; and six of the 11 Supreme Court justices in Rwanda are women.

Salbi is a native of Iraq, who came to the United States at age 20. She is the author of a recently released memoir of her life growing up in a suburb of Baghdad, *Between Two Worlds: Escape from Tyranny: Growing Up in the Shadow of Saddam*. Ms. Salbi writes and lectures extensively and has been featured in numerous national and international publications. She was honored by the White House in 1995 for her humanitarian work in Bosnia-Herzegovina and has testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the situation for women in Iraq. ❖

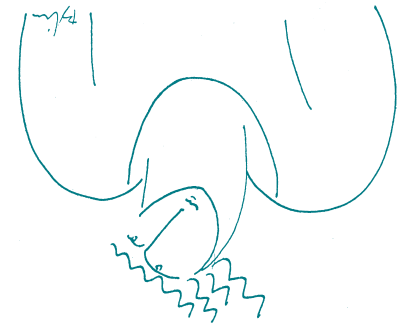
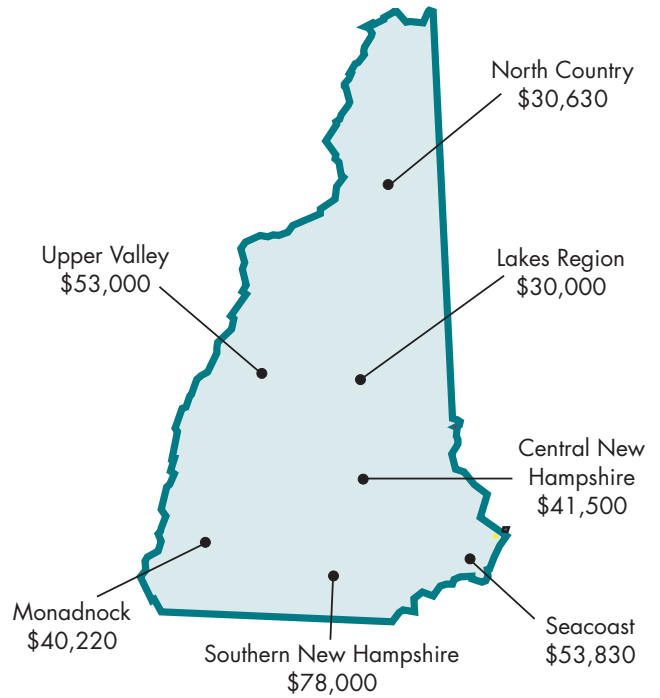
Why WFNH MATTERS

Despite the dramatic advancement of women in recent decades, women are still far more likely than men to be homeless, to live in poverty, to be unemployed or underemployed, to face violence, to suffer inadequate housing and healthcare, and to be deprived of educational and employment opportunities.

Our goal is to increase the financial resources available to programs for women and girls – now, and in the future. Programs and services that address the needs of women and girls benefit families, communities, and our society as a whole. Until 30 years ago, women and girls did not have a dedicated source of capital for their ideas and projects. Since the 1970s more than 100 women’s funds have been created throughout the world, giving women and girls access to the capital they need to tackle pressing problems in our society with innovative and grass roots approaches.

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