

**Would you like to become more involved in WINGS?
Members are always welcome to join a committee.**

WINGS COMMITTEES:

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee is responsible for establishing relationships with grantees. Outreach members are assigned to all grantees as liaisons to those organizations. Members arrange meetings with grantees to establish a relationship, to discuss how the project is progressing, and to encourage submission of interim and final reports in a timely manner. outreach@wings-mn.org

GRANTS

The Grants Committee is responsible for developing, publishing and maintaining a Grants Policy, subject to approval by the Board of Directors and the Voting Membership. The Grants Committee meets 2-3 times in March-April to review the grant proposals and to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on which grants to fund and how much to award. grants@wings-mn.org

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is responsible for recruiting and welcoming new women to WINGS and helping members stay connected. Committee members host the Blue WINGS brunch and other events, introduce groups to WINGS, and help WINGS increase and retain its membership. membership@wings-mn.org

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Committee is responsible for the marketing and visibility of WINGS in the community. Committee members send out WINGS e-news, write newspaper (on-line and print) articles and press releases, design and print the annual report, maintain the website, and post to Facebook. Committee members also are responsible for creating, printing, and mailing invitations and newsletters. communications@wings-mn.org

FINANCE

The Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee. It is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures and annual budget with other members as needed. The Board approves the budget and all expenditures within the budget. treasurer@wings-mn.org

2017 Annual Report

WOMEN IN NORTHFIELD GIVING SUPPORT



WINGS is a 100% volunteer-led grassroots network of women who pool together resources to improve the lives of women and youth in the Northfield area. Joining WINGS brings you into a community of local women who are making a difference! Since 2000, WINGS has grown to be the second-largest local grantor, giving \$890,000 to local nonprofit organizations.

WINGS MISSION

WINGS 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.



Leave a legacy that empowers women and children in Northfield. Join WINGS Forever by designating a legacy gift to WINGS. See Frequently Asked Questions about legacy giving on our website at www.wings-mn.org/legacy-giving.

STAY CONNECTED

Are you receiving emails from WINGS? If not, please contact us at communications@wings-mn.org

Please join this dynamic organization! Simply send a check to:
P.O. Box 845, Northfield, MN 55057 or donate online at: www.wings-mn.org/donate
Voting membership begins at \$120

WINGS 2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jacqui Dorsey
Vice President: Kathy Olson
Treasurer: Mary Lynn Oglesbee
Secretary: Shelley Strobel
Grants: Alice Carson
Membership: Vicki Stevens
Outreach: Nancy Moe
Communications: Gay Eggers
At Large: Bonnie Jean Flom
At Large: Laura Riehle-Merrill
At Large: Maelynn Rosas
At Large: Katy Berglund
Youth Member: Hannah Breiland
Youth Member: Thyme Thornton

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Chair: Nancy Carlson
Nominating Committee: Mary Hahn,
Laura Riehle-Merrill



Pictured from recent Board Meeting:
Front Row L-R: Alice Carson,
Kathy Olson, Nancy Moe
Back Row L-R: Jacqui Dorsey,
Gay Eggers, Shelley Strobel,
Laura Riehle-Merrill, Katy Berglund

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017 (through November 30, 2017)					
	Annual	Endowment	WEF	Operating	Total
Balance 1/1/17	47,519	591,923	1795	3,295	644,532
Contributions	31,958	17,879	405	13,915	64,157
Other Income	185	85,066	5	26	85282
Grants	--51,755	--23,556	--1795	--360	--77,466
Fees	--417	--8,051	--33	--76	--8577
Operating Expenses				--5,125	--5125
Balance 11/30/17	27,490	663,161	377	11,675	702,703
SPMCF will have year end financials completed February 4, 2017					
\$10,048 was contributed for Give to the Max day					
OPERATING BUDGET					
	2016 Budget	Actual	2017 Budget		
MEETINGS	1950	1223	1560		
POSTAGE	300	436	400		
PRINTING	790	809	1260		
ADVERTISING	500	230	500		
ADMINISTRATION	160	627	160		
TOTAL	3700	3325	3880		

Treasurer's Report submitted by Mary Lynn Oglesbee

WINGS Membership <i>the sky's the limit!</i>				
\$1 - \$119	\$120 - \$299	\$300 - \$599	\$600 - \$1,199	\$1,200 +
\$10 + month	\$25 + month	\$50 + month	\$100 + month	
 Friend/Student	 Bronze Wings	 Silver Wings	 Gold Wings	 Blue Wings

WHY JOIN WINGS?
YOU WILL ...

