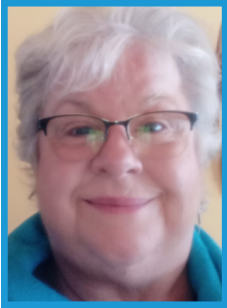




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A Letter From Your President



I wonder how many times I have said, "There is something so special about Northfield." When I think about what makes this community 'special,' WINGS is always in the top five of that list.

Since 2019, our grants totals have increased significantly (see graph on next page).

We are making a difference in our community with our pooled resources, as we saw at the Grant's Celebration in June at the Northfield Community Education Center and again at last month's Fall Membership Event at the Northfield Community Resource Center.

Still, in the most recent years, we have only been able to fulfill about 60-65% of the grant dollars requested. We have done great things together, but there is also great potential to do

more. There are a few key ways we can increase our membership numbers and in turn grow our capacity to give:

- 1 Grow our membership by inviting more women to come alongside of our work and join in our efforts to make Northfield 'special' for everyone!
- 2 Continue to promote contributions not only to the annual fund but also to the endowment, which is generating a reliable income stream, year after year.

Earlier this year WINGS subscribed to a data base program called Little Green Light (LGL). Up to this point we were using lots of volunteer hours to make sure our spreadsheets containing your names, contact information, and donations were up to date, accurate, and available. LGL is allowing us to do this work much more efficiently (always important in an all-volunteer organization), and it will allow us to do some things our members have asked for. Perhaps something you have wished for

was a reminder of when your membership dues are due. (Currently anyone who gave \$120 or more from January 2022 to the current day, is a member.) Well, we can do that now, and we will be soon sending out an LGL-generated email with the data we have on your last gifts to WINGS. We will need a little bit of 'grace' when we do this; if the data we have in the system is inaccurate, let us know and we will correct it. Going forward, whenever you give online or via check, if you would enter any new addresses and email, this will keep your data up to date in our system.

In transitioning to this new system, we hope to help you stay up to date with your membership. We hope our retention numbers can improve and our membership can grow.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR MINNESOTA'S GENEROSITY HOLIDAY



Minnesota's annual Give to the Max Day is returning on Thursday, November 16, 2023, and Early Giving has already begun.

Give to the Max exists because of tens of thousands of generous Minnesotans like you. On behalf of WINGS and the thousands of causes on GiveMN.org, we appreciate your support as we work together to raise millions of dollars for Minnesota communities this year!

Can't wait to make a difference? Visit GiveMN.org any day of the year and search for WINGS and causes that mean the most to you!



Endowment Fund

Scan for 2 Ways to Donate to WINGS



Annual Fund

WINGS Membership

the sky's the limit!

	\$1 - \$119	\$120 - \$299	\$300 - \$599	\$600 - \$1,199	\$1,200 +
	\$10 + month	\$25 + month	\$50 + month	\$100 + month	\$100 + month
Friend/Student					
Bronze Wings					
Silver Wings					
Gold Wings					
Blue Wings					

President's Letter Continued

Let me show you some fun facts LGL provides for us.

As of today, we have:

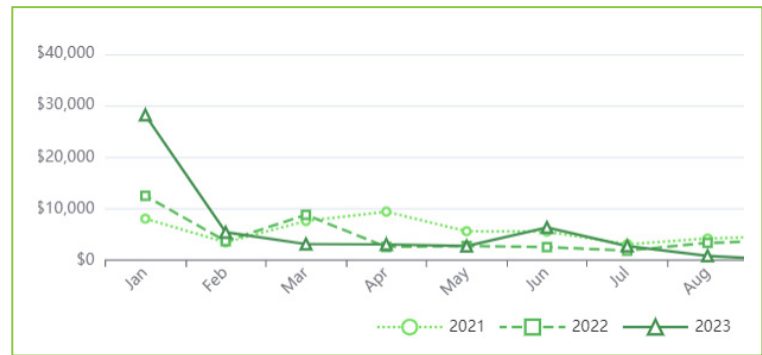
- 955 individual names in our system
- 205 organizations
- 228 members
- 93 of whom give at the Bronze level (\$120-299)
- 43 of whom are Blue WINGS members (\$1200+)

LGL also gives us graphs; the one to the right is for three years of giving (monthly), so we can compare month to month numbers.

LGL allows us to be more aware of what giving looks like, to serve you better with reminders, year-end reports and more. Do you have a question LGL may be able to answer? Stay tuned....

As I wrap up here, let me invite you to consider several actions you can take:

- 1 Invite women you know to come and be a part of this powerful women's organization.
- 2 Watch for the email with the record of your recent giving (or email me at president@wings-mn.org and I can look up the data we have).



- 3 Consider serving on the board or on one of WINGS' committees. Contact Kathy Olson at kathyolsonmn@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information.

