

“My favorite aspect of WWF has been to watch the significant work that has resulted from WWF Grants through the last 16 years, For example, from watching improvements in brain cancer treatments, reducing homelessness, providing jobs through the growth of Farestart, to the music programs that are changing lives, to preserving organic farmlands. We have made a significant impact in the lives of people in our community and around the world.”

- Rhoda Altom

I value the caring community of women who come together to make a significant difference by making thoughtful, intelligent grants to worthy organizations in our community. I feel empowered by the work of hundreds of women working together to create positive change. I am now more concerned about making an impact than I am in making a donation. I love hearing about the results that WWF is making in the lives of members, the Grantees and the Communities that receive WWF funds.”

- Rhoda Altom

“I joined WWF to be with experienced philanthropists. I stay with WWF to watch that community of smart, engaged women philanthropists grow and make continued impact.”

- Rhoda Altom

“For me the essence of the WWF involves working with like minded women to improve the community through informed giving. The excellent programs organized around philanthropic concerns and issues paired with the opportunity to give major, as well as small, grants keeps me coming back.”

- Cherry Banks

“WWF is continually inspiring. It's the combination of a large group of bright, inquisitive and committed women, working together to make our community better and the discovery every grant cycle of extraordinary non-profits tireless working toward the same goal. It's important work and WWF is leaving a lasting stamp on Washington State.”

- Judi Beck

“I appreciate learning from the great speakers and programs as well as from the other members and their interests and passions, which add to my own.”

- Sue Bennett

“The opportunity to engage with other women who are committed to a common goal of ‘doing good’ through philanthropy and knowing that our giving is driven by thorough due diligence and designed to have impact. The wide range of learning opportunities exposes me to emerging issues and leaders on a local and national level.”

- Grace Chien

“It's a great experience with lots of support and guidance from the grant committee leaders and fellow work group members, as well as WWF staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes. They make it easy to step into our respective responsibilities. I am looking forward to learning more about local and impressive organizations.”

- Julie Davis

“It is hard to single out just one aspect of WWF that I value most because it has enriched my life in a number of ways. I have learned so much from many of WWF's terrific educational programs, not only about becoming a more strategic philanthropist but also about the needs in our Seattle community and beyond, and the great work our nonprofit sector is doing to meet those needs. Equally important to me has been the opportunities WWF has given me to meet and work with other smart, experienced and interesting women who also care about philanthropy and making our community a better place for all of us to live. I have chosen to be quite active in WWF most of the years that I've been a member but I really value the flexibility WWF provides all members, which enables each one to choose the level of involvement that is appropriate for her in any given year.”

- Kathy Edwards

"Being part of WWF's strong, educated, and committed collective giving offers me the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our community."

- Rosalie Gann

“My membership in WWF has become more and more meaningful for me as I have participated in the grant making process. I have met and worked with inspiring women, several of whom have become friends; and I have learned about a wide range of nonprofit organizations. The focus and style of my personal giving has evolved, and I frequently find myself explaining how WWF works to friends here and elsewhere.”

- Margo Gordon

“You gain as much or more as you give when you get involved, and I am really enjoying my work on the Grant Committee. All of this is providing a fabulous foundation for the work I am doing abroad as well!

- Susan Heikkala

“I enjoyed participating on the committee, learning about many organizations doing good work, and meeting some very smart, compassionate women. I’m glad I joined WWF and look forward to continuing.”

- Linda Hendrickson

“The Grants Committee allows for the opportunity to learn more about our communities’ needs and at the same time to become acquainted with many of the amazing WWF members. It’s my pleasure to participate.”

- Nancy Iannucci

"From the very start I felt strong ownership and pride in the significant difference WWF makes by pooling our philanthropic investments in our community to leverage big impact. By working together and focusing our dollars and our talent we have made great things happen! I am now on the most rewarding learning journey of my life; working with exceptional women who keep me on a steep learning curve in pursuit of our shared commitment to make a positive difference in our community, our state and our world."

