

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 Leah Rich; president@wings-mn.org.

WINGS is an affiliate of the Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation



WINGS Annual Meeting Update: Watch for upcoming details.

The current environment prevents WINGS from holding the January Annual Meeting in person. The annual report will be available on the website, wings-mn.org, and may be downloaded for printing. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, send your request to communications@wings-mn.org.

2020 WINGS Grant Recipients - Total Grants Awarded: \$82,925.00

WINGS 20th Anniversary Dare to Dream Grant

- Northfield Healthy Community Initiative: Northfield Community College Collaborative Expansion- A Place Where Dreams gain WINGS

Annual Grants

- Hope Center: Riding with HOPE
- Infants Remembered in Silence: IRIS Bereavement Support Packets
- Northfield Union of Youth: Motivated Leadership
- Project Friendship: Every Kid Deserves a Mentor
- Three Rivers Community Action: Northfield Infant and Toddler Child Care Center
- Rice County Habitat for Humanity: Aging in Place
- Northfield Healthy Community Initiative: Northfield YouthBank

- Northfield Healthy Community Initiative: Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative- Launching from Sports to Beyond
- Greenvale Park Community School: Greenvale Park Community School Promise Fellow
- Tackling Obstacles, Raising College Hopes: TORCH Summer Enrichment Opportunities
- Northfield Public Schools: The Power of Play
- Northfield Community Action Center: Housing Stability
- Northfield Community Action Center: Empowering Families through Diaper Support
- Tackling Obstacles, Raising College Hopes: NMS TORCH Attendance Interventions
- Ruth's House: Emergency and Transitional Shelter Program
- Health Finders: School Based Mental Health Services
- Northfield Community Action Center: Supporting Women Through Education and Job Training

A Letter From Your President



Pivot and Reach -

In addition to our shared interest in philanthropy—especially as a way to positively impact the lives of women and youth in the Northfield area—I'm almost certain that at some point or another during this year, we've all shared this thought: "This is not at all how I imagined 2020 would be."

When we gathered at our Annual Meeting in early January, we eagerly discussed plans for our 20th anniversary, including a commitment to offer a Dare to Dream grant of \$20,000 or more every five years and a desire to engage members in a new fundraising concept—20 for 20—to support Dare to Dream grant awards and introduce WINGS to more women in our community. While we can celebrate awarding a Dare to Dream grant to the Northfield Community College Collaborative this year, COVID-19 has disrupted our 20 for 20 fundraising plans. Officially, only three events have been hosted. But the feedback is promising, and we're excited to re-launch this effort when the time is right.

Despite the year not going exactly as we imagined, the business of WINGS continues, nearly uninterrupted. As a Board, we're pivoting and reaching for new goals that will

positively impact the organization for years to come.

Most notably:

- We've secured \$2,500 in matching funds from the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation that can be leveraged when new members join, or lapsed members renew. Recruitment efforts have been positive and have resulted in adding 73 members to our ranks. Please join us in spreading the word!
- We're beginning conversations about how our Board, committees, and membership can better reflect Northfield's diverse population. We look forward to engaging members in these conversations, too.
- We're soliciting feedback from our nonprofit partners about how we can best meet their funding needs during this unprecedented time. This is important dialogue as COVID-19's impact on our community will likely continue well beyond the distribution of a vaccine.

Indeed, 2020 is a year unlike any other, but we should all be proud of the resiliency of this all-volunteer organization and the ways in which we're stretching to better serve women and youth in the Northfield area.

Leah Rich — President of WINGS

It's time to Give to the Max!



It's time to Give to the Max! By donating to WINGS during the Give to the Max giving period, November 1-19, you help WINGS qualify for additional prize grants from \$500-\$10,000. You also ensure that your donation is available for our 2021 grant cycle.

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. Donate your most generous gift now and join us as we continue to improve the lives of women and youth in the Northfield area!

Have you renewed your WINGS membership?

Sustaining Membership

Is your WINGS membership current? An easy way to be sure your membership never lapses is by becoming a Sustaining Member. All WINGS members, no matter the giving level, may take advantage of this option. 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 may choose to make your donation monthly.

