Northwest Children's Fund site visits: More valuable than words can describe

A thick stack of grant applications—for the Northwest Children’s Fund, this is where the process of ending the cycle of child abuse and neglect begins. During the initial application review, our Grants Committee spends hours pouring over requests, whittling down the stack little by little. When no more details can be gleaned from the paperwork, our Board members team up and head out for site visits. These face-to-face meetings give us a truer sense of each grant-seeking organization, and reveal the level of passion and thought each has put into its proposed program.

For example, when NWCF Board members visited Northwest Institute for Children & Families, we learned more about an innovative program that uses the “Family Group Conferencing” concept to move foster kids toward legal and emotional permanency by connecting them with supportive relatives. We knew the process of locating relatives was complicated, but we didn’t fully comprehend the complexities and costs until we spoke to the people who were confronting this challenge on a daily basis.

“It takes considerable time and energy to locate family that is willing to step up and play a role in the lives of these kids,” Board member Debra Dahlen explains. “But that’s just the beginning. If the child is in Seattle, and the family is in Chicago, you’ve got to work within the legal parameters of both the State of Washington and the State of Illinois. It’s a highly complicated process. But NICF has thought it through. They’re making it work, and the impact is amazing. They’re giving these kids a family—a lifelong network of support so they don’t have to feel so lost in this world.”

Similarly, while visiting SafeFutures Youth Center, Board members were amazed at the

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inroads staff members were making with Seattle-area youth involved with gangs and/or the juvenile justice system. “Visiting Safe Futures was a real eye opener for me,” recalls Board member, Alicia Gold. “The staff’s understanding of the inner workings of Seattle-area gangs was amazing. They knew the leaders, and they knew how to earn the trust and respect of these kids. They were actually managing to get these teenagers to open up and recognize that they had opportunities and potential outside of the gang. This organization is truly making a difference—one life at a time.”

These are just a couple of examples of how site visits bring NWCF and its donors closer to the organizations they serve. This past year, Board members visited scores of non-profit agencies before awarding a total of more than $850,000 in grants to 65 carefully considered programs. By meeting face-to-face with the people behind the programs—and often seeing the children whose lives are being changed—we’re able to fill in the blanks and see what words on an application simply can’t convey.

NWCF’s site visits are the “value added” that we give our donors—helping them to direct their giving to programs that are making a visible difference in the child welfare landscape. In the end, we find that the grant applicants that win out are the ones that have thought their plans through most thoroughly. Like NWCF’s donors, these organizations understand the importance of looking deeper in order to effectively bring hope to children in need.

NWCF golf tournament hits a fundraising hole-in-one!

On Friday, September 21, 2007, over 140 club-wielding philanthropists arrived at Trilogy Golf Club at Redmond Ridge for the Northwest Children’s Fund Golf Classic, presented by F5 Networks. The event, hosted by former Mariners pitcher Jeff Nelson, was a terrific success, raising an unprecedented $68,000 for Northwest Children’s Fund.

Golfers who had played in the NWCF Golf Classic in past years were thrilled to see the tournament resurrected after a three-year hiatus.

“It was a great day,” enthused Nelson. “The turnout was excellent. Gary Locke and Edgar Martinez came out—along with a whole lot of supporters and sunshine. It was awesome. I can’t wait to do it again.”

Thank you, Nellie!

NWCF supporter, Peter Renner, walks the course.

Host, Jeff Nelson, welcomes golfers to the tournament.
Dear Friends:

On behalf of the children and families whose lives you’ve changed, thank you for your commitment to Northwest Children’s Fund. Once again last year, we were able to distribute more dollars than ever to agencies on the front lines of our collective fight to give our community’s most vulnerable children the security and hope that they deserve.

During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, your compassionate generosity, combined with NWCF’s model of effective and involved grantmaking, enabled us to:

- Distribute over $850,000 in grants to 65 powerful and deserving programs for at-risk children and families.
- Raise an amazing $478,000 through our Annual Giving Campaign, and net a record-breaking $378,000 at our dinner auction.
- Pass 100% of donor dollars directly to grants by having Board members and corporate sponsors cover all of NWCF’s operating expenses.

NWCF’s 23rd year is off to a roaring start, having kicked off with a delightful day of sun and fun at the 2007 Northwest Children’s Fund Golf Classic, presented by F5 Networks and hosted by Jeff Nelson. Our Board members are now gearing up for another intensive and strategic grant review cycle, even as they begin planning next spring’s delightful auction gala.

