



## Women's Resource Center Update

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### 2007 Annual Membership Meeting

***The Board of Directors of the Women's Resource Center invites you to attend our Annual Membership Meeting. Annual reports will be distributed and the 2007 Executive Board and Board of Directors will be elected.***

**When: Wednesday, January 10, 2007**

**Where: Dubsdread Banquet Hall  
549 West Par Street  
Orlando, FL 32804**

**Time: 6pm - 8pm**

***Food. Cash Bar.  
Free to members.***

***RSVP to Cindy Romagnoli at 407 426-7960***

### 2007 BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee has presented the following slate for the 2007 Central Florida Women's Resource Center Board of Directors to be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

#### Officers

***President: Kathryn Kinsley  
President Elect: Mary Jane Grant  
Vice President: Jeanne Adam  
Treasurer: Sandy Wilkening***

#### Returning Board Members for New Two Year Term

**Ralphetta Aker: Past President  
Sharon Foley  
Deborah Hessler  
Irene Pearce  
Debra Touchton**

#### Continuing on the Board for their Second Year

**Patrice Bullister  
Jill Hamilton  
Courtney Huff  
Marianne King**

#### New Board Nominees

**Sultana Ali: MPB Communications  
Julia Hartwell: Florida Hospital  
Dawn Steward: Orange County Health  
Coalition  
Dale Walker: Universal Studios  
Kim Whitehurst: VP TOC Productions**

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



## Commentary from Kate: President's Notes

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

It has been a busy and exciting 2006 for the Central Florida Women's Resource Center. I want to thank all of the WRC board and members who helped to make this year so successful. We have a lot to be proud of. Some of these things include:

- Implementation of the 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"
- Award of the inaugural **Summit Impact Grant to Shepherd's Promise**. This grant will provide funds to implement a new bimonthly series of workshops to educate and empower women served by Shepherd's Promise.
- Awarding a scholarship to **Karleen Williams** at Valencia Community College
- Supporting the **Clothesline Project** by providing volunteers, t-shirts and other supplies.
- A stirring **22<sup>nd</sup> Summit Awards**.
- Funding to the **American Red Cross** for hurricane relief for families in Florida
- A grant to the **Sexual Assault Treatment Center**.
- A grant and helping hands to the **John C. Garrett Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Together with Joy Metropolitan Community Church and various other community organizations, WRC worked to provide over 1,400 meals for underprivileged families throughout Central Florida during Thanksgiving week.
- Adoption of 6 families from the **Women's Residential Counseling Center** for holiday gifts.

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

WRC is truly 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.

## Louise Franklin Sheehy Receives 2006 Human Rights Award

Louise Franklin Sheehy received the 2006 Human Rights Award from Amnesty International, Orlando Chapter at a dinner on November 20, 2006 at the Ivanhoe Plaza. Louise is one of the organizers of the Matrix, a group of women dedicated to discovery and defining what is important in the lives of women, which initially operated under WRC and eventually became an independent entity. Louise is currently Director of the Education Project for the Olives Trees For Peace Foundation, non-profit, multi-faith community dedicated to peace.

Margaret Wheatly, President emeritus of The Berkana Institute and internationally acclaimed speaker and author spoke on the importance of not getting discouraged about the injustices in the world. Her motto is "Ask what is possible and keep asking!". As an example, Margaret asked "How can we create trust in the world among Muslim, Christian and Jewish people." This seems like an insurmountable task, so she asked "what is possible". This led to working with Muslim, Christian and Jewish children from private schools in the Boston area. The children get together four times a year to learn about their similarities and differences and to just have some fun together. Margaret stated that these children, who knew nothing about each other before these meetings had learned tolerance and made friends.

WRC has served as an honorary committee member for this event for several years.



WRC members Ava Doppelt and Marty Haynie attended the awards

## *WRC is Working Together to Make a Difference...*

### **WRC Contributes for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year to John C. Garrett Thanksgiving Food Drive**

*by Cindy Romagnoli*

The Women's Resource Center was a proud sponsor for the second year in a row for the John C. Garrett Thanksgiving Food Drive. Together with Joy Metropolitan Community Church and various other community organizations, WRC worked to provide over 1,400 meals for underprivileged families throughout Central Florida during Thanksgiving week.

More than a hundred excited volunteers gathered on the Monday night before Thanksgiving at Joy MCC to assemble 1,400 Thanksgiving baskets that included mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, gravy mix, cranberry sauce and a small holiday gift. Each basket (actually a bag) provides enough food to feed ten people. A refrigerated truck arrived at Joy MCC on the morning after to add a frozen turkey to each of the bags. The bags were then distributed through Central Florida Agencies that had signed up to receive and distribute the meals to underprivileged families that would be unable to afford a Thanksgiving dinner on their own.

The volunteers were treated to a delicious barbeque donated by Eleanor Miner and her family through their restaurant Bubbalou's Bodacious BBQ.

WRC members that have participated assembling the bags have found it to be a moving and uplifting experience. Everyone is so full of 'joy' and giving and it is wonderful to be in a room full of such spirit. Several hours after the stuffing begins, the Sanctuary is filled to capacity with bags and excitement!

