



## Women's Resource Center Update

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### WRC Announces 2007 Summit Impact Grants

The Central Florida Women's Resource Center (WRC) is pleased to offer the second annual, "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 \$5000 will be made to fund programs which are designed to support education, prevention and issues related to sexual assault. Ten grants will be awarded.

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

The request for proposal (RFP) for this grant is due by July 1, 2007. Worksheets can be obtained from the WRC website, [www.wrc-online.org](http://www.wrc-online.org). Grant recipients will be announced September 1, 2007 and will be presented during the Central Florida Women's Resource Center Summit Award Gala to be held on October 2, 2007. In previous years, only one grant per year was awarded; 2007 will be the first year that multiple grants are available.

The "Summit Impact Grant" has become a life-changing instrument for the women that it affects. Our focus this year on preventing sexual assault is a subject about which WRC has always been concerned; as demonstrated by our prior projects such as Rape Response, the Clothesline Project and the Sexual Assault Treatment Center," says Dr. Kate Kinsley, President of WRC.

### 2007 Summit Awards Nominations Accepted Through May 15<sup>th</sup>

The WRC invites you to participate in the nomination process for the 2007 Summit Award dinner honoring outstanding women in the Central Florida community. The event will honor four women who have shown outstanding community service and leadership. In addition, we will recognize a female in the junior age category (under 25) who is setting a positive example for our youth. These women will be recognized as "Summit Award" winners at a dinner to be held in their honor on Tuesday, October 2, at the Rosen Centre.

Awards will be given to women who have performed countless hours of community work for the good of all; have a history of diverse community service and whose service goes beyond job related responsibilities. In addition, the nominee should demonstrate leadership through community visibility, support of women's issues and act as a role model (both professionally and socially).

Please take a few minutes to nominate a woman who meets the above criteria. The nomination form can be obtained from the WRC website, [www.wrc-online.org](http://www.wrc-online.org), and must be received by May 15, 2007.

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## WRC Elects Officers for 2007

The 2007 Board of Directors for the Central Florida WRC were presented by the Nominating Committee and approved at the Annual Meeting held at Dubsdred Restaurant on Wednesday, January 24.

	<p><b>Kate Kinsley, PhD</b>, is Owner and President of Datawise, Inc. She serves as President of the WRC and is on the Advisory Board of the UCF College of Arts. Kate looks forward to working with this tremendous Board and making a difference in the Central Florida Community.</p>		<p><b>Mary Jane Grant</b> is President of Premier Promotions of Central Florida, Inc. She is active as a VITAS Innovative Hospice Care volunteer, member of Business and Professional Women and Women's Executive Council and serves on the Board of Directors of JMCC Endowment Fund. Mary Jane is currently serving as President Elect of the WRC.</p>
	<p><b>Jeanne Adam</b> is Marketing Director at Orlando Regional Healthcare. In addition to serving as Vice President of the WRC, 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."</p>		<p><b>Sandy Wilkening</b> is owner of Sandra J. Wilkening &amp; Company, PA, a certified accounting firm. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Sandy is President Elect of Florida Executive Women (FEW) and is on the board of the Orange County Research Park. Sandy is serving as Treasurer of WRC.</p>
	<p><b>Ralphetta G. Aker, JD</b>, is a manager in the Fiscal &amp; Administration Division for Orange County Public Works Department. She is an active member of Washington Shores Presbyterian Church. Ralphetta is a long time member of the WRC Board and past President. She wants to make a difference in the community</p>		<p><b>Sultana Ali</b> is a Senior Associate with MPB Communications, a notable Public Relations and Advertising agency in Orlando. Sultana is very active in the United Nations Association-USA, both locally and nationally. Her passion is mentoring to teens. Sultana is the 2006 Junior Summit Award recipient. She currently leads the Public Relations Committee for WRC.</p>
	<p><b>Patrice Bullister</b> is the General Manager of 1800Flowers.com. She is the Executive Director of Monongalla/Monvalley Scholarship Organization. She leads the WRC Membership/Events Committee.</p>		<p><b>Sharon Foley</b> has been with Universal Orlando since 1993 and is currently Director of Human Resources. She is currently serving as co-chair of the WRC Summit Awards. Sharon also volunteers for the Red Cross and Junior Achievement.</p>
	<p><b>Jill Hamilton</b> is the Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Heart of Florida United Way. Jill is an advisory board member of Harbor House and is past Chair/Borad Member of the Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. Jill is serving on the WRC Public Relations Committee.</p>		<p><b>Julia Hartwell</b> is Regional Manager of Government and Public Affairs for Florida Hospital. She is active in the Beta Center and "Get Active Orlando." She serves on the Philanthropy Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Deborah Hessler</b> is Corporate Secretary and Program Officer for Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, Inc. Deborah says, "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 for WRC.</p>		<p><b>Marianne King</b> is President/Owner of King Insurance Agency, Inc. Marianne is active in the associations of Human Resource Management, Heath 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.</p>
	<p><b>Sandy Rendek</b> is Marketing Director of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. Sandy is excited to serve on the WRC Board and is looking forward to taking part in the good work that WRC does. She serves on the Public Relations Committee.</p>		<p><b>Dawn Steward</b> is Operations Manager/Community Relations for KidCare at Orange County Healthy Start Coalition. She is active in the Florida PTA, Legislative chair of the Florida Fiscal and Economic Policy in Tallahassee, and secretary of the Covering Kids Coalition. Dawn is an active WRC board member.</p>
	<p><b>Dale Walker</b> is Human Resource Manager at Universal Studios. She organized the Summit's Silent Auction last year – the most successful yet! Dale serves as co-chair of the Summit Awards Committee.</p>		<p><b>Cindy Romagnoli</b> is the Office Administrator for the WRC. She is an active volunteer in the 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.</p>

