



Women's Resource Center Update

P. O. Box 568905, Orlando 32856 * 407-426-7960 * cflwrc@bellsouth.net * www.wrc-online.org

2008 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 2008 Executive Board and Board of Directors will be elected.

When: Tuesday, January 15, 2008

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

Time: 6pm - 8pm

We will be honoring Anne Peach as our Becky Award Recipient for her tireless commitment to WRC and the Community.

Food. Cash Bar.

Free to members.

RSVP to Cindy Romagnoli at 407 426-7960

2008 BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee has presented the following slate for the 2008 Central Florida Women's Resource Center Board of Directors to be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting on January 15th, 2008.

<p><u>Officers</u> President: Kathryn Kinsley President Elect: Julia Hartwell Vice President: Jeanne Adam Treasurer: Sandy Wilkening</p> <p><u>New Board Nominees</u> Nancy Forbes: <i>Forbes and Associates</i> Ruth Patrick: <i>Harbor House</i> Cathie Rising-Clarke: <i>Orange County Health and Family Services Department</i> Christina Rodriguez: <i>Clear Channel Radio</i> Georgiana Tynes: <i>Georgiana K. Tynes Consultant Services, LLC</i></p>	<p><u>Returning Board Members for New Two Year Term</u> Patrice Bullister Mary Jane Grant Jill Hamilton Marianne King Sandy Rendek</p> <p><u>Continuing on the Board for their 2nd Year</u> Ralphetta Aker, Past President Sultana Ali Deborah Hessler Dawn Steward Dale Walker</p>
--	---

"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 2007 for the Central Florida Women's Resource Center. I want to thank the WRC board and members who helped to make this year so successful. WRC has a lot to be proud of, including:

- Ten non-profit agencies were recipients of the **2007 Summit Impact Grant**. These grants in the amount of \$5000 each were made to fund programs which are designed to support education, prevention and issues related to sexual assault.
- Awarding a scholarship of \$1000 to **Dayna Netzorg** at Valencia Community College
- Supporting the **Clothesline Project** by providing volunteers, t-shirts and other supplies.
- An inspiring **23rd Summit Awards**. Congratulations to this year's winners: Wendy Chioji, Jennie Joseph, Lucille O'Neal, Jan Stratton and Cristina Dos Santos. You are truly amazing!
- A grant to the **Sexual Assault Treatment Center** for new flooring.
- A grant 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.
- Through a WRC Challenge Grant, the WRC membership adopted 3 families from the **Women's Residential Counseling Center (WRCC)** for holiday gifts and awarded to WRCC funds to help other families during this holiday season.

As we approach the end of 2007, the nominating committee has assembled a board that has the talents and commitment to continue 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. Please consider it.

Happy New Year! I hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting on January 15, 2007!

Anne Peach to Receive the Becky Award

WRC is pleased to announce that long time member and WRC supporter, Anne Peach, has been selected to receive the **Becky Award**. The award will be presented at the WRC Annual Meeting on January 15, 2008. Anne will also be recognized as the **Becky Award** winner at the 24th Annual Summit Award.



The **Becky Award**, named for founder Becky Cherney, is awarded at the discretion of the WRC Board of Directors to an outstanding leader within WRC, for services above and beyond her call of duty to this organization. Past recipients are Becky Cherney, Natalie Senterfitt, Donna Rickleman, Sidney Green and Wendy Anderson

Anne has been an active WRC member since 2000 and was a WRC Board member for two years. Through ORHS, Anne has been instrumental in hosting WRC board lunch meetings and designing and publishing the Summit Program. She has hosted several memberships meetings and is always ready with a helping hand.

Anne is chief operating officer and vice president of nursing at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando. She is actively involved in the Central Florida community, having served in many capacities for the Rotary Club of Lake Buena Vista (including President), International Drive Chamber of Commerce, Florida Executive Women, Central Florida Women's League and the Women's Resource Center.

Anne is a 1999 Summit Award Recipient and received the 2004 Nursing Excellence Recognition Award from the Florida Nurses Association (FNA) District 8 of Orlando. Anne was named Rotarian of the Year by the Lake Buena Vista Rotary.

Congratulations Anne, and thank you for your support of WRC!

WRC is Working Together to Make a Difference...

WRC Contributes for 4th Year to John C. Garrett Thanksgiving Food Drive

by *Cindy Romagnoli*

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

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, including a frozen turkey, added 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.

WRC is proud to be a part of this very worthy cause.



Food ready to be packed

The Clothesline Project

The Clothesline Project, a display of T-shirts from victims of sexual assault, was held at the 1st Annual Baldwin Park Arts Festival on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Counselors and WRC members set-up and staffed the event. Information was dispersed about the Clothesline Project and the organizations involved.

WRC 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. The collaboration continues to raise awareness about the severity of domestic violence, and offers a time of healing to victims and their families.

The Baldwin Park Arts Festival made the Clothesline Project available to a whole new audience. Our thanks to the Baldwin Park Arts Festival planning committee for making this venue available for this important project.



T-shirts displayed along the street



Counselors and WRC members on duty

**WRC wishes you
A
Happy Holiday
And A
Prosperous New Year**

To Outgoing Board Member:

Sharon Foley

Our Thanks

WRC "Adopts" Families for the Holidays



Cristina, daughter of WRC Office Administrator, Cindy Romagnoli shows stockings stocked with goodies.



WRCC Staff is happy to receive the gifts for its clients.



At the WRC Board meeting in November 2007, the board voted to once again "adopt" families from the Women's Residential Counseling Center (WRCC) for the holidays. WRCC is a transitional housing program for working women and their children. The program helps women who are rebuilding their lives after homelessness, abuse, violence or other adversity.

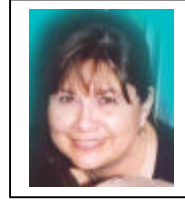
WRC wanted to donate funding to fulfill the holiday gift wishes of children and their mothers who could not otherwise have this holiday without our support. We invited our members to donate to this cause and WRC matched donations up to \$500.

We are happy to report that \$2000 was raised for this effort! The WRCC provided WRC with specific lists of items for four families. The gifts were bought and wrapped and delivered. Thanks to Cindy Romagnoli, WRC Office Administrator for coordinating this task. Her daughter, Cristina, made stockings for all of the people that WRC adopted and one of the pictures above is of Cristina holding a couple of stockings after they were stuffed with goodies. Besides receiving gifts from their wish list, each family received gift cards from Publix and each family member received a Target gift card.

In addition to the gifts to the 4 families WRC was able to give WRCC \$470 in cash and \$500 worth of Visa cards. WRCC requested the Visa cards because they may have families that come in during the holidays and it is easier for WRCC to give the families Visa cards, rather than a check.

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

"To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life." Samuel Adams
Thank you 2007 WRC Board of Directors!



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 _____

Billing Address: _____

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT AND APPLICATION TO:

The Central Florida Women's Resource Center Inc. (WRC), P.O. Box 568905, Orlando, FL 32856-8905

(407)426-7960 Fax (407)426-9261 e-mail: wflwrc@bellsouth.net website: www.wrc-online.org

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.