Please turn the page and read about all the innovative and effective programs you supported this past year through your partnership with Northwest Children’s Fund.

Thank you for the trust you place in us to invest your gifts wisely. We look forward to another year of working with you to end the cycle of child abuse and neglect.

Respectfully,

Victoria Peattie Helm
Executive Director, NWCF

Lori Leff Mueller
Board President, NWCF

NWCF’s Sources and Uses of Funds
Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 2007

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* In addition to the donations above, NWCF received donations to the Mary Ketcham Kerr Endowment, which had reached a total value of $632,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

** NWCF maintains a reserve equivalent to six to nine months of its operating costs.
### HEALING ABUSED CHILDREN

By providing treatment and counseling for children suffering from abuse and neglect.

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<td>Child and Family Guidance Center</td>
<td>Therapeutic programs to help children heal from the wounds of sexual and physical abuse.</td>
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<td>Domestic Abuse Women’s Network (DAWN)</td>
<td>Program serving women and children who have experienced domestic violence.</td>
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<td>Girl Scouts-Totem Council</td>
<td>Helping girls, aged 5-17, who live in foster care build life skills and healthy relationships.</td>
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<td>Jewish Family Service</td>
<td>Program to help children process and heal from the experience of domestic violence.</td>
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<td>Jumping Mouse</td>
<td>Long-term counseling and advocacy for neglected or abused children.</td>
<td>12,500</td>
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<td>King County Sexual Assault Resource Center</td>
<td>Therapeutic and family services for Spanish-speaking victims of sexual abuse.</td>
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<td>Lutheran Community Services NW</td>
<td>Permanency planning and case management for foster children and their families.</td>
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<td>Northwest Immigrant Rights Project</td>
<td>Advocacy, legal services and support for abused, abandoned immigrant children.</td>
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<td>Northwest Institute for Children &amp; Families</td>
<td>Project using relative searches and family group conferencing in permanency planning for foster youth.</td>
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<td>Olive Crest</td>
<td>Services for children traumatized by physical, sexual, emotional abuse and/or neglect.</td>
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<td>Pediatric Interim Care Center</td>
<td>Intensive, specialized care for drug-exposed newborn infants.</td>
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<td>Ruth Dykeman Children’s Center</td>
<td>Services for emotionally and behaviorally impaired children and adolescents aged six to seventeen.</td>
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<td>Ryther Child Center</td>
<td>Training and support for foster parents of children with severe behavioral problems.</td>
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<td>Secret Harbor</td>
<td>Expansion of foster home network through outreach, training and additional case management.</td>
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<td>Toddler Learning Center</td>
<td>Therapeutic services and parental support for special-needs children, birth to 36 months.</td>
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<td>Youth Advocates</td>
<td>Educational enhancement, evaluation and advocacy services for foster youth ages 12-17.</td>
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### HELPING AT-RISK YOUTH

By providing opportunities for youth to fulfill their potential. By instilling positive values, building relationships and helping youth learn to make good decisions.

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<td>Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Island County</td>
<td>Mentoring services for high-risk teen and pre-teen girls living on Whidbey Island.</td>
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<td>Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Thurston County</td>
<td>Prevention-based mentoring program for youth in foster care.</td>
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<td>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of King County</td>
<td>Programs for at-risk youth, including community service, life skills, art classes and outreach.</td>
<td>24,000</td>
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<td>Community for Youth</td>
<td>After-school mentoring and youth development programs for at-risk teens.</td>
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<td>Community In Schools of Renton</td>
<td>School-based mentoring program for youth at high risk of school failure.</td>
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<td>FareStart</td>
<td>Comprehensive job training for homeless and at-risk youth.</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Foster Care to College Partnership</td>
<td>Coordinated training for parents, educators and social workers to support foster children in preparing and planning for post-secondary education.</td>
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<td>Friends of the Children</td>
<td>Long-term, early-intervention mentoring program for high-risk children in greater Seattle.</td>
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<td>New Futures</td>
<td>Literacy-based summer program for disadvantaged elementary aged students.</td>
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<td>Powerful Voices</td>
<td>A progressive intervention program serving girls in and at great risk of entering the juvenile detention system.</td>
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<td>Rochester Organization of Families</td>
<td>Programs that address and reduce the risk-factors related to academic failure for children.</td>
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<td>ROOTS</td>
<td>Shelter and resources for homeless young adults in the University District.</td>
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<td>Safe Futures</td>
<td>Programs for youth development and violence prevention.</td>
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<td>Save Our County’s Kids (SOCK)</td>
<td>Community-based after-school and mentoring programs for at-risk youth in Mason County.</td>
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<td>Seattle Scores</td>
<td>After-school literacy and soccer program for at-risk youth, seeking to instill positive values.</td>
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<td>Sound Youth Counseling</td>
<td>Counseling, mentoring and education for at-risk teens and victims of child abuse.</td>
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<td>Treehouse</td>
<td>In-school and after-school one-on-one tutoring for foster children and at-risk youth.</td>
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<td>University District Youth Center - CCS</td>
<td>Continuum of critical services for homeless, at-risk, runaway, and/or street-involved youth.</td>
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<td>Youth Eastside Services</td>
<td>Mentoring and behavior alteration program for aggressive, at-risk youth.</td>
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<td>Youth in Focus</td>
<td>Mentoring program to empower urban teens through photography.</td>
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<td>Youth Tutoring Program - CCS</td>
<td>After-school tutoring program for kids living in five Seattle low-income public housing communities.</td>
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## Strengthening Fragile Families

