



WINGSPAN

WOMEN IN NORTHFIELD GIVING SUPPORT

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A Letter from Your President



Kathy Olson —
President of WINGS

What would you do if you had one million dollars? Have you ever given away one million dollars? In 2019, WINGS is poised to reach the one million dollar mark in grants awarded in Northfield. If you're a WINGS member or have ever given to WINGS you are part of this incredible milestone accomplishment.

I often wonder if the 63 women who, in 2000, decided to pool their money to multiply their impact and strengthen the fiber of Northfield ever dreamed about this day. Did they ever imagine that their thoughtfully planned and skillfully structured plans would have such an impact on the lives of so many in our community? Lives have been changed—not just those who are touched by the grants we have given, but certainly all of us who have been a part of the giving. Our ears have heard about needs that we perhaps did not know existed, our minds have grown as we've created new ways to respond, and our hearts have been moved to give generously. We have all been enriched.

I don't know about you, but I am proud to be a part of WINGS! I am in awe as together we confidently march forward, seeking ways to improve the lives of women and youth in Northfield through our collective, focused giving. Act now! Be part of the million!

"Now's the time! Renew by December 1 and we are on our way to a million."

A Great Time to Renew Your Membership



Since its inception in 2009, Give to the Max Day has become an annual tradition. Every year thousands of organizations and individuals generate donations and excitement for Minnesota causes that are working to improve the quality of life for all Minnesotans. By donating to WINGS during the Give to the Max giving period, November 1-15, you help WINGS qualify for additional prizes and drawings from \$500-\$10,000. You also ensure that your donation is available for our 2019 grant cycle.

Remember that you may donate to WINGS at any time via our website at www.wings-mn.org/donate, or by sending a check to WINGS, P.O. Box 845, Northfield, MN 55057.

Sustaining Membership

You're busy and it's so easy to forget details. That's why we created the Sustaining Membership category for WINGS members who want to make regular annual or monthly contributions—and never forget.

You can become a sustaining member whether you donate \$10 a month or are a Blue WINGS Member giving at least \$1,200 a year. And best of all, if we know we can count on your donation, we can focus on our mission to help women and youth in Northfield. Please consider becoming a sustaining member when you make your online donation at www.wings-mn.org/donate. After clicking the "DONATE NOW" button, you will have the option to make your donation occur monthly or annually.

Did I pay my 2018 membership dues?

If you have not paid you will have already received a reminder letter from WINGS. If you didn't receive a letter, THANK YOU very much for your annual contribution.

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

TORCH Education Fellows Pathway



With WINGS support, recent high school graduates of the Northfield TORCH Program are receiving on-the-job training through the Minnesota Reading Corps while simultaneously taking college courses through Riverland Community College right here in Northfield. Riverland is partnering with HCI and TORCH and this collaboration allows students to earn an Associate of Arts degree while earning a stipend, gaining workforce skills, and building a community of young professionals right here at home. Our hope is that this experience will ensure that more TORCH graduates will become educators and return to Northfield for their careers. Look for the circular sign “Northfield Community College Collaborative” next to The First National Bank on Division Street. This is the home of the creative, new collaboration: TORCH + Riverland + Minnesota Reading Corps.

