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WOMEN IN NORTHFIELD GIVING SUPPORT

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A Letter from Your President

The recent tragedies due to hurricane, flooding, earthquake, fire, and the Las Vegas attack have been an assault on my emotions and thinking. I know that people in our community and around the world have been affected by these events in a variety of ways, both directly and indirectly.



Jacqui Dorsey
— President of WINGS

As I reflect on what has been taken from the people who are suffering, I find myself appreciating the little things in life. Flipping on a light switch in my home results in the room getting brighter, since I still have electricity. Turning on the tap brings water rushing from the faucet which is clean and drinkable. My roof and walls are solid, and my family is safe from wind, rain, cold and heat. I haven't gone even one day without food. Most importantly, my friends and loved ones have not been taken from me.

There are millions of people without these basic benefits, some as a result of the recent events, and others due to circumstances in their lives. I am reminded that there are people in Northfield who struggle every day looking for safe, affordable housing, seeking adequate food for their families, cobbling together enough money to pay for utilities.

As I make a contribution to help others around the world, I am making a similar contribution to the Northfield community through WINGS. I can't resolve the world's problems myself, but I can give up some of my own little luxuries to help others.

I am hopeful that you will remember to help those in our own neighborhoods who are also in need. We can do more together. Your donation now to WINGS will be magnified by the \$10,000 match available to us. Please help us reach that milestone!

\$25,000 Grant Dares Nonprofits to Dream *Bigger!*

WINGS will soon offer its largest grant ever as part of the 2018 grant cycle. While applications will not be accepted until January 2018, criteria for the new **Dare to Dream Bigger Grant** are available on the Grants page of our website. As always, WINGS looks for ways to help women and youth in Northfield.

This year WINGS has an incredible opportunity to earn a matching gift of up to \$10,000. You can help WINGS qualify for this \$10,000 match in several ways:



- If you have already renewed your membership, consider making another gift
- Give more in 2017 than in 2016
- Return as a WINGS member
- Invite someone to become a new WINGS member

Thanks for your ongoing membership in WINGS!

As a WINGS member you have demonstrated your desire to focus your giving locally and to make an impact by supporting the needs of women and children in our community.

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[Click here to give](#)

Please help WINGS process donations by **renewing your membership by November 30**. One great way to ensure donations are received by this time is to participate in Give to the Max Day on November 16. We also welcome you to become a sustaining member. Remember, you may donate 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.

By donating during the Give to the Max giving period, November 1-16, you help WINGS qualify for Leaderboard prizes and hourly drawings from \$500-\$10,000!

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

Grantee Feature: Community Action Center

The Community Action Center has provided housing assistance for many years as part of our basic needs services of food, clothing and shelter. When families encounter a medical crisis or job loss, for example, the likelihood of eviction or utility shut-offs is common.

The funding from WINGS allows the CAC to aid Northfield households headed by women who are at imminent risk of homelessness and whom we would otherwise not be able to assist with rent or utility payments. Some of these households have their needs met by receiving a funding mix from several sources. In last year's grant cycle, 13 households (including 33 children) received rental assistance



Community Action Center assistance helps avert homelessness in Northfield

while 14 households (including 39 children) were given utility assistance.

Furthermore, this grant is critical to the funding the CAC receives from the MN Department of Human Services as matching funds for our emergency shelter program to document our efforts to prevent homelessness.

How an impoverished family manages its finances and makes allocation decisions on its meager resource base can impact the gaps seen in the Northfield Promise benchmark measures. People are always scrambling to make their life decisions, some with greater success than others. CAC tries to narrow the gap by helping to reinforce the clients' management of the most severe barriers. The locally collected data are downstream measures of crises that occurred upstream in peoples' lives. If the CAC can help avert homelessness for families with the partnership of WINGS in direct assistance funding, and keep local families in their home without fear of losing it, the families win and the community wins.

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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

*** Founding Member**
(D) Deceased

WINGS Fall Event “Together We Thrive” Community Informed Philanthropy



Dr. Eric J. Jolly, Ph.D., President and CEO of The Saint Paul & Minnesota Community Foundations, was a guest speaker at the WINGS fall event, October 30, at the United Methodist Church in Northfield. Dr. Jolly shared his thoughts on the topic, “A Community Informed Approach to Addressing Community Needs.”