- Kate Janeway

“I enjoyed getting to know our committee members and leaders immensely. I learned a lot too, and have a new appreciation for the real work of the Foundation.”

- Laurie Macfadden Jones

"WWF events and committee work help me stay connected to community issues and trends. I enjoy meeting other members in a supportive and educational setting."

- Kris Kaminishi

"WWF members are smart, curious, passionate people who can see beyond tomorrow in our wider community. I have never left a WWF event feeling as if I didn't learn something and my time was not well spent. You can participate often or rarely but you always know there is quality in the presentations and access to intelligent, thoughtful people who are passionate about things I might never have otherwise known about."

- Kristin Kennell

“WWF is a terrific way for women to meet, share ideas and make a difference in their community. And, what is remarkable to me -- as WWF has grown into a very significant philanthropic organization, it still retains the personal and intimate feeling it had when it started in 1995.”

- Carol Lewis

“In my view, WWF has democratized the giving process. During my thirty years in Seattle I have witnessed the generosity of women of means who give to a variety of causes, as well as other women who faithfully give in lesser amounts to a variety of worthy. WWF created a process through which all of us could, as an inclusive group, make giving choices of which we all could be proud.”

- Dorothy Mann

“What I value most about WWF is being in the company of a delightful and intelligent group of women and participating with them in the wide variety of educational and philanthropic opportunities that are offered by WWF.”

- Pamela McCabe

“I keep coming back because I'm always learning and enjoy being continuously challenged. As an active member I've been fortunate to have had the opportunity for many excellent leadership opportunities.”

- Pamela McCabe

“I joined the Washington Women’s Foundation because it is a dynamic community of educated women philanthropists who are committed to not only sharing their financial resources with the nonprofit sector but also their combined wisdom and experience with each other. WWF members are supportive, enthusiastic, energetic and passionate about not only improving the lives of the citizens of Washington but also expanding the philanthropic capacity of women. WWF helps me transform my interests into action – I am inspired to make a difference and WWF gives me the partners, tools and resources to do so.”

- Beth McCaw

“At WWF I always meet smart, interesting women who I feel I would never have met otherwise. While we share many of the same concerns, I feel broadened by the connections I make at WWF. They feel like friendships with a purpose.”

- Laura Midgley

“WWF is a feast of people, programs and ideas. But it is always the people who keep me involved. I've made wonderful new life long friends and even ended up publishing a book that would not have happened without friends in WWF.”

- Kathleen O'Connor

“Through WWF, I have learned to give more thoughtfully and strategically, I have discovered many local non-profits doing inspiring work, I have made wonderful friends, and I have loved every minute of it! Being active in WWF is one of the best things I have ever done for myself.”

- Sandra Perkins, PLLC, member since 2004

“I remain a committed member of WWF because of the unique community it has created. The women who join and stay part of the foundation bring different skills and experiences but a common interest in being active community change agents. We share values, visions and a belief in the positive power of women philanthropists working together. And we have fun together.”

- Gail Ransom

“Educational activities are an enormous benefit of WWF. Attending Discovery Days or an educational forum always provides a wealth of information and an understanding of meaningful challenges facing specific populations in our community.”

- Gail Ransom

“WWF has given a new and powerful voice to the women philanthropists in our community. Our gifts are equal, and our combined impact is large.”

- Gail Ransom

“WWF members bring a lot of passion and thoughtfulness to the collective grant making process. It's an educational and inspiring experience.”

- Carol Shaw

“There are great people doing great things in the world, and philanthropy is a key agent of change. It's gratifying to be part of that.”

- Carol Shaw

“The collective giving model allows for a comprehensive process and powerful impact that we could not have as individuals. If you're interested in philanthropy, WWF membership is an incredibly rewarding experience.”

- Carol Shaw

“Through WWF, I have learned how to thoroughly evaluate a non profit agency, what questions to ask, how to evaluate financial health, and more importantly, how to evaluate the bigger impact a gift to the agency might on the community.”

- Cindy Shurtleff

“I keep coming back to WWF because WWF offers me new opportunities for my