NWCF Grant Recipients: Their Success is Our Success

Two decades ago, a group of DSHS workers joined forces to provide foster kids with simple childhood basics like music lessons, winter coats, and summer camp. These ‘extras’ fell outside the scope of state care, but they worked wonders at helping foster children realize that they have a place in this world.

As the group’s efforts began to bear fruit, they became aware of a host of ways a truly stellar non-profit could brighten the everyday lives and futures of foster children. In 1994, armed with a well-devised plan and six years of experience, they sat down and wrote their first-ever grant proposal. It was Northwest Children’s Fund that answered their request.

The organization was Treehouse – and they are now celebrating 20 years of working to give foster children a childhood, and a future. Over the years, Northwest Children’s Fund has awarded Treehouse over $330,000 in grants, while Treehouse has grown into one of the nation’s leading foster child advocacy organizations, providing academic support and social and recreational enrichment. NWCF is proud to have been supporting Treehouse since its humble beginnings, along with other remarkable organizations such as Childhaven, First Place School, and Pediatric Interim Care Center.

Each year, NWCF receives grant requests from some of the community’s most intelligent organizations—big and small. Our Board members work tirelessly, reviewing grants and conducting site visits so that they can gain a clearer sense of the proposed programs, and effectively gauge the level of passion and commitment behind each. By understanding the inner workings of each organization, we are able to pinpoint the programs that have the greatest potential to end the cycle of child abuse and neglect. This ensures your donation dollars are spent as effectively as possible.

As we move ahead, we look forward to growing our relationships with the Northwest’s premier child-welfare organizations. We also look forward to working with the next great organization, lending support as they take their first important steps toward helping vulnerable children and families find safe, full and productive lives.

"Northwest Children’s Fund Board members take the time to deeply research and understand the organizations NWCF funds. For those of us in the non-profit world, this is an enormous gift."

Janis Avery,
Executive Director, Treehouse

The mission of Northwest Children’s Fund is to end the cycle of child abuse and neglect by supporting programs for at-risk children and their families.
NWCF golf tournament hits the sweet spot!

On Friday, September 19, 2008, 132 big-hearted golfers took to the fairways 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 over $64,000 for Northwest Children’s Fund.

“Golfing with friends and helping kids—these are two of my favorite things. I couldn’t have asked for a better way to spend a Friday afternoon,” Nelson enthused. Nelson was joined by a host of well-known athletes, including former Seahawks lineman Alonzo Mitz and tight-end Charlie Davis, plus a cadre of local celebrities such as Dave “Softy” Mahler from KJR Sports Radio and Gary Locke. A good time—for a great cause—was had by all. Thank you, Nellie!

Meet the New NWCF Board President

Northwest Children’s Fund is thrilled to welcome Bob Fries to the helm of our Board. Bob has been involved with NWCF since 1996. “Once my wife and I started having kids of our own, it just seemed natural that our philanthropy should revolve around children,” Bob recalls. “The fact that NWCF’s mission, focus, dedication and integrity are so solid makes being part of it all the more fulfilling.”

When he’s not sharing his energy with NWCF, Bob is managing a team of programmers at Microsoft, or enjoying the great outdoors with his wife—Board member, Debra Dahlen—and three children.

Don’t miss this gem of an event

If you love meticulously crafted 22K gold and superb gemstones, visit Aree Perlman Fine Jewelry on November 21 and 22 for a special showing of inspired designs by New York jewelry artist, Sami Zeira. Ten percent of the event’s proceeds will go to support Northwest Children’s Fund.

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Dear Friends,

Because of your tremendous generosity, Northwest Children’s Fund was able to distribute more dollars than ever this year to help our community’s most vulnerable children. We cannot thank you enough!

This Year in Review details the work we could not have accomplished without your compassionate support. During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, NWCF was able to:

• **Distribute over $920,000 in grants** to powerful programs for at-risk children and families.

• Raise an unprecedented $540,000 through our Annual Giving Campaign, and net a fabulous $378,000 at our festive dinner auction.

• Ensure that **every dollar contributed by individual donors went directly to grants** because board members and corporate sponsors covered all of our operating expenses.

NWCF’s model of effective and thorough grantmaking includes extensive evaluation and site-visits. Please turn the page and read about the many innovative and effective programs we funded this year.

Thank you for the trust you place in us to invest your contributions wisely. We look forward to continuing this critical and satisfying work with you in supporting children who need and deserve our help.