Our perspective shapes where and when we see opportunities and a single view isn't enough to measure all the possibilities of a thriving region. Only when we involve multiple perspectives do we gain the benefit of shared community wisdom.

By asking three questions, we can make sure we're building a community together.

- 1 Who forms the work?** What is the genesis of the community need that our foundation and our donors wish to tackle? Who raised the issue and who is driving solutions? Why are we addressing it now?
- 2 Who informs the work?** As we work in partnership with change agents and agencies of change, who is at the table making sure we're delivering solutions that will get at the root of the issue as defined by the community? How do we leverage the social and financial capital to engage those that are most deeply affected?
- 3 Who benefits from the work?** How do we define the end result of our work? How can we ensure we're defining the opportunity for change in the context of those we're here to serve?

Philanthropy without involvement can be a virtuous and positive transaction, but a transaction nonetheless. Philanthropy with involvement is a gift that will continue to produce long after the money is spent.

Dr. Eric J. Jolly, Ph.D., President and CEO, The Saint Paul & Minnesota Community Foundations



■ Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Dr. Eric J. Jolly and WINGS President; Jacqui Dorsey
Mayor Pownell spoke about Northfield's longstanding history of community collaboration.



■ Dr. Eric J. Jolly presentation at United Methodist Church

Grantee Feature: Infants Remembered In Silence

Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) is a non-profit organization designed to help parents, family, friends, and professionals cope with the devastating loss of a child in early pregnancy (miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, etc.)



Memorial lanterns

or death from premature birth, stillbirth, neo-natal death, birth defects, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), illness, accidents, and all other types of infant and early childhood death. This assistance includes emotional support at the time of the death and the years that follow.

When a child dies, parents, family and friends mourn the death and begin the process of coping. Bereaved parents experience many different

Still others have feelings of grief that are so intense that they don't understand what is happening.

With the support of WINGS, IRIS is able to provide Bereavement Support Packets which contain printed materials and information on a wide variety of topics including how to plan a funeral for your precious child, grief, creating keepsakes, grieving grandparents and more.

Bereaved parents have the need for understanding, hope, knowledge and comfort. Other bereaved parents who have experienced similar losses can provide this type of support. While there are no instant solutions, no fast easy answers, and no timeline for grieving, there is a sense of direction found through knowledge and understanding of the grief experience. Bereaved parents can find help and hope for the future from Infants Remembered in Silence, Inc. (IRIS).



Bereavement support packets



Teddy Bears

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) or donate online (wings-mn.org/donate) by Nov. 30th. Send your tax-deductible gift soon. Thank you!

[Click here to donate online](#)

WINGS Forever
 Leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Thank you for considering making your legacy gift to WINGS.
 For more information, contact Jacqui Dorsey;
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2017 WINGS Grant Recipients

Total Grants Awarded: \$77,106

- Northfield Booster Club: Athletic Waiver Fees
- Northfield Public Schools / High School Special Education: Community Real Life Experience
- Rice County Habitat for Humanity: Building Homes, Building Hope
- Northfield Public Schools Community Services Hand in Hand Preschool: Creating an Engaging Learning Environment in Early Childhood
- Community Action Center: Housing Assistance
- Infants Remembered in Silence (IRIS): Bereavement Support Packets
- Ruth's House of Hope: Transitional Shelter Program
- Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative: Scholarship Fund
- Project Friendship: Northfield Mentoring Activity Collaboration
- Northfield Public Schools TORCH: Student and Alumni Support
- Dakota Prairie Adult Basic Education: Northfield Family School Transportation
- Northfield Public Schools TORCH: Check and Connect
- Northfield Public Schools: Camp FRIENDS
- Northfield Union of Youth: Unlocking the Key
- HOPE Center: Core Service Provision
- Healthy Community Initiative: Greenvale Park Community School Sustainability Project
- Girl Scouts ConnectZ: Northfield
- Dollars and \$ense: Youth Individual Development Account Program
- Northfield Arts Guild: Art Out and About
- Northfield Public Schools: Peer Helper Program
- Northfield Area Family YMCA: Y Scholarships for Low-Income Families
- HealthFinders Collaborative: Community Care Coordination



2017 WINGS Grantees: Grant celebration at St. Olaf