By ensuring that children have safe, healthy stable homes in which to grow up, and by giving families a chance to break the cycle of poverty and achieve independence.

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<td>Activities, education and support to strengthen at-risk families and ensure healthy child development.</td>
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<td>Child Care Action Council</td>
<td>Emergency child care for young children of families experiencing personal crisis.</td>
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<td>Cocoon House</td>
<td>Parenting program focused on reducing youth homelessness, delinquency and risky behaviors.</td>
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<td>Deaconess Children’s Services</td>
<td>Comprehensive support programs and services for parents of the sake of their at-risk children.</td>
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<td>Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association</td>
<td>Enrichment program for youth living in the Croft Place Townhomes Project.</td>
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<td>East African Community Services</td>
<td>Provides culturally-specific advocacy, information, referral and direct social services to East African refugees.</td>
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<td>Encompass</td>
<td>Evidenced-based parenting program to repair, nurture and strengthen the parent-child relationship.</td>
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<td>Family and Adult Service Center</td>
<td>Basic human services, resources and case management for homeless families in need.</td>
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<td>First Place School</td>
<td>K-7th grade education and family support for children who are vulnerable due to crisis or homelessness.</td>
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<td>Hopelink</td>
<td>Intensive case management, parenting classes, and employment services for at-risk families.</td>
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<td>Housing Hope</td>
<td>Supports homeless and low-income households struggling to maintain their housing.</td>
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<td>Island County Readiness to Learn</td>
<td>Integrated support for homeless families through community- and school-based programs.</td>
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<td>Kindering Center</td>
<td>Provides families at risk of abuse or neglect with tools to strengthen their parenting skills.</td>
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<td>Kirkland Interfaith Transitions in Housing</td>
<td>Support and case management services for homeless families in crisis.</td>
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<td>Lydia Place</td>
<td>Transitional housing and services for homeless women and children.</td>
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<td>Our Sisters’ House</td>
<td>Providing free interactive training to families coping with juvenile domestic violence.</td>
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<td>Parent Trust for Washington Children</td>
<td>Support and education services for at-risk families through every stage of a child’s life.</td>
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<td>Phoenix Housing Network - CCS</td>
<td>Program to serve the shelter’s parents and children with emotional and mental health needs.</td>
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<td>SafePlace</td>
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<td>Senior Services</td>
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<td>Solid Ground</td>
<td>Shelter, counseling and support for homeless women and children.</td>
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<td>The Homelessness Project</td>
<td>Intensive case management and transitional housing for homeless, single-parent families.</td>
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<td>Valley Cities Counseling &amp; Consultation</td>
<td>Parent education and support, targeting the needs of Spanish- and Russian-speaking and military families.</td>
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<td>Vashon Youth &amp; Family Services</td>
<td>Parent University - Affordable parenting information and support for all families on Vashon Island.</td>
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<td>Vision House</td>
<td>Transitional housing and wrap-around support services for homeless mothers and their children.</td>
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<td>Wonderland Developmental Center</td>
<td>Education and support for parents of children with developmental disabilities.</td>
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<td>YWCA Pierce County</td>
<td>Shelter and therapeutic services for mothers and children who are victims of domestic violence.</td>
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<td>Creating stronger Northwest communities through promotion of effective philanthropy.</td>
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## Total Grants Awarded

$851,245
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