



## Women's Resource Center Update

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### WRC Announces Summit Impact Grants

The Central Florida Women's Resource Center (WRC) is offering "Summit Impact Grants" to non-profit 501(c) (3) organizations located in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake, Volusia or Brevard counties. These grants in the amount of up to \$3000 are available to support non-profit organizations that impact women's social, educational, health, political, economic, spiritual and/or artistic issues.

The request for proposal (RFP) can be obtained from the WRC website ([www.wrc-online.org](http://www.wrc-online.org)) and can be submitted beginning April 1, 2006 until June 30, 2006. Grants recipients will be announced September 1, 2006 and will be presented during the Central Florida Women's Resource Center Summit Award Gala to be held on October 3, 2006.

The WRC is a philanthropic organization that supports women through grant funding. The talents and civic resources of WRC's volunteers' assist organizations throughout central Florida that help women in need.

"WRC is proud to offer this grant program. In addition to volunteering, referral services, and recognition events, philanthropy is a great way for our members to encourage other women to seek their goals", said Deborah Hessler, WRC Philanthropy Committee Chair.

"This is an exciting step for WRC. These grants will allow non-profit organizations to sustain or initiate programs that support women in our community," says Dr. Kate Kinsley, President of WRC. Grant applications can be downloaded at the WRC website, added Kate.



### Commentary from Kate: President's Notes

*By Kate Kinsley, President of Women's Resource Center Board; President, Datawise, Inc.*

At a recent brain storming session your board was asked for a word or phrase that completed the sentence "WRC is ...". One of the most interesting answers was "inspirational". What a wonderful word! According to the dictionary, inspirational means motivating, stirring and encouraging. WRC is all of those things:

- It is **motivating** the Central Florida community with our new **Summit Impact Grant** – a grant that will award funding to nonprofit organizations that will "sustain or initiate programs that support women in our community"
- It is **encouraging** women by awarding a scholarship to Karleen Williams at Valencia Community College and by supporting the Clothesline Project by providing volunteers, t-shirts and other supplies.
- And we are planning a **stirring** gala for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Summit Awards as we honor 4 women who serve as role models to our community.

You can get more information on all of these events and at our website [www.wrc-online.org](http://www.wrc-online.org).

It has been busy first quarter and I am excited to be your new president. WRC is striving to meet our mission of supporting our community by recognizing the power of women; celebrating women's achievements; connecting with other women's organizations; and identifying, impacting and supporting women's social, educational, health, political, economic, spiritual and artistic issues. You can help by volunteering your time and resources.

*"It is well to give when asked; it is better to give unasked through understanding." Kahil Gibran*

The Annual Meeting of the Central Florida Women's Resource Center, Inc (WRC) was held at Dubsdred Restaurant on Wednesday, January 18, 2006. Past President Lola Navaez called the business portion of the meeting and thanked all in attendance for the work that was accomplished during 2005 by the Board of Directors and members of WRC. The 2005 Board was then introduced and thanked for their tremendous efforts. The slate of Board of Directors for 2006 was presented by the Nominating Committee and approved.



**Kate Kinsley** is Owner and President of Datawise, Inc. She is President of the WRC and the Adult Literacy League. Kate serves on the Advisory Board of the UCF College of Arts. She looks forward to working with this tremendous Board and making a difference in the Central Florida Community.



**Mary Jane Grant** is President of Premier Promotions of Central Florida, Inc. She is active as a VITAS Innovative Hospice Care volunteer, Business and Professional Women and Women's Executive Council and serves of the Board of Directors of JMCC Endowment Fund. Mary Jane joined WRC to be involved with an organization that has an ongoing long-term positive effect for women in crises and need.



**Jeanne Adam** is Marketing Director at Orlando Regional Healthcare. She is a member of American Hospital Association's Society for Healthcare and Market Development, volunteers at her children's school and her church. Jeanne believes in the efforts of "helping women get back on their feet."



**Kathy McCoy** is the co-owner of Byrd and Associates, LLC. Kathy has served valiantly as the Treasurer of WRC for the past six years.



**Ralphetta G. Aker, JD**, is a manager in the Fiscal & Administration Division for Orange County Public Works Department. Ralphetta just finished law school and is an active member of Washington Shores Presbyterian Church. Ralphetta is a long time member of the WRC Board and past President for 3 years. She wants to make a difference in the community.



**Patrice Bullister** is the General Manager of 1800Flowers.com. She is the Executive Director of Monongalla/Monvalley Scholarship Organization. She will lead the Membership/Events Committee.



**Deborah Hessler** is Corporate Secretary and Program Officer for Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, Inc. "I admire the women who founded WRC. In fact, several former WRC Board Members are my favorite mentors. I look forward to continuing their good work in our community. Deborah is chairperson of the Grants Committee.



**Jill Hamilton** is the Development Manager for The Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families. She is an active member of the Orange County Child Abuse Prevention and Domestic Violence Task Forces and Harbor House Advisory Board. Jill looks forward to working with visionary women to help address challenges that women face and celebrating the outstanding women of our community who make it a better place to live.



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**Courtney Huff** is Manager of Public Relations for Universal Orlando. She is active in the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes. Courtney joined the WRC to make a positive difference in the lives of women in need.



**Lanette Jarvis** is the first Director of Public Relations for Ruth's Chris Steak House. Lanette has received the Good Neighbor award from the Florida Restaurant Association for her community involvement with various charities in the city of Orlando. She is a current member in the BPW Orlando Chapter and proud to be a member of the Women's Resource Center Board.