Respectfully,

Robert Fries
Board President, NWCF

Victoria Peattie Helm
Executive Director, NWCF

**NWCF’s Sources and Uses of Funds**

Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 2008

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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 $605,473 at the end of the fiscal year.

** NWCF maintains a reserve equivalent to six to nine months of its operating expenses.

For the fiscal year ending July 31, 2008, NWCF’s total non-endowment revenue was $1,097,152; grants program expenses were $969,269; and ending net assets, inclusive of endowment, were $727,893.
## NORTHWEST CHILDREN’S FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS: Fall 2007 – Spring 2008

### HEALING ABUSED CHILDREN

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

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<td>Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services</td>
<td>Children’s therapist to provide counseling to children living in ADWAS’s Transitional Housing Program.</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Amara Parenting and Adoption Service</td>
<td>Parenting and adoption services to create safety and permanence for at-risk and special-needs children.</td>
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<td>Bethany Christian Services of Washington</td>
<td>Pre-adoption training and services to reduce adoption disruption and create permanency.</td>
<td>13,000</td>
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<td>Catalyst for Kids</td>
<td>A program supporting birth-parent advocacy and involvement in Washington’s child welfare system.</td>
<td>7,500</td>
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<td>Exodus Housing</td>
<td>New program providing therapeutic group work for children affected by domestic violence.</td>
<td>12,000</td>
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<td>Family Law CASA</td>
<td>Representation and advocacy for children in custody cases involving allegations of abuse and neglect.</td>
<td>23,000</td>
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<td>Jumping Mouse Children’s Center</td>
<td>Long-term, intensive play therapy and social advocacy for neglected or abused children.</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>Kindering Center</td>
<td>Specialized early intervention services to meet the needs of children 0-6 in foster care.</td>
<td>16,000</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>
<td>14,000</td>
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<td>Lutheran Community Services Northwest</td>
<td>Permanency planning and case management for foster children and their families.</td>
<td>12,500</td>
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<td>Mockingbird Society</td>
<td>Foster care system development through youth leadership programs and extended-family model for foster care.</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td>Northwest Immigrant Rights Project</td>
<td>Critical legal services and advocacy for abused, abandoned and undocumented immigrant children.</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td>Olive Crest</td>
<td>Services for children traumatized by physical, sexual, emotional abuse and/or neglect.</td>
<td>18,000</td>
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<td>Pediatric Interim Care Center</td>
<td>Intensive, specialized care for drug-exposed newborn infants.</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td>Ryther Child Center</td>
<td>Residential, outpatient and prevention program for severely abused and/or neglected children.</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td>Seattle Children’s Home</td>
<td>Programs helping children and families learn to manage mental health and recovery.</td>
<td>12,500</td>
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<td>Sound Mental Health</td>
<td>Pilot project providing intensive, coordinated services to children ages 0-12 in cases involving domestic violence.</td>
<td>28,100</td>
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<td>Washington Association of Family-Based Treatment Services</td>
<td>Specialized training for therapeutic foster parents working with abused and neglected children.</td>
<td>1,700</td>
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<td>YWCA of Pierce County</td>
<td>Therapeutic services for children in residence at the emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence.</td>
<td>5,000</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>Atlantic Street Center</td>
<td>Summer educational program for youth at high risk of school failure in Seattle.</td>
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<td>Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Puget Sound</td>
<td>Mentoring program for children who have an incarcerated parent.</td>
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<td>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Whatcom County</td>
<td>Programs and services for youth living on Lummi Island.</td>
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<td>Communities in Schools of Lakewood</td>
<td>Preparing at-risk teens for life through network of parents, volunteers, business and community organizations.</td>
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<td>Communities in Schools of Orting</td>
<td>School-based mentoring, enrichment, and outreach program for youth at high risk of school failure in Orting.</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>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td>Friends of the Children</td>
<td>Long-term one-on-one tutoring program for at-risk children.</td>
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<td>Girl Scouts of Western Washington</td>
<td>Special Scout troop helping girls (age 5-17) who live in foster care to build life skills and healthy relationships.</td>
<td>22,000</td>
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<td>Jefferson Teen Center</td>
<td>After-school programs for rural teens at risk due to isolation and poverty in East Jefferson County.</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>Powerful Schools</td>
<td>One-on-one enrichment programs for high-needs public elementary schools in southeast Seattle.</td>
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<td>Powerful Voices</td>
<td>Programs for girls in, or at great risk of entering, the juvenile justice system.</td>
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<td>Read-2-Me (formerly Werlin Reading Team Foundation)</td>
