

Washington Women's Foundation



A Report to Our Members
and the Community
2009 - 2010

October, 2010

Dear Members and Friends in the Community,

Milestones Now in our 15th year, the Washington Women's Foundation has more than 500 women members engaged in the power of collective giving and effective philanthropy. Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Foundation has invested more than \$10 million in the life of our communities in Washington state.



Momentum Our model of collective giving and engaged education has inspired hundreds of women to be active leaders in philanthropy. When women come together in their philanthropy, the leveraging effect is dramatic. Even through a challenging economic period, Foundation membership and giving levels reached new heights, a testament to the generosity and commitment of our members.

Making Investments Over the past 18 months, the Foundation has continued to invest in systems and infrastructure to professionalize our business, while maintaining a focus on the welcoming environment that is a hallmark of our culture. In 2009, the Board of Directors launched a strategic planning process designed to advance and enrich the mission of Washington Women's Foundation and to ensure its long-term financial health.



Strength Our financial position remains strong. Washington Women's Foundation's first-ever financial audit was completed for year 2009 by Jacobson Jarvis & Co. PLLC. Their rigorous review of our financial statements affirmed our business practices and internal controls.

Moving Forward Now is the ideal time to build on this solid platform and position the Foundation for the future. Guided by input from our members, community leaders, nonprofit grantees and partners, the Foundation has embarked on an ambitious plan for the future. This plan offers more for our members--more learning, more grant-making, more ways to connect--more possibilities to grow as leaders, as philanthropists, and as a community of women donors.

With the introduction of several new initiatives and a focus on reaching out to build new partnerships across the philanthropy landscape, the Foundation is stepping up to a bolder level of philanthropy, looking deeper into the needs of our community and demonstrating the positive impact that results from informed, focused grant making. Our strategic plan provides a clear path to expand our impact, deepen our alliances in the community and reinforce our administrative and financial strength.

We hope you share in our excitement and look to the future with optimism and a spirit of generosity, purpose and community partnership. Thank you again for your participation and support in our work together.

Warm regards,

Handwritten signature of Anne V. Farrell in black ink.

Anne V. Farrell, Board Chair

Handwritten signature of Carla E. Lewis in black ink.

Carla E. Lewis, President

MISSION

Washington Women's Foundation educates, inspires and increases the number of women committed to philanthropy in order to strengthen community and demonstrate the impact that can result from informed, focused grant making.

VISION

To change the course of women's philanthropy through the power of collective giving.

CORE VALUES

Collaboration, Connection, Education, Equality, Impact, Inclusiveness, Leadership

Giving. Learning. Leading. Together.

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Participatory Grant Making

Washington Women's Foundation members awarded \$475,000 to five organizations through the Pooled Grant program in 2010. These high-impact grants are designed to respond to critical needs, support bold new ventures or develop new approaches to ongoing problems. In 2010, 70 members contributed hundreds of hours to review 210 Letters of Inquiry, analyze 25 proposals, conduct site visits with 15 applicants and prioritize 10 finalists. The entire membership voted, and awarded the following grants:

Seattle Music Partners, \$85,000 – Arts & Culture

To provide general operating support for free, after school music lessons to underserved children in Seattle's Central District schools. Musically-skilled, volunteer teen and young adult musicians serve as both instructors and mentors to these children.

Healthy Start, \$100,000 – Education

To provide general operating support for intensive, home-based parenting education for low-income, first-time parents under age 23 in Snohomish County with children age 0-3 years. Their early intervention model ensures that both parent and child develop solid foundations for family and school success.



Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, \$90,000 – Environment

To provide general operating support to ensure a Duwamish River Superfund cleanup that increases access and participation by the most impacted South Seattle communities in the cleanup efforts being led by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Refugee Women's Alliance, \$100,000 – Health

To provide funding for the *Refugee & Immigrant Family Health Project* that conducts culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach, referral, workshops and case management to improve the health of one of King County's largest refugee/immigrant populations: Somali, and the newest: Burmese and Nepalese.

Emergency Food Network, \$100,000 – Human Services

To provide general operating support to obtain, produce, transport, process and store food for free distribution at the 70+ food banks, hot meal sites and shelters in Pierce County, providing 85% of all food distributed to Pierce County feeding programs.

