

of current Education Grantees are on track to graduate on time



### **Letter from the President**

#### To WWIN Supporters and Friends,

As I start my term as President, I've been



considering what it means to be a part of this life-changing organization. I invest in WWIN as a Board member and a donor because I believe in WWIN's mission and vision that every woman has a clear path in which

to achieve her desired potential and enrich her world. And, most importantly, I believe in the women WWIN serves.

As a person who comes from modest means, I understand what it's like to live near the poverty line. I also understand what it's like to have an amazing woman in my life who wanted to improve herself and her chances of success. My mom went back to college while I was in junior high school. I watched her balance work, school, and parenting a teenage girl. Luckily, she had my dad to help and support her – not something all women have. She worked hard and graduated summa cum laude.

She was my role model and inspiration. Many of our grantees remind me of my mom. As a result of her hard work, I'm now in a financial position to help fund low income women who want to improve their lives. Investing in WWIN allows me to give back to the community and to see how changing one life can have a multiplying effect.

WWIN has funded over 6,100 women since its inception. We are heading into WWIN's 25th anniversary year and there are many more women out there who need our support. I feel privileged to be a part of WWIN at this historic moment! Along with our amazing WWIN staff, Board, and volunteers, I'm looking forward to a wonderful year of celebration and fundraising to help more women in our state. Thank you for your commitment to the WWIN grantees. Together we can make a difference, one woman at a time!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sholander 2016-2017 Board President

# 90%

of our Grantees are the sole providers for themselves and their families





We give financial grants to low-income women in Washington state in two categories: health care and education.

Our Grantees are determined and driven and have a deep desire to build a better future for themselves and their families. They are prepared to work towards a college degree and improved health, sparking positive change for themselves, their families, and their communities for generations to come.

In FY16 WWIN made 142 grants, and payments were made to 49 providers throughout Washington.

**Health Care Grants** Health Care Gap Fund Grants ensure access to uncovered but critical health care needs and lack of provider access. Grantees receive a one-time grant of up to \$3,000 that they may use with the health care provider of their choice. Health Care Gap Fund Grants cover the costs of the following services for women who have Apple Health or Medicare insurance coverage:

- Dental crowns and bridges, and root canals on permanent bicuspid and molar teeth
- · Glasses and contact lenses
- Access to health care providers for reasons such as availability, geography, or language barriers

In fiscal year 2016, WWIN selected 19 Health Care Gap Fund Grantees.

**Education Grants** remove a financial barrier to low-income students seeking higher education. Education Grantees receive up to \$5,000 over a one-year period to pay for tuition, mandatory fees, and required books and supplies at the approved Washington college or university of their choice.

Additionally, to increase Grantees' likelihood of graduation and success and engage with them on a continued, long-term basis, WWIN also has a Scholarship Education Grants program. WWIN Star Scholars are eligible to receive grant funding for each year of their college career, up to \$20,000 over four years, provided that they meet educational benchmarks and make progress toward their goals.

In fiscal year 2016, WWIN selected 103 Education Grantees and 20 Star Scholars.

Also in fiscal year 2016, WWIN continued to fund 72 women who received a grant from the previous year.



53%

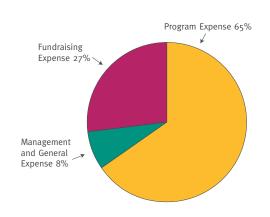
of our grantees are from the Seattle metropolitan area (King, Pierce, Snohomish Counties)

32%

are from Western Washington, outside the Seattle metropolitan area

15%

are from Eastern Washington



OPERATING SUPPORT & REVENUE Contributions and grants Special events, net In-kind contributions Investment return, net of fees	747,593 360,900 48,669 47,261
Total Operating Support & Revenue	1,204,423
OPERATING EXPENSES Program services Management & general Fundraising	727,264 85,884 297,646
Total Operating Expenses	1,110,794
Change in Net Assets	93,629
Net Assets Beginning of Year End of Year	3,797,485 3,891,114

# 44%

of our grantees are employed full- or part-time

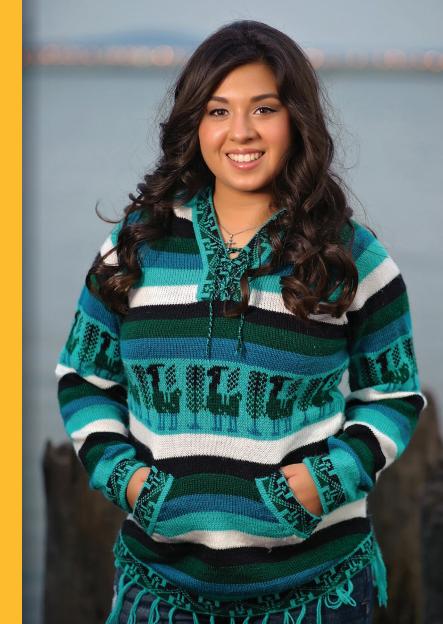
**61%** receive public benefits

41%

have dependent children

36%

are single mothers





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- Katie, WWIN Grantee and Luncheon Speaker



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