<td>Tutoring/mentoring program serving struggling K-3rd graders in the Tacoma School District.</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>ROOTS</td>
<td>Shelter and resources for homeless young adults in the University District in Seattle.</td>
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<td>Safe Futures</td>
<td>Youth development/violence prevention programs for youth at risk for school dropout and gang involvement.</td>
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<td>Seattle Education Access</td>
<td>Program providing tutoring, advising and advocacy to help homeless youth transition to college.</td>
<td>9,000</td>
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<td>Treehouse</td>
<td>In-school and after-school small-group and one-on-one tutoring for foster children.</td>
<td>16,300</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 ages 13-22.</td>
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<td>University Street Ministry</td>
<td>Case management and services for homeless street youth ages 13-25.</td>
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<td>Youth Eastside Services</td>
<td>Academic advocacy for foster children.</td>
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<td>Youth In Focus</td>
<td>Mentoring program empowering 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>
<td>17,000</td>
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<td>YouthCare</td>
<td>Emergency shelter and programs for homeless adolescents.</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>Boys &amp; Girls Club of King County</td>
<td>Enhancing family and community involvement at the Renton/Skyway Club.</td>
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<td>Childhaven</td>
<td>Pilot program providing therapeutic childcare for children while parents are given respite.</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>Parent advocacy to support teen parents at nine Snohomish County alternative schools.</td>
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<td>Domestic Abuse Women’s Network</td>
<td>Services for women and children who have experienced domestic violence.</td>
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<td>Encompass</td>
<td>Evidence-based parenting program to repair, nurture and strengthen the parent-child relationship.</td>
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<td>Family Services</td>
<td>Case management for homeless children.</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>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td>Healthy Start Kitsap</td>
<td>Home visits by nurses to improve the health, safety and well-being of at-risk new parents and their infants.</td>
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<td>Helping Hand House</td>
<td>Emergency and transitional housing and case management services for homeless families in Pierce County.</td>
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<td>HomeStep</td>
<td>Intensive case management and transitional housing for homeless, single-parent families.</td>
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<td>The Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington</td>
<td>Transitional housing, support and case management services for homeless families in crisis.</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>Kirkland Interfaith Transitions in Housing</td>
<td>Support and case management services for homeless families in crisis.</td>
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<td>Lopez Island Family Resource Center</td>
<td>Integrated support for at-risk families through community and school-based services on Lopez Island.</td>
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<td>Mary Bridge Children’s Health Foundation</td>
<td>Child abuse prevention through support and training of parents with medically fragile infants.</td>
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<td>Navos (formerly Highline West Seattle Mental Health)</td>
<td>Infant and caregiver assistance program providing therapy and education to help parents form secure attachments.</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>Perinatal Treatment Services</td>
<td>Residential treatment and therapeutic childcare for mothers recovering from alcohol or drug addiction.</td>
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<td>Solid Ground</td>
<td>Funding for Broadview Emergency Shelter, a safe haven for women with children escaping domestic violence.</td>
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<td>Toddler Learning Center</td>
<td>Home visits for children under two with developmental delays.</td>
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<td>UW Medicine</td>
<td>Coordination of primary pediatric care for children in the foster care system.</td>
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<td>Vashon Youth and Family Services</td>
<td>Services for families with children ages pre-natal to four and professionals that work with them.</td>
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<td>Vision House</td>
<td>Transitional housing and integrated support services for homeless mothers and their children.</td>
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<td>Wonderland Development Center</td>
<td>Early intervention services for homeless families in North King and South Snohomish counties.</td>
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**TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED** $920,200
Thank you to our 2008 Auction Sponsors

Support from these generous organizations allows NWCF to pass 100% of individual donors’ contributions to programs to help children in need.

SAVE THE DATE
Northwest Children’s Fund
24th Annual Benefit Auction and Dinner
Saturday, May 9, 2009, 5:30 p.m.
The Westin Bellevue, Grand Ballroom

Our annual auction and dinner will be here before you know it. For information about becoming a NWCF Corporate Sponsor, or if you have auction items you would like to donate, please contact Northwest Children’s Fund at (206) 682-8447.

At the 2008 Auction, NWCF was thrilled to award its Hand-in-Hand Award to Jumping Mouse Children’s Center. Pictured from left to right: Victoria Helm, NWCF Executive Director; MaryAnn Seward, Jumping Mouse Executive Director; Dott Kelly, Jumping Mouse Founder and Clinical Director; and Julie Dreyfous, NWCF Auction Committee Chair.
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