The WWF Merit Award

New in 2010, the Washington Women's Foundation presented a Merit Award to the following five finalist organizations in recognition of the strong endorsement of each by the 2010 Grant Committee. In appreciation of the time, effort and goodwill invested in our rigorous process, we awarded a \$2,000 grant to each of these finalists:

Arts & Culture: Theatre Off Jackson advances Seattle's vibrant artistic community by providing a sustainable venue and accessible, innovative work.

Education: Para Los Niños fosters academic success for every Latino student in the Highline School District through parental and community involvement.

Environment: Groundwire delivers technology to engage people, organizations and communities in building a sustainable society.

Health: Neighborcare Health is constructing a new, co-located medical and dental community health center to serve Seattle's Rainier Valley.

Human Services: Eastside Domestic Violence Program increases access to and resources for permanent housing and domestic violence services to end homelessness for survivors and their children.

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Compelling Education Programs

Since the beginning of 2009, more than 3,000 participants attended a robust array of over 70 programs, field trips, book discussions, community service projects and training seminars. The Foundation's education offerings provided opportunities for strong community connections and a deep exploration of issues including refugee and immigrant concerns, environmental conservation in the Puget Sound, health technology, and measuring program impact. Through these programs, members and their guests explored new subjects, enhanced their expertise, developed their leadership skills, and connected with one another and the Puget Sound community.



Strategic Planning

To advance and enrich the mission of Washington Women's Foundation, and to ensure its long-term financial health, the Board of Directors launched a strategic planning process in September 2009. Led by a Steering Committee comprised of board and staff members, the planning process took place through the fall and winter of 2009, and was presented in the spring of 2010. Key elements of the Strategic Plan include:

- Three new advanced grant making initiatives focused on diversity, global philanthropy and innovation.
- Merit Awards recognizing the excellence of the five runner-up organizations in our annual pooled fund grant program.
- Enhanced philanthropy curriculum and expanded educational programming to deepen member knowledge.
- New community partnerships that expand program offerings and enhance our grant making.
- Financial strength assured through streamlining business practices, consolidating and transforming committees, broadening fundraising support, building a planned giving program, and increasing the Endowment.

Financial Management

The work we began in 2008 to update and strengthen our financial systems continued throughout 2009 as we refined and increased our control policies and procedures. The Finance Committee and staff prepared throughout the year for the Foundation's first comprehensive audit of the financial statements conducted by Jacobson Jarvis & Co. PLLC in early 2010. We are pleased to report that the Foundation received a clean audit with no deficiencies and no recommendations for improvements to our financial controls. Washington Women's Foundation maintains a very strong financial position including total net assets of more than \$3.5 million.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW* JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2009

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash & Equivalents	\$ 1,555,931
Other Assets	88,328
Endowment Assets	2,273,265
Total Assets	\$ 3,917,524

Liabilities

Grants Payable to Others	\$ 351,000
Other Liabilities	34,755
Total Liabilities	\$ 385,755

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets**	\$ 523,173
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	613,938
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	2,394,658
Total Net Assets	\$ 3,531,769

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$3,917,524**

Statement of Operating Activities

Revenue

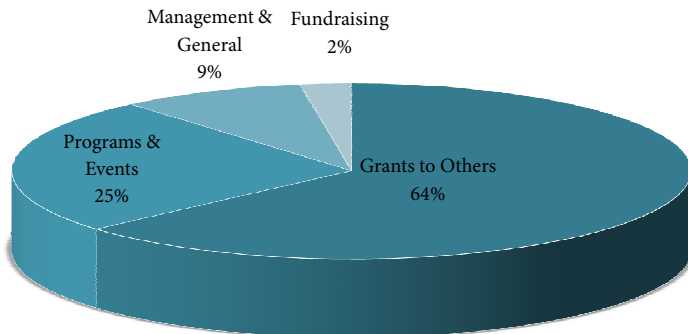
Contributions for Grants	\$ 871,909
Contributions & Sponsorships***	477,874
Endowment Release	63,776
Interest & Other Income	20,613
Total Revenue	\$ 1,434,172

Expense

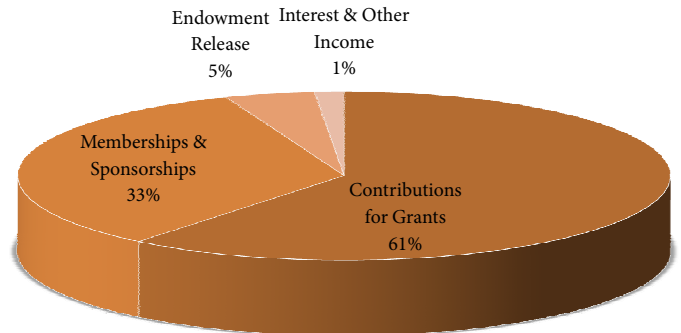
Grants to Others	\$ 820,750
Programs & Events	326,639
Management & General	113,934
Fundraising	31,338
Total Expense	\$ 1,292,661

Net Income **\$ 141,511**

2009 Expense



2009 Revenue



* The 2009 audited financial statements are available on our website or at the WWF office.