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## Commentary from Kate: President's Notes

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

As you can tell from our front page, WRC is in the middle of two exciting activities – the Summit Impact Grant and the Summit Awards. This year we will be awarding ten grants of up to \$5000 that support education, prevention and issues related to sexual assault. In addition, we are in the midst of planning the 23<sup>rd</sup> Summit Awards, which will be held on Tuesday, October 2, at the Rosen Centre. Please visit the WRC website, [wrc-online.org](http://wrc-online.org), for more information.

We have also provided funding for new flooring for the Sexual Assault Treatment Center, the Clothesline Project, which will occur in November this year, and served as a host and sponsor for the Mayor's Summit. We are looking forward to presenting a safety and self defense class for women. The date will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

The WRC Board is enthusiastic and willing. I appreciate the contributions of each member. Please join us in the fun and contact the office if you would like to volunteer. Your help will be appreciated.



## KUDOS

Join us in congratulating N. Diane Holmes for being named a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. What an accomplishment!

## Congratulations Volunteers!

*Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.* - Danny Thomas

The following people have received the President's Volunteer Service Award for volunteering 100 hours or more.

### **Bronze – 100 hours of service**

Jeanne Adam  
Ralphetta Aker  
Patrice Bullister  
Sharon Foley  
Deborah Hessler  
Jill Hamilton  
Kathy McCoy  
Irene Pearce

### **Silver – 200 hours of service**

Mary Jane Grant  
Kate Kinsley

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

*Central Florida Women's Resource Center*

**23rd Annual Summit Awards**

5:30 p.m. Reception and Silent Auction

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Recognition

The Rosen Center Hotel | 9840 International Drive | Orlando

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

**WRC Receives Grant from Universal Foundation**

The Universal Foundation *UGIVE* program presented WRC with a \$250 grant at a luncheon on April 5, 2007. WRC Board Member Sharon Foley selected WRC to receive the grant on behalf of her volunteer service contributed during 2006. The luncheon was given in celebration of National Volunteer Week and Sharon's exceptional volunteer efforts. Thank you Sharon and the Universal Foundation!

**Thank You Note from SATC**

*We have scheduled the removal of the worn, stained carpeting at the Sexual Assault Treatment Center and will be able to have it replaced with linoleum that can be washed as often as necessary. This contribution is due to the Women's Resource Center's continued commitment in serving survivors of sexual assault in Orange County. Your donation allows us to ensure the facility remains a place where survivors find an environment and surroundings that are comfortable, clean and secure even in the midst of their crisis.*

*Julie Smith, LCSW Executive Director*

**WRC Provides T-Shirts for the Clothesline Project**

In a continuing effort to support the Clothesline Project and its supporting agency, WRC has provided more than 400 t-shirts to the Healing Tree, Harbor House and Women's Residential Counseling Center (WRCC) for healing therapy sessions where victims of sexual assault express their feelings by painting the t-shirts. These t-shirts will be displayed this November at the Clothesline Project. Some of the comments from the staffs of these organizations include:

- "Thank you so much for your support and for helping our clients speak out!"
- "Thank you for your contribution to such a powerful cause."
- "Thank you for contributing to our client's healing!"

**Thank You Note from 2006 John C. Garrett Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**

*Thank you for your generous contribution. Your contribution enabled us to supply a tremendous number of needy families and individuals with a joy many of us take for granted – a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.*

*I genuinely believe that the contributors who make the project possible each year may be touched as deeply as the recipients of their generosity. I hope that this was the case for WRC this year, and I pray that your New Year will be blessed with an extra portion of Joy!*

*Rev. John A. Middleton Jr., Interim Pastor*

**Thank You Note from the Women's Residential Counseling Center Christmas Families**

*To all my sponsors at the WRC. I just received your Christmas gifts. I know that your gifts are beautiful and they are appreciated very much.*

*I send this card to let you know how the spirit of Christmas was placed back in my heart; and remembering "the Season is the Reason." I wish you and your families a happy Holiday.*

*Thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts.*

**Thank You Note from Shepherd's Promise**

*Words simply cannot express the gratitude, which we at Shepherd's Promise feel regarding your concern for the homeless women and children that we serve. We gladly accept your generous check to provide bi-monthly psycho-educational workshops to our clients.*

*As a small organization, we endeavor to make a big impact on the lives of the women and children we serve. The ability to provide these workshops will have a tremendous affect in creating self-sufficient and empowered women as well as productive members of society. Thank you again.*

*Charlene Sears-Tolbert, M.A., CAP Executive Director*