BLUE: \$1,200+ (\$100+month)
GOLD: \$600 - \$1,199 (\$50+month)
SILVER: \$300 - \$599 (\$25+month)
BRONZE: \$120 - \$299 (\$10+month)
FRIEND/STUDENT: \$1 - \$119

“20 for 20” Campaign

As we began 2020, our 20th anniversary year, WINGS launched our “20 for 20” campaign. We asked members to consider hosting an event by simply inviting twenty (or as many as you wanted) guests to attend your event, asking for a suggested \$20 donation to WINGS. Events could be as simple or elaborate as you wished, including ideas such as coffee with friends, classes in crafts, exercise, or cooking, movie nights, outdoor activities....the list was endless.

Thanks to the members who were able to host an event before and after the pandemic hit.

MARGIT JOHNSON – invited two groups to their home (pre COVID-19) for a Swedish Fika, coffee, cardamom rolls and other goodies. “Some of my 25 years and counting Carleton coffee group and members of a small discussion group at UCC came. We had a good time. I followed up with thank you notes

that included a copy of Rob Hardy’s poem (my fave) and for potential members, a WINGS brochure.”

SHARON DETERT – opened their yard (four people per hour) to a landscaping tour and display of quilts she had made. “The event was a delight, even though it was scaled back from the times we’ve opened our property to the public for the Northfield Garden tour.”

PATSY OPHAUG – offered a contact free delivery of a colorful bouquet of cut garden flowers in exchange for donations. “For me, it was a feel-good service project following COVID-19 guidelines for safety and comfort, bolstering our WINGS donations and celebrating our 20th year.

The pandemic has provided a real challenge for this campaign. Perhaps you can think of a creative idea to host a “20 for 20” event in the future? For details, go to our website.

WINGS Friends and Members - (January 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020)

* Founding Member (D) Deceased	Carol Cowles Laurie Cowles* Darlene Cox Jennifer Cox Johnson Kristi Craig Ruth Crane* Beth Croteau-Kallestad Barbara Crouter* Gwen Daniels Cherry Danielson Linda Davis Chris Daymont Kim Decker Connie DeGrote Susan deMalignon Sharon Detert Roxzanne Devney Vicki Dilley Judy Dirks Kathleen Doran-Norton Jacqui Dorsey* Mary Douglass Joan Drenth Norma Driver Mary Dunnewold Jennifer Edwins Gay Eggers Gretchen Ehresmann* Mary Emery* Peg Enders Diane Enebak* Jan Ensrud Elise Eslinger Kristine Estenson Shirley Evans Susan Evans Katie Fick Pam Fickenscher Reggie Fineran Jeanne Fischer Bonnie Jean Flom Meleah Follen Tracy Fossum Pam Franz Jody Friedow Carol Gengenbach Cynthia Gilbertson	Candace Godfrey Ann Gosack Paula Granquist Beret Griffith Mary Lewis Grow* Helene Haapala Muriel Hachfeld Jayne Hager Dee Mary Hahn Liz Hankins Jenny Hartley Patti Haskins Deanna Haunsperger Nancy Hegland Laura Heiman Katherine Helgen Alyssa Herzog Joan Higinbotham Penny Hillemann Sonja Hillestad Hiza Pat Hohertz Sue Hollinger Emily Holter Jenny Howenstine Hvistendahl, Moersch & Dorsey & Hahn, P.A. Kelly Irvine Ellen Iverson Barb Jenkins Pat Jermeland Jeannine Johnson Margit Johnson* Pat Johnson* Sarah Jones Judy Karlson Teena Keiser Baiba Kelley Polly Khanna Judy King-Harvey Ann Knutson Jill Kohel Carol Korda* Carolyn Koziolk Ruth Kramer Cindy Kreis Patricia Kriesel	Diane Kuhlmann Kari Kust Dianne Kyte Ann Larson Leone Larson Sally LeGrand* Nancy Lehman Janet Lewis-Muth Lois Lindbloom Mary Jane Lipinski Sara Lippert Virginia Lorang Mary Loven Kathryn Lozada Diane Lyman Joyce Mace Karen Mader Kate Margolis Carol Marshall Rachel Matney Anne Mayer Beth McKinsey Abbie Meierbachtol Alyssa Melby Anne Meyer Ruppel Sue Middleton Mills Mroz Charitable Fund Minnesota Community Foundation Nancy Moe Yailyn Moran Sandra Morissette Carol Myint Lynn Naeckel Connie Nelson Kari Nelson Elaine Nesbit Sara Nielsen Jean Noack Katherine Norrie Sue Norsted Mary Lynn Oglesbee Kathy Olson Patsy Ophaug* Rebecca Otten Melissa Ousley Priscilla Paton	Bonnie Pavek* Pamela Percy Robyn Peterson Janet Petri-Zorn Kay Pfahning Suzanne Pfau Patricia Pflaum Peggy Prowe Jeanne Pumper Sue Quinnell Claire Rafferty Lana Reich Leah Rich Pat Richardson Laura Riehle-Merrill Jane Rinehart Patty Robertson Jan Roetzel Kim Rohr Linda Rossi Jane Runzheimer Connie Ryberg* Tripp Ryder Susan Sanderson* Jennifer Sawyer Linda Sawyer* Juliana Sayner Donna Rae Scheffert* Mary Schier Nicole Schroeder Grace Schroeder Scott ReJean Schulte Heather Scott Lynne Severson Susan Sharrow Geraldyn Sheehan Anonymous Jan Shoger* Corinne Smith Kay Smith Carol Spear St. Paul Foundation Peg Stary Teresa Stead Margaret Steen* Mary Steen Vicki Stevens	Lois Stratmoen Shelley Strobel Ann Sullivan Julie Sullivan Dotty Swan Sarah Swan McDonald Marjorie Tarr*(D) Lori Taylor Alice Thomas Marnie Thompson Merrell Thornton Linda Tickle Teresa Tillson* Marian Tise Linda Tollefson Jan Truax Susan Turner Christy Valek Inge Velde Pam Vig Pat Vincent Colleen Vitek Amy Voight Jean Wakely Ginny Walsh Sue Weaver Eve Webster* Dawn Wegscheid Doris Welke Liz Wicks Karen Wingate Peg Witt Mary Wood* Lynne Young Barbara Zaveruha Kathryn Ziegler-Graham Becky Zrimsek Karen Zwolenski
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A Brief History of WINGS