WINGS Friends and Members - January 1, 2017 – October 3, 2018

* Founding Member
(D) Deceased

Karen Achberger
Connie Albers
Amy Allin
Barb Altstaetter *
Joy Amunrud
Cindy Anderson
Anonymous
Mary Auge
Erin Bailey
Lois Bakko
Maureen Bard
Dora Barvir
William Beery
Libby Behrens
Katy Berglund
Beth Berry
Linda Blaisdell *
Mary Bleckwehl
Ruth Bolstad
Cindy Book
Sue Boxrud
Barbara Brown
Martha Brown
Lin Bruce *
Betsey Buckheit
Linda Burdell
Evelyn Burry
Jan Burry
Heather Cannaday
Mary Carlsen *
Sarah Carlsen
Charlotte Carlson
Mary Carlson
Nancy Carlson
Susan Carlson
Carlson Capital Management
Alice Carson
Lois Cary
Natalie Chell
Elizabeth Child *
Deb Christensen
Patrice Ciernia
Elizabeth Ciner
Patty Closser
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Ruth Crane *
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Cherry Danielson
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Connie DeGrote
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Judy Dirks
Kathleen Doran-Norton
Jacqui Dorsey *
Mary Douglass
Sharon Dreifus
Joan Drenth
Norma Driver
Mary Dunnewold
Jennifer Edwins
Gay Eggers
Gretchen Ehresmann *
Kari Elliason
Mary Emery *
Peg Enders
Diane Enebak *
Jan Ensrud
Sarah Entenmann
Elise Eslinger
Kristine Estenson
Rachel Estrem
Ann Etter
Jill Ewald
Gretchen Falck
Katie Fick
Reggie Fineran
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Meleah Follen
Tracy Fossum
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Jody Friedow
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Cynthia Gilbertson
Nanette Goldman
Ann Gosack
Paula Granquist
Beret Griffith
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Mary Hahn
Sue Hammes-Knopf
Liz Hankins
Jenny Hartley
Patti Haskins
Deanna Haunsperger
Nancy Hegland
Laura Heiman
Katherine Helgen
Allysa Herzog
Penny Hillemann
Sonja Hillestad
June Hiza
Leslie Hoeg
Carolyn Hogan
Pat Hohertz
Sue Hollinger
Emily Holter
Hvistendahl, Moersch &
Dorsey & Hahn, P.A.
Ann Iijima
Ellen Iverson
Barb Jenkins
Pat Jermeland
Margit Johnson *
Pat Johnson *
Mary Jones
Virginia Kaczmarek
Beth Kallestad
Joan Kark
Judy Karlson
Maryann Kaul
Teena Keiser
Baiba Kelley
Daniel Kelley
Polly Khanna
Julie Klassen

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Ann Knutson
Carol Korda *
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Patricia Kriesel
Kari Kust
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Leone Larson
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Mary Loven
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Lynn Naeckel
Connie Nelson
Kari Nelson
Elaine Nesbit
Marilynn Neuville
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Elizabeth Olson
Kathy Olson
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Linda Oto
Rebecca Otten
Melissa Ousley
Susan Parsons
Priscilla Paton
Bonnie Pavek *
Susan Pedersen *
Pamela Percy
Janet Petri-Zorn
Kay Pfahning
Suzanne Pfau
Patricia Pflaum
Sue Quinnell
Maria Richert
Laura Riehle-Merrill
Jane Rinehart
Patty Robertson
Jan Roetzel
Kim Rohr
Maelynn Rosas
Kitty Runzheimer
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Tripp Ryder
Kathy Sackmaster (D)
Susan Sanderson *
Mary Savina *
Jennifer Sawyer
Linda Sawyer *
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Mary Schier
Emily Schmitz
Grace Schroeder Scott
ReJean Schulte
Heather Scott
Lynne Severson
Jan Shoger *
Amy Sillanpa
Corinne Smith
Dawn Sorenson
Peg Stary
Teresa Stead
Mary Steen

Vicki Stevens
Lois Stratmoen
Shelley Strobel
Betty Stromseth *
Ann Sullivan
Chris Sullivan
Julie Sullivan
Sarah Swan McDonald
Erika Tallman
Marjorie Tarr *
Marnie Thompson
Merrell Thornton
Teresa Tillson *
Marian Tise
Linda Tollefson
Jan Truax
Christy Valek
Mary Vaughan
Pam Vig
Pat Vincent
Amy Voight
Jean Wakely
Ginny Walsh
David Waterbury
Sue Weaver
Eve Webster *
Liz Wicks
Karen Wingate
Peg Witt
William Woehrlin
Mary Wood *
Allyson Wopata
Barbara Zaveruha
Litao Zhang
Kathryn Ziegler-Graham
Becky Zrimsek
Karen Zwolenski

Every effort has been made to print an accurate list of members. Our sincere apologies if we have made an error. To correct our records, please contact Mary Lynn Oglesbee at treasurer@wings-mn.org.

Family School



Family School, a collaboration between Dakota Prairie Adult Basic Education and Northfield Early Childhood Family Education, is working to meet needs for adults 17 and older who are not enrolled in school and are functioning below the 12th grade level. All of the participants are women and English language learners with children. Often it is a family's introduction to the public school system, thus connecting them to high quality education and resources.

