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LETTER FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

This past spring, *Women United in Philanthropy* completed its second grant season, and by all counts, it was a tremendous success. We enjoyed both the familiar satisfaction of making a meaningful contribution to the community as well as the unexpected excitement of ending the grant cycle with more money than we had anticipated. At our first annual Grant Award Luncheon, which was attended by nearly 100 women, we celebrated two notable achievements of the past year: 1) our membership has grown to over 100 members, and 2) our Collective Fund, which is the source of our human service grant in support of women and children, reached a total of \$33,825. Both numbers exceeded our projections and confirmed for us just how powerful an impact women can have when they care about their community, pool their resources, learn together, and act collectively. Forgive the pun, but there is only one response to such accomplishments: "WUP-PEE for the amazing women of WUP!"

This year's grant-making was full of happy surprises. We began by soliciting proposals from around the community and received a total of fourteen. After narrowing down the field to eight, we then did site visits and shared with one another what we had learned. At that point, we again narrowed the field to two final agencies: the

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Rescue Committee, which was seeking support in helping immigrant children acclimate to their new lives in our community, and **Children, Youth & Family Services**, which was seeking funding to provide individual counseling sessions to children who have suffered sexual abuse. We put it to a vote among our entire Donor Membership; the IRC won by a slim margin and was informed that they would be receiving the entire \$19,300 they had requested.



Jacki Bryant, CYFS, and Kacie Brooks

But then a wonderful thing happened: one of our Donor Members was so inspired by the projects of both finalists that she offered to make a \$5,000 contribution to the agency that did not win the vote. Once we informed our Donor Membership, via e-mail, of her (anonymous) generosity, two other members were likewise moved to donate more funds to **Children, Youth & Family Services**. These developments happened electronically and quickly, and brought our

Collective Fund to a grand total of \$33,825. That put us in the fortunate position of being able to make two grants this year: a full grant of \$19,300 to the IRC and a surprise, partial grant of \$14,525 to CYFS. It was both exciting to see the Internet's connectivity at work and heartening to witness such a chain of generosity among our members.



Susan Donovan, IRC

Since the '07 grant cycle was completed, our Steering Committee has been carefully reviewing how to fine-tune our grant-making process. We have learned a good deal in the past two years about how to educate ourselves on the needs of low-income women and children in our community, how much time to allot for the grant-making season, how to make the most of site visits, and how to evaluate grant proposals with efficiency and rigor. In the coming months, we will be sharing with you refinements we are making to our grant-making so that our collective impact becomes stronger than ever.

Also by way of follow-up to our '07 grant awards, we will be hosting two in-home gatherings this fall to hear more about the projects that our philanthropic dollars are funding. The first will be held on **September 17, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**, at Kacie Brooks' home in Ivy. Our guest speaker will be Jacki Bryant, Executive Director of **Children, Family & Youth Services**, who will update us on their counseling work with sexually abused children. The second event will be held **November 13, at 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** It will feature Susan Donovan, Executive Director of the **International Rescue Committee**, who will discuss their efforts to support local students from immigrant families. We hope you will attend these events, which will be open to all members and their guests.

As always, we invite your participation on our committees and your attendance at our events. *Women United in Philanthropy* grows as an organization when you tell your friends about us, so please keep spreading the good word. We are most grateful for your continued support of this truly meaningful endeavor. And finally, a huge thank you to the Thomas Jefferson Area United Way for its ever reliable administrative help.

Warmly,

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