



WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF GREATER SAINT LOUIS

Perspectives: The Newsletter of the Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis

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The Women's Foundation of Greater Saint Louis

An innovative community effort to fund the needs of women and girls.

Vision - The Women's Foundation of Greater Saint Louis is a key partner with innovative grantee organizations and donors as we invest in, mobilize and positively affect societal change.

Mission- The mission of The Women's Foundation of Greater Saint Louis is to be a catalyst for change in raising awareness and providing funding for women's issues using a collaborative philosophy.

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Greetings!

It's been a busy few months since our last newsletter, as you'll be reading. We're about to begin an exciting new phase, awarding our first grants. We sent a request for proposals (RFP is the jargon) to 28 organizations that we identified as having as their mission to serve women and girls. We will be awarding several Small Grants of up to \$500 and one Partnership Grant of \$7,500.

As we continue the process we invite your involvement. Volunteers are needed-if you would like to help read grant proposals, please contact Jan Hendrickson (JHendrickson@senniger.com or 314-231-5400 or 636-978-5677) by September 21. The meeting to discuss the small grants will be on Wednesday, September 30, from 3:00-5:00 by conference call. The review team for the Partnership Grants will meet on Thursday, October 1 from 2:00-4:00 at Commerce Bank in Clayton. This process will include site visits during October-November. Let us know if you would like to be involved. Our new Web site...www.wfstl.org...has a complete explanation of the grants programs. We look forward to an exciting working relationship with organizations that have a

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The Women's Foundation of Greater Saint Louis is affiliated with the national [Women's Funding Network](#), a group of funding organizations who are changing communities through thoughtful charitable investment.

The Foundation embraces diversity and supports a non-political agenda. The Foundation welcomes support from anyone who is committed to removing the societal and economic obstacles women sometimes face in the St. Louis region.

When Women and Girls Prosper, Communities Thrive... When Communities Thrive, the World Becomes A Better Place for Everyone.
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vested interest in the welfare of women and girls in the community.

Our new Web site is an important component of our growing organization. Thanks to Diane Drollinger of the Drollinger Group for helping write the copy and to Jenny Gurney for volunteering to keep the site up to date. Visit www.wfstl.org. - it is the place for answers to FAQ's, information on our grant process, our past newsletters, articles related to women and girls' issues and an easy way to make a donation.

Pat Rich, President

P. S. I want to thank Agnes Garino for being our volunteer newsletter editor...Many thanks!

CHECK OUT the Sunday, August 23, New York Times Magazine section devoted to women. Links to all articles are on our Web site, www.wfstl.org. Lisa Belkin's article mentions the Women Moving Millions campaign of the Women's Funding Network led by the Hunt Sisters. [Half Life of a Zealot](#), Swanee Hunt's memoir, is a great read!

NATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

The Women's Foundation of Greater Saint Louis has accepted the challenge of developing a major national grant in the arena of violence against women. As this project progresses, we will keep you informed. This is in the creative stages at the moment, and we are hopeful that such a project will help make a difference with this seemingly intractable problem.

STATUS of Missouri Women Grant

The Foundation has made a grant for research to the Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women. This group is contracting with the University of Missouri to produce baseline research on women's status in the state. We will take the St. Louis metro area data and decide how much more research we want to do to fill out the profile of women in the area. Our strategy is to determine where we can make a real difference and how we can measure that difference.

STIMULUS...

We have joined a coalition of funders to support a proposal for federal stimulus funding to assist area non-profits with capacity

"Countries are more stable when women are economically and politically empowered." - Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Oct. 31, 2008 - St. Louis

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building. If the St. Louis area receives this grant, we will have a board member following the process to make sure that some of the selected organizations have a mission that has an impact on women and girls.

FINANCING for the FUTURE

Our development committee is focusing on small group meetings to introduce more and more people to the Women's Foundation. If you would be willing to invite 10-15 friends, neighbors, and colleagues to hear about the Foundation, please let us know. To express your interest send an e-mail to wf_stl@yahoo.com.

We encourage you and urge you to invite your friends to make a donation to the Foundation. Online-Go to our web site: www.wfstl.org to make a secure contribution.

By mail-send your contribution to: Women's Foundation of Greater Saint Louis, 11111 Conway Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

We look forward to your support and involvement in the Foundation.

Please forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested in the Women's Foundation.