



inspiring achievement

Nevada Women's Fund Alumnae Event Celebrates 32 Years of Inspiration and Success Event Generates the Creation of Five New Scholarships

On Tuesday, February 4, the inaugural gathering of the Nevada Women's Fund Board of Directors Alumnae took place at Aura Lounge at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino.



Ann Morgan, Gwen O'Bryan and Lynn Atcheson
Photo by May Shelton

More than 60 current and former Fund board members attended the event to celebrate three decades of *inspiring achievement* among local women.

"We look forward to making this an annual event to recognize the accomplishments of the Fund as well as the leadership, time and financial contributions made by our founders and past board members," said Isabelle Rodriquez Wilson, Nevada Women's Fund President and CEO.

Light refreshments were served as the women gathered to hear from 2013 Fund scholarship



Georgia Loy, Andrea Cantlon, Beth Cooney and Michele Attaway | Photo by May Shelton

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Lynne Simons and Fritsi Ericson
Photo by May Shelton

recipient Gemma Romo, her daughter Aundrea and NWF Giving Circles members Mimi Ellis Hogan, Jennifer Satre, Charlotte McConnell, Norma Webster and

others. Founding board member Fritsi Ericson spoke to attendees, as did Nancy Bostdorff and event chair, Michele Attaway.

"When we embarked on this journey 32 years ago we had no idea the Fund would become *the* signature non-profit organization of northern Nevada. It takes my breath away to think of all of the lives we have touched," said Fritsi.



Norma Webster, Kathie Bartlett and Paula Dermody | Photo by May Shelton

Clearly, the Fund remains near and dear to the hearts of its founders and prior board of directors as a total of \$8,000 was raised during the event, creating five new Fund scholarships at \$1,600 each. Event committee members included Michele Attaway (Chair), Nancy Bostdorff, Kerri Garcia, Georgia Loy, Karen Ross and Tania Violette.

Nevada Women's Fund - Your Foundation

Director's Letter

A history of 32 years has laid a deep foundation for the Nevada Women's Fund by *inspiring achievement* in 1,350 Northern Nevada scholarship recipients.



Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson, President & CEO

Individual donors, foundation grants, corporate support and involvement of many community organizations have contributed more than \$6.3 million since 1982 to the education and service support of our community.

Looking forward, there is no end in sight for these efforts to *inspire achievement* in Northern Nevada women. We thank our founders for paving the way to a brighter future filled with educated and aspiring women who have and will continue to better our community. Learning from our origin and building a stronger base with each passing year, the Nevada Women's Fund is proud and eager to begin 2014 with dedicated board members and community donors.

An Inspiring Internship

The Nevada Women's Fund inspires. They inspire single mothers, medical students and grandmothers to gain an education. They inspire donors to fund scholarships and develop future leaders. They inspire me, a former intern, to pursue opportunities with confidence. The Nevada Women's Fund inspires.

The internship grew and tested my abilities throughout seven months. Before NWF, Raiser's Edge was something in my shower. WOA and POP were fun words to say. I had never battled with a copy machine with so much attitude, and I certainly never worked alone on a 50-page, printed program for a large-scale event.

I was inspired to learn more, ask questions and take on difficult projects. I can't credit all that tenacity to myself, because the women of the Fund played a large role in my professional development.

Working in an environment that encouraged conversation and allowed for mentoring was exceedingly beneficial. I learned just as much on the clock as I did staying after my shift to talk about life and professional experiences. I started to look at myself as a young professional instead of just a student, and the drive for new experiences and challenges increased.



Jessica Ranftl, Former NWF Intern

I no longer felt intimidated during board meetings surrounded by incredibly confident, smart and successful women. I felt inspired.

To see the mission of an organization embedded in day-to-day work is unique. To help an organization produce donation generating events is rewarding. To place donations in the hands of a scholarship recipient is fulfilling, and to leave an internship a more capable and confident woman is inspiring.

Inspire Achievement Today!

The NWF makes philanthropy simple. Establish an annual restricted scholarship or endowment fund to *inspire achievement* in hopeful women. Join the NWF Giving Circles for a multi-year commitment to award grants for needed community services. Call the NWF to develop your Legacy fund.

In 2013 NWF awarded \$283,650 in education scholarships as well as grants to non-profit organizations for needed community services.

The 2013 award cycle brings NWF disbursements to more than \$6.3 million since 1982. We are only able to celebrate this because of generous community support.

Meggin McIntosh Establishes NWF Endowment



Meggin McIntosh: 1992 Honoree | Salute to Women of Achievement

Establishing this endowed scholarship for women through the Nevada Women's Fund has been a goal connected to my deep belief about giving and sharing – particularly for women.

When it was my time to go to college, scholarships and student loans were my only options. My parents, an Episcopal priest and stay-at-home mother, had not saved for college, and to top it off I chose an expensive private women's college to attend – Stephens College.

Thankfully, I received numerous scholarships, was helped by a family at our church who gave me \$1000/year toward my tuition and took out student loans. Part

of my scholarships included “work-study” and I had the high-ranking job of working in the dish machine room as a freshman.

When my scholarship sponsor came to campus and hosted a lunch I knew I could never pay him back, but I could give someone else a scholarship.

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At graduation the president told us that if every woman who had ever graduated from Stephens had given \$5 per year since she graduated, we would have a huge endowment. I remember thinking, *“I could give \$5 each year but some day it will be more.”* And that's exactly what happened. It started with only \$5 a year but I'm fortunate to have been able to give tens of thousands at this point.

At UNR, and in honor of my parents, I formed the Moultrie H. McIntosh/Helen McIntosh McClure Scholarship, to be awarded each year to a woman over 25 who is student teaching (doing her internship).



I made my first scholarship donation to the Nevada Women's Fund in 2010 when they hosted me for a workshop and all registration went toward the scholarship. There were tearful moments when I added an additional check of \$2,500 (the entire proceeds of my mother's life insurance policy - she had just recently died). I knew she would be honored and thankful. She and my father taught us so much about giving.

With this new NWF endowed scholarship, I am looking forward to helping women through the wisdom of the Nevada Women's Fund. All of us are inspired by the women who are supported in their quest for excellence and a better life for themselves, their families and the people they touch through their work.

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Nevada Women's Fund Endowment

A NWF endowment is established with a minimum and principal donation of \$10,000, held in perpetuity and not spent. Endowment disbursements are made in accordance with the NWF investment policy and the annual distribution of 4.5% based on an endowment calculation as of 12/31 of the prior calendar year. Endowment value \$2,782,465 (12/13). For more information contact Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson at (775) 786-2335 or Isabelle@nevadawomensfund.org.



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Our Mission

The Nevada Women's Fund is dedicated to strengthening its community by empowering women to improve their lives and those of their families. We identify critical social needs and address those needs through scholarships and community grant making.

Mark Your Calendar!

2014 Women of Achievement
May 29 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
John Ascuaga's Nugget— Rose Ballroom
Tickets - \$125 | Table of 10 - \$1,250

Keynote Speaker
Lucille O'Neal, Author & Motivator

2014 Power of the Purse
November 21 | 5-9 p.m.
Downtown Reno Ballroom. Tickets - \$40

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