- Simply donate or choose your time commitment - join a committee, if you'd like
- Pool your money with others to have a greater impact
- Focus your giving locally
- Expand your network of contacts in the community
- Connect with a thriving, active group of women
- Help this dynamic organization grow

2017 Grant Recipients \$77,106 Awarded

- Northfield Booster Club: Athletic Waiver Fees \$2,000 - Help cover the costs of fee waivers for high school athletic activities; helping those who cannot afford the fee to be able to participate.
- Northfield High School Special Education: Community Real Life Experience \$150 - Provide real life experiences in our Northfield community using money to pay for recreation activities and food at local businesses.
- Rice County Habitat for Humanity: Building Homes, Building Hope \$9,000 - Fund a Family Service Coordinator who will help with financial literacy and financial readiness for those interested in applying for a Habitat house.
- Northfield Public Schools Community Services Hand in Hand Preschool: Creating an Engaging Learning Environment in Early Childhood \$500 - Help fund the purchasing of classroom materials.
- Community Action Center: Housing Assistance \$5,000 - Provide direct rental or utility assistance to low-income households headed by women at risk of homelessness.
- IRIS Bereavement Support Packets \$1,000 - Provide books, brochures, and other printed materials for 150 Bereavement Support Packets distributed in Northfield.
- Ruth's House of Hope, Inc.: Transitional Shelter Program \$3,000 - Defray the costs of providing utilities at the shelter including heat and electricity.
- Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative: Scholarship Fund \$4,500 - Provide scholarships to local youth from low-income families to reduce the registration fee for participating in local sports associations.
- Project Friendship: Northfield Mentoring Activity Collaboration \$1,600 - Develop and implement regular group programming for mentors and mentees throughout the 2017-2018 year.
- Northfield Public Schools TORCH Program: Student and Alumni Support \$5,000 - Address the literacy gaps in our community which prevent low-income, first generation, and minority students from thriving in college and successfully obtaining living-wage jobs.
- Dakota Prairie Adult Basic Education: Family School Transportation \$1,800 - Pay for transportation-bus service for participants in Northfield Family School.
- Northfield Public Schools TORCH Program: Check & Connect \$4,000 - Provide mentoring focused on increasing student engagement in school and improving student outcomes.
- Northfield Public Schools: Camp FRIENDS \$2,000 - Provide social, recreational and educational programming for middle and high school students with disabilities.
- Northfield Union of Youth: Unlocking the Key \$9,311 - Provide additional and intentional caring adult support to Northfield's least connected and disenfranchised youth.
- HOPE Center: Core Service Provision \$3,200 - Help Northfield clients with basic needs such as gas and grocery cards as well as five nights of safehousing.
- Healthy Community Initiative: Greenvale Park Community School Sustainability Project \$8,000 - Sustain the Greenvale Park Community School Program.
- Girl Scouts ConnectZ: Northfield \$500 - Deliver the ConnectZ program to underserved girls in the Northfield area.
- Dollars and \$ense: Youth IDA Program \$3,000 - Hire a coordinator for the Individual Development Account program which allows low-income persons to start a savings account to support higher education expenses.
- Northfield Arts Guild: Art Out and About \$1,445 - Engage youth pre-K through middle school and their families through art utilizing the Roving Art Cart and the Arts Passport Packet.
- Northfield Public Schools: Peer Helper Program \$8,000 - Provide training by the Hazelden Peer Helper program to teachers and peer helpers at the high school.
- Northfield Area Family YMCA: Y Scholarships for Low-Income Families \$1,600 - Provide financial scholarships to low-income families.
- Healthfinders: Community Care Coordination \$2,500 - Improve disease management and prevention among Rice County's underserved populations, reduce fragmentation across health care systems, and broaden HFC's existing model.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think we can all agree that 2017 has been a year of ups and downs, which emphasizes the need to maintain a positive outlook to fuel our daily lives. Certainly, the fact we live in the United States is one very good reason to be positive. We can add to that list by appreciating our strong connection to Northfield, as well.