On Thanksgiving Day over 100 people gathered at Joy MCC to distribute 800 hot, freshly prepared Thanksgiving meals to people that are homeless in Central Florida. Small groups of volunteers delivered these meals to alley's, parks, and via ducts to feed the hungry.

Giving is always a blessing, but at this time of year when everyone is so busy, it is truly heartwarming to see so many in our community come together for those that are in need. WRC is proud to be a part of this very worthy cause.



*WRC Members Mary Jane Grant and Lindsay Harnish with husband, Jerry, packing food. Picture by Jody DeNeault, DeNeault Photography*



*Donated food ready to be packed.*

#### **Outgoing Board Members:**

**Lanette Jarvis**

**Eva Krzewinski**

**Kathy McCoy**

**Our Thanks**

# **Congratulations!**

**To the Huff Family on the  
arrival of  
Addison Melanie Huff  
December 7, 2006**

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

## **Membership Meeting at Ten Thousand Villages Benefits Families at Women's Residential Counseling Center**



*Members enjoy tasting, shopping and fellowship at Ten Thousand Villages*

WRC members gathered on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Ten Thousand Villages for refreshments, conversation and holiday shopping while enjoying the sights, sounds and textures of items handcrafted by skilled artisans in over 30 countries. A portion of the proceeds from the sales that evening benefited the Summit Impact Grant. WRC members also brought gifts and toiletries for the Women's Residential Counseling Center clients for the holiday season. A tasty feast was provided by Board member Patrice Bullister and Administrative Assistant Cindy Romagnoli.

Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit organization that opens up markets in the United States for artisans in Third World countries. By offering fair prices for their work, artisans are able to provide for their basic needs and plan for their future. The new retail store, located on Park Avenue in Winter Park is the second store in Florida and is part of a national chain of 100-plus shops.

### **Holiday Party Benefits Families at the Women's Residential Counseling Center**

Board Member Jill Hamilton and her husband Spence hosted a "WRC and friends" holiday party and gift drive on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at their home in Winter Park. Guests were asked to bring gifts for the six families adopted by The Central Florida Women's Resource Center and The Howard Phillips Center for Children & Families. Food and gift certificates to Publix, Wal-Mart or Target, plus warm children's clothing (fleece tops, pants, socks, shoes, etc.) were also requested.

The guests were very generous in donating new items and gift cards for the families. There was a true spirit of giving and community at the gathering. As people gathered around the camp fire (it was a chilly evening!), we enjoyed the old traditions of roasting marshmallows and making "s'mores", telling stories and drinking hot chocolate. There was even a spectacular shuttle launch to view!

Thank you to Jill and her friends and the WRC members that came and helped to make this gift drive such a success. We collected enough Publix gift cards to give one to each family!



*Board Member Marianne King joins new friends around the camp fire.*



*Kathryn Hardage, President of Up a Tree and Jessica Symczk, a mental health therapist with HUG-Me, a part of The Howard Phillips Center for Children & Families gather with Kate Kinsley, President of WRC to survey the gifts that guests brought.*

## *WRC “Adopts” Six Families for the Holidays*



*WRC Administration Assistant Cindy Romagnoli and Daughter Cristina select toys for the families.*



*Some of the toys that were donated or bought for the families.*

At the WRC Board meeting in November 2006, the board voted to adopt six families from the Women's Residential Counseling Center (WRCC). Applications were filled out for two single women, two families of three people and two families of four. The WRCC then provided WRC with specific lists of items that each family member wanted.

Two events were planned to give WRC members an opportunity to contribute to this project. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, a membership meeting was held at Ten Thousand Villages, where guests brought gifts according to the lists that were provided. Board Member Jill Hamilton and her husband Spence hosted a “WRC and friends” holiday party and gift drive on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at their home in Winter Park. Both events provided many of the items that were requested. In addition, the WRC board had voted to spend up to \$100 per family to purchase additional items as needed.

Treasurer Kathy McCoy graciously offered her office to store the donations. Cindy, her daughter Cristina, Patrice Bullister and Kate Kinsley met there to sort the gifts and determine what else needed to be purchased. Cindy then went shopping for the needed items and then they were wrapped and bagged for delivery to the WRCC. Thanks to Patrice Bullister for providing her van for the delivery.

Each family member received a Publix gift card and at least one Walmart, Target or Payless Shoes gift card, a plush bear, toiletries in a nice bag and a wire mesh basket with candles. Each family member also received two McDonald's gift meal cards (thanks to Lori Booker). Each child received a toy on their list and one personal item (such as clothing) and each adult received at least one item from their list.

This was a great membership effort and one that really made a cheery holiday for these families. Thank you to everyone who participated.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    Street/PO Box                      City                      State                      Zip Code

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer to Receive Mail at: ( ) Home ( ) Work How did you hear about WRC? \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_(Cash-Amount) \_\_\_\_\_(Check-Amount) \_\_\_\_\_(Charge Card – Amount)

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_(Master Card/VISA – circle one) Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Card Holder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND BENEFITS**

**Membership Category:** 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%).

- \$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.