I look forward to seeing you at the next event and out and about in our special little town!

Sincerely,
Vicki Dilley



WINGS VOTING MEMBERS (\$120+ January 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

* Blue WINGS

** Legacy Gift

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Amy Lynn Allin
Barbara S. Altstaetter
Anonymous*
Mari Aylin
Maren Bahler
Erin Bailey*
Lois Bakko
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Elizabeth J. Behrens
Joan Koerber Berg
Kathryn L. Berglund
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Sue Middleton
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Jane Moore
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Janet E. Muth
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How WINGS Works in the Community



How do your WINGS donations help the greater Northfield community? The October 16 membership event at the Northfield Community Resource Center addressed that question. Over thirty WINGS members attended this membership event which highlighted two organizations that received WINGS grants in 2023: Northfield Community College Collaborative (NCCC) and the Community Action Center (CAC).

NCCC partners with Riverland Community College to offer post-secondary education for students who struggle to access higher education. Currently, NCCC serves 150 students pursuing associate degrees. NCCC provides traditional student support such as assistance in completing financial aid forms and tutoring. However, many of the students need assistance beyond academic support. For example, NCCC provides childcare and meals for the many parents in this program. NCCC has also provided funds for textbooks or gas cards.

Women In Philanthropy

Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen, entrepreneur, philanthropy educator and author of *Giving 2.0: Transform your Giving and our World*, has the following to share on philanthropy:

“Shouldn’t you put the same amount of effort into your giving as you might for your for-profit investment? After all, philanthropy is an investment, and one in which lives – not profit – are at stake.”

“Giving is a universal opportunity regardless of your age, profession, religion, income bracket and background. You have the capacity to create change.”

“Being innovative in your philanthropy allows you to stride forward in your giving journey; you can marry your mind and your heart and turn charity into lasting impact; and you can become more ambitious in your giving.”

According to Meleah Follen, director of NCCC, the 2020 Dare to Dream grant from WINGS allowed them to build their two classrooms and student center. In 2023, NCCC received a \$6,000 grant from WINGS to fund increased student support.

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The second stop on the tour was the CAC. In 2023, WINGS provided \$21,000 in grants to CAC programs. According to Anika Rychner, senior director, the CAC has grown to over 40 staff members and serves over 500 families per day. The WINGS housing stability grant of \$10,000 helps prevent evictions and homelessness. WINGS provided a \$6,000 grant towards the costs of 5,000 packs of diapers distributed annually. WINGS also provided a \$5,000 grant for a CAC recovery program that assists women who have been separated from their children.



The tour began and concluded with an opportunity to reconnect and enjoy light refreshments. The leftover snacks were brought to the NCCC classroom for the students to enjoy.

Coming Soon: A new way to donate to WINGS

Have you been wondering why you can’t use your credit card to give to WINGS without incurring a fee? As of November 17th, you’ll have this ability, first through the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation website and shortly afterwards through our website. Watch for an email from us letting you know that this option is up and working!

WINGS (Women in Northfield Giving Support) educates and expands the number of women in philanthropy, builds and strengthens community through pooled investments, and improves the lives of women and youth in the Northfield area through focused giving.

Please mail your check (P.O. Box 845, Northfield, MN 55057) or donate online (wings-mn.org/donate) by Nov. 30. Send your tax-deductible gift soon. Thank you!

Stay informed about WINGS! E-news is sent to WINGS members and friends monthly. If you are not receiving e-news, please check your email spam folder. If you have questions, contact communications@wings-mn.org.

WINGS Forever
Leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Thank you for considering making your legacy gift to WINGS. For more information, contact Vicki Dilley; president@wings-mn.org.

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2023 WINGS GRANT RECIPIENTS

WINGS awarded \$100,000 in this year's grant cycle.
WINGS has granted \$1,429,887 to date.

- ◆ Youthbuild
- ◆ Project Friendship
- ◆ Promise Fellows for Student Support (TORCH)
- ◆ Summer Adventures (TORCH)
- ◆ Give a Book, Ensure a Future
- ◆ Summer Strings: Cannon Valley Youth Orchestra
- ◆ Youthbank — HCI
- ◆ Northfield Youth Choir Concert Chicago Tour
- ◆ Reading Corps Internal Coach for PreK — HCI
- ◆ LETRS Training for K to 3 Teachers — HCI
- ◆ Housing Stability — CAC
- ◆ Diaper and Hygiene Bank — CAC
- ◆ Back on Your Feet Fund — CAC
- ◆ NCCC Increased Student Support — HCI
- ◆ Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support — Northfield Public Schools
- ◆ Youth & Family Mental Health & Substance Use — Health Finders
- ◆ Northfield Arts Guild Youth Council — Northfield Arts Guild
- ◆ Youth Sports Scholarships — CAC
- ◆ Navigating Early Childhood — HCI