Throughout my life I lived in a variety of cities, states and countries. No credit can be given to military life, but rather, it was a result of ever-changing circumstances in my family of origin.

Minnesota has now been my home for more than half my life. Frankly, I was a bit worried before I moved here. Would I be treated differently because my skin color and hair color would mark me as an outsider? My accent? Would I be welcomed into the community or treated as a stranger?

My worries were unnecessary. I found an unending stream of warm, caring people who instantly accepted me and helped me find a place here. It started with an invitation to Early Childhood Family Education classes. What a boon! I learned parenting skills. I met educators and parents, and my children met other kids who later attended the same schools with them.

The children and I attended classes at the Northfield Arts Guild and performed in a few plays. We got involved in the Defeat of Jesse James Days events. We encountered people involved with Community Action Center, The Key, Northfield Historical Society, and countless other local organizations.

When I was invited to attend an informational meeting about WINGS, there was no hesitation in my response. It was an easy, "Yes!" WINGS has become my best way of giving back to the Northfield community.

I am grateful for the opportunities afforded to me here and for the warm, caring people who have welcomed and supported my family and me. Thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of WINGS over the past two years.

I am passing along the lessons I've learned here. The benefit of being helped and welcomed can be magnified by extending that same assistance to others. Being a part of these efforts makes it possible for us to take an active role in developing the place we call home and making it a positive, caring community.

You can start by inviting people to become involved in our community resources. Then let's continue providing financial support to the local non-profit organizations. We can accomplish more by working together. I'm willing. Are you?

Jacqui Dorsey — WINGS President



Jacqui Dorsey,
WINGS President



RICE COUNTY DOLLARS AND \$ENSE



Thanks to support from WINGS, the Rice County Dollars and \$ense program continues to assist low-income students to open Individual Development Account (IDAs). These accounts allow students from economically disadvantaged families to multiply their college savings. Students who wish to open an account must also enroll in a financial literacy class, and they receive on-going support from the Northfield TORCH program while they are in college. Student savers are allowed to save up to \$960; every dollar of savings is matched with an additional three dollars from the state of Minnesota. This means a student could have access to up to \$3,840 to help pay for college.

To date, Rice County has enrolled 65 student savers in this program, with the potential of nearly \$250,000 in additional aid. These students are enrolled in colleges across the country, including: St. Olaf College, St. John's University, College of St. Benedict, College of St. Scholastica, University of Minnesota, St. Edward's College, University of Puget Sound, Augsburg University, Gustavus Adolphus College, Winona State University, Mankato State University, Simpson College, University of St. Thomas, and Macalester College, just to name a few.

Although many of these students receive competitive need-based financial aid from their institutions, there generally is a gap between how much their aid will cover and what their families are required to pay each year. These accounts have helped close that final gap and have made college financially feasible for the student savers enrolled in this program. Of the 65 students who have opened accounts, eight have already earned their desired degree and 51 are currently enrolled in college and working toward their degree.

As of January 1, 2018, there are about 22 students who are starting the application process to the program. Due to the rules of the program, students have a very specific window in which they can enroll (January-February of their senior year). Usually, about 15 students complete the application each year and about 25 begin to access funds.



Rice County Dollars and \$ense – it makes sense!

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

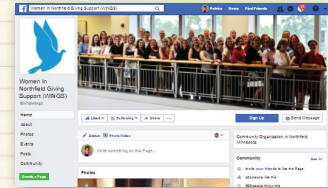
WINGS was featured in The Saint Paul and Minnesota Community Foundations Community Impact Report.



The Membership Committee connected with people at the Riverwalk Market Fair.



Current grantees are highlighted in e-news and Facebook posts throughout the year.



Communications Committee added a Facebook feed to our WINGS website.

Dr. Eric Jolly from The Saint Paul and Minnesota Community Foundations and Northfield Mayor Rhonda Pownell presented at the fall event focusing on community informed philanthropy.



A \$10,000 gift from The Saint Paul and Minnesota Community Foundations was directed to WINGS by a former board member of that organization. This generous gift will help fund our Dare to Dream Bigger grant in 2018.



President Jacqui Dorsey and WINGS were featured in the Minnesota Women's Press November Rockstar Women Activist issue.