**Marianne King** is President/Owner of King Insurance Agency, Inc. Marianne is active in the associations of Human Resource Management, Health Insurance Advisors, and Health Underwriters. She has rejoined the Board to show support for the idea that woman will accomplish together what we cannot accomplish alone.



**Eva Krzewinski** is Corporate Trainer/Motivational Speaker & owner of the Training Workz, a professional corporate training company. She sits on the boards for Orlando Museum of Art, Women's Executive Council and the International Chamber of Commerce. She actively helps raise monies for the Winter Park Day Nursery and supports many fundraisers. Eva is passionate about woman's issues and women helping women.



**Irene Pearce, JD** is an attorney with Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe Law Firm. She belongs to the Rotary International, Frontier Civitan, and is a member of Legatus. Irene wanted to be a member of the WRC Board so that she could offer her talents and gifts to passionate, motivated, and empathetic women who are creating a synergy of ideas and actions for the purpose of supporting women throughout Central Florida.



**Debra Touchton** is an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Educational Leadership at Stetson University. She is affiliated with: Florida Association of Professors, American Educational Research Association, and American University of Women. Debra is a Board Member because she believes in the power of women working for women.



**Cindy Romagnoli** is the Office Administrator for the WRC. She is an active volunteer in her daughter's high school and community. Cindy loves working with the WRC and is proud to be a part of an organization that recognizes and celebrates the power of women and strives to make an impact on the many issues that affect women in the Central Florida area.

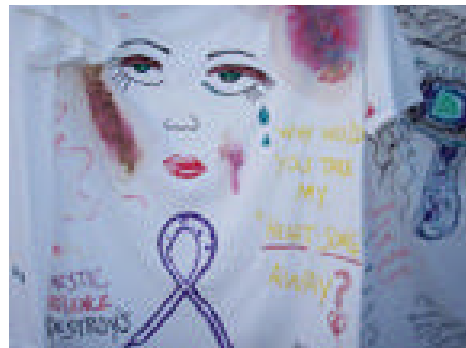
*"To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life." Samuel Adams*

## **Clothesline Project April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lake Eola Park**

The Clothesline Project will be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 a.m. until 11:30 am at Lake Eola. Along with Harbor House, Inc. Spouse Abuse, Inc. and the Sexual Trauma Recovery Center, the WRC is a major sponsor of the Clothesline Project.

Each year, over 300 T-shirts are displayed on clotheslines throughout Lake Eola. Each shirt gives silent testimony to a woman who has been a victim of domestic violence. The collaboration continues to raise awareness about the severity of domestic violence, and offers a time of healing to victims and their families.

The shirts are color coded to show the form of abuse and whether the victim survived the abuse they experienced: White represents women who died, yellow or beige represents battered or assaulted women; red, pink and orange represent survivors of rape and sexual assault; blue and green represents survivors of incest or sexual abuse; and purple or lavender represent women attacked because of their sexual orientation.



## **In Memory of Marilyn Whisler, Ph. D.**



**2000 Summit Award Winners: Cary Haught Coats, Dr. Tony Moody, Dr. Ann McGee and Dr. Marilyn Whisler**

Summit Award winner, Marilyn Whisler, passed away on February 26<sup>th</sup>

Marilyn graduated from North Park College in Chicago, earned her Masters at American University, and her Ph.D. in Government at the University of Wisconsin. She was the first woman to be appointed to the Department of Political Science at Florida Technical University, presently known as UCF. Dr. Whisler was a pioneer at UCF and a powerful shaper of destiny of the young University.

Dr. Whisler was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Even though she was diagnosed with diabetes at age 7, was forced to retire at age 43 because of her illness, and was declared legally blind in 1994, she accomplished more in her life than most people even dream.

**Save The Date!!!**

TUESDAY, October 3, 2006

**Central Florida Women's  
Resource Center**

2006 Salute To Women  
22nd Annual Summit Awards

5:30 p.m. Reception and Silent  
Auction

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Recognition

*Rosen Centre Hotel*

**The Central Florida Women's Resource Center, Inc.**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First Name                      MI                      Last Name

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    Street/PO Box                      City                      State                      Zip Code

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Membership Categories:                      Membership serves from January through December. Please prorate your dues as to which quarter you are paying (i.e. Qtr. 1=100%; Qtr.2=75%; Qtr. 3=50%; Qtr. 4=25%).

- ( ) Individual (\$40.00 per year)
- ( ) Patron (\$75.00 per year)
- ( ) Small Business - less than 25 employees (\$150.00 per year)
- ( ) Corporation - 25 or more employees (\$300.00 per year)
- ( ) Lifetime (\$300.00 one time fee) (\$300.00)

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

**Your membership supports WRC's administrative costs so that more of our funding can go to philanthropic endeavors.**

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- \$40    **Individual** - Quarterly newsletter, Membership directory, reduced rate at WRC programs.
- \$75    **Patron** - Receives all individual benefits plus a special listing in Membership directory and listing in one newsletter.
- \$150    **Small Business** - Membership for 2 people who will receive all individual benefits, the business will receive special listing in Membership directory and one newsletter, one free small ad in Summit program or discount on a larger ad.
- \$300    **Corporate** - Membership for 4 people who will receive all individual benefits, company will receive special listing in directory and one newsletter and special recognition at Summit Awards Dinner, 1/2 page ad or discount on full page ad in Summit program.
- \$300    **Lifetime** - Individual membership benefits, special listing in one newsletter, special listing in membership directory, invitation to Summit Reception.