Family School offers free classes in English as a Second Language, GED test preparation, workplace literacy, family literacy, transitions to postsecondary education and basic adult literacy including reading, writing, and math. Additionally, Family School provides instruction in citizenship and digital literacy. Classes are held at the Northfield Community Resource Center with satellite locations at Greenvale Park Community School and Emmaus Church.

By engaging with the early childhood programming, families are supported and a trusting relationship is built with the child's school. The early childhood outreach specialist connects families with important services and programming and also provides home visits twice a year. Consistent communication between early childhood staff and families helps children progress through programming and remain connected to the community.

WINGS supports these efforts with funding for transportation to and from Family School that nearly all of the families utilize throughout the year. Attendance and success in the classes has led to improved scores on the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems Test and increased kindergarten readiness. An unanticipated outcome during last year's academic year was a new relationship with the Northfield Public Library after a visit from the outreach coordinator.

What's Your Legacy?

WINGS recently hosted a public event about legacy giving, featuring speaker Mariah Brook, Philanthropic Advisor, Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundations. Ms. Brook spoke about the power of planned giving and endowed gifts and told stories of impact. She celebrated the incredible success of WINGS and helped us to consider how we might thoughtfully leave a legacy for this great work to continue well into the future.

Legacy or planned gifts are just that – planned. Individuals plan to pass on their values and goals in the form of ongoing financial support. Legacy donations to WINGS funds support that commitment in perpetuity. Ms. Brook discussed ways to plan a legacy gift, large or small, that will support the donor during their life and later support Northfield women and youth for generations to come. The legacy a person strategically plants now is both relational and financial, and both are needed to sustain impact in the community.

During a Q&A panel WINGS members shared their stories of legacy giving and how their plan reflects the legacy they wish to leave. They spoke about family history which has shaped their giving and what they find is the most satisfying part of giving.

Complimentary bags of B&W Coffee featuring "Molly's Legacy Blend," were given to thank those attending and to honor the memory of Molly Woehrlin, a founding WINGS member. Her legacy gift to WINGS continues to inspire and support women and youth.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy gift to WINGS, please contact president@wings-mn.org or mariah.brook@spmcf.org.



WINGS P.O. Box 845 Northfield, MN 55057

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 Kathy Olson; president@wings-mn.org

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2018 WINGS Grant Recipients - Total Grants Awarded: \$85,824.00

- Infants Remembered in Silence (IRIS): Bereavement Support Packets
- Northfield Fine Arts Boosters: Roger Jenni Instruments for All Program
- Northfield Arts Guild: Creating Community Club
- Ruth's House of Hope: Transitional Shelter Program
- Northfield Hospitals & Clinics: Advance Care Planning Community Initiative
- Community Action Center: Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative Challenge Grant
- Dakota Prairie Basic Education: Family School Transportation
- Northfield Public Schools: Camp FRIENDS
- HOPE Center: Core Service Provision
- Northfield HCI: High School Reading Mentors Program
- Community Mediation and Restorative Services: Rice County Dispute Resolution
- Northfield HCI: Pizza en el Parque Program
- Project Friendship: After School Mentoring Collaboration
- Northfield Community Services NPS & Northfield HCI: Greenvale Park Community School Sustainability Project
- Community Action Center: Northfield Works- Career Training & Education Opportunities
- Northfield Area Family YMCA: Y Scholarships for Low Income Families
- Main Street Project: Vegetable Production Training Workshops for Aspiring Latina Farmers
- Northfield HCI: TORCH Education Fellows Pathway
- Northfield HCI: Northfield YouthBank
- Northfield Public Schools: English Learner Preschool Section at Northfield Community Resource Center
- Community Action Center: Basic Needs and Housing Stability
- Northfield HCI: TORCH Summer Camps & Experiences
- HealthFinders: Teen Clinic Services and Northfield Expansion
- Dare to Dream Bigger Grant**
- Northfield Union of Youth: Youth Outreach Collaborative with Northfield ALC and TORCH



2018 WINGS Grantees: Grant celebration at St. Olaf