As WINGS celebrates its twentieth anniversary, it’s a good time to look back at how it all began.

After attending a “Women in Philanthropy” conference in Minneapolis, a small group of women began discussing ways to create a similar philanthropic group in Northfield. Their desire was to fill a need in the community which wasn’t being met with traditional philanthropic organizations, focusing on women and youth. More women were invited to share in the conversations and they sought advice from other foundations and philanthropic groups.

In 2000, 63 women founded Women in Northfield Giving Support (WINGS). Women were asked to pledge to a three year annual commitment of \$1000, either by giving individually or as a member of a giving circle. According to founding member and first WINGS president, Catherine McBride, “The enthusiasm we generated in the first year really sparked the success of WINGS. Having both an annual fund and an endowment fund made a huge impact because we gave grants the first year and we became a major player in town quickly.” The goal was to collaborate, not compete, with existing nonprofits and members were encouraged to expand, not divert, their giving. WINGS funds were, and continue to be, invested with what is now known as the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation.

After the first three years, WINGS received a \$25,000 matching grant from College City Beverage to encourage members to pledge giving for another three years. In 2012, when record keeping and tracking of giving circles became too labor intensive, WINGS moved to a tiered level of giving by individuals. Today, members may donate at any level of giving for any length of time.

Though WINGS at one time had an office and a part-time administrative assistant, WINGS moved its office to the “cloud” and returned to operating as a 100% volunteer organization in 2010. Strong, active sub-committees and a committed board continue to carry out the work of WINGS today.

Sadly, fourteen WINGS founding members have passed away, including Linda Blaisdell and Marjorie Tarr just this year. Their legacy lives on as we continue to share their vision.

WINGS Dare to Dream Grantee: Northfield Community College Collaborative

The Northfield Community College Collaborative (NCCC) began in the fall of 2018 as a response to Northfield high school graduates running into barriers in accessing and persevering with post-secondary education. In partnership with Riverland Community College, a flexible program model was designed in which on-site and supported online classes are offered in Northfield. Students are now able to take a variety of classes as they work toward earning their Associate of Arts degree. Now in its third year, the NCCC has helped over 85 students

“NCCC has helped over 85 students access college courses.”

access college courses, including 12 students who have earned degrees without having to leave Northfield.

Through the \$20,000 WINGS Dare to Dream grant, the NCCC was able to relocate to the Northfield Community Resource Center in fall of 2020. The

grant provided the opportunity to expand to two classrooms, which will allow for more flexibility in the choices that students have for the in-person classes. It also allowed for us to adapt to 2020 and provide space for social distanced tutoring nights, room for students to Zoom for their courses if they don’t have a quiet space at home, and access to in-person academic advising with staff. The Dare to Dream grant enables NCCC to provide a place for Northfield area students to take college classes for many years to come.

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.