** In addition, WWF holds a Board Reserve at The Seattle Foundation totaling \$324,463 as of 12/31/2009.

*** Includes extraordinary item, bequest gift of \$201,462 from the estate of Gretchen Mathers.



POOLED FUND GRANTEES, 1996-2010

ARTS & CULTURE	\$682,500
2010 Seattle Music Partners	\$85,000
2009 NW African American Museum	\$87,500
2008 Artist Trust	\$100,000
2007 Seattle Arts & Lectures	\$60,000
2006 The Vera Project	\$75,000
2005 Academy of Children's Theatre	\$50,000
2004 Arts Corps	\$65,000
2003 Town Hall Association	\$60,000
2002 Friends of Washington Music	\$50,000
2001 Rotary Boys & Girls Club	\$50,000

EDUCATION	\$1,115,000
2010 Healthy Start	\$100,000
2009 College Access Now	\$100,000
2008 Friends of the Children	\$100,000
2007 Seattle MESA	\$100,000
2006 Team Read	\$100,000
2005 Community for Youth	\$100,000
2004 The New School Foundation	\$65,000
2003 Rainier Scholars	\$100,000
2002 Daniel Bagley Elem. Montessori	\$50,000
2001 Powerful Voices	\$100,000
2000 City Year/Treehouse: Teen Time	\$100,000
1997 Alliance for Education: Galef Project	\$100,000

ENVIRONMENT	\$792,500
2010 Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition	\$90,000
2009 Cascade Land Conservancy	\$87,500
2008 PCC Farmland Trust	\$100,000
2007 Puget Soundkeeper Alliance	\$100,000
2006 EarthCorps	\$75,000
2005 Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland	\$80,000
2004 Washington Toxics Coalition	\$50,000
2003 Bike Works	\$60,000
2002 Futurewise	\$50,000
2001 People For Puget Sound	\$50,000
1998 The Nature Conservancy	\$50,000

HEALTH	\$1,120,000
2010 Refugee Women's Alliance	\$100,000
2009 King Co. Sexual Assault Resource Center	\$100,000
2008 First Place	\$100,000
2007 Youth Suicide Prevention Program	\$100,000
2006 Pike Place Market Foundation	\$100,000
2005 Okanogan Family Planning	\$85,000
2004 Northwest Medical Teams	\$100,000
2003 UW Center, Women's Lifetime Fitness	\$60,000
2002 Pediatric Interim Care Center	\$100,000
2001 Dr. J.L Nelson: Autoimmune Disease	\$50,000
2000 Puget Sound Neighbor Health Ctrs	\$50,000
2000 Planned Parenthood	\$50,000
1999 Country Doctor	\$75,000
1998 Children's Hosp. Brain Tumor Research	\$50,000

HUMAN SERVICES	\$1,520,000
2010 Emergency Food Network	\$100,000
2009 The Mockingbird Society	\$100,000
2008 Girl Scouts of Western WA	\$100,000
2007 Seattle Milk Fund	\$100,000
2006 WA Women's Employment & Education	\$100,000
2005 Jubilee Women's Center	\$85,000
2004 Children's Home Society	\$100,000
2003 Family & Adult Service Center	\$100,000
2002 Child Care Resources	\$100,000
2001 Childhaven	\$100,000
2000 Medina Children's Services (now Amara)	\$100,000
1999 STARS: King Co. Youth Services	\$100,000
1999 Seattle Children's Home	\$75,000
1998 FareStart	\$100,000
1997 Washington Works	\$60,000
1996 Mothers Against Violence In America	\$100,000

TOTALS:		
1996 - 2010 Pooled Fund Grants		\$5,230,000
2010 Merit Awards		\$10,000
<u>1996 - 2010 Individual Grants</u>		<u>\$4,834,550</u>
Total Granted by WWF in 15 years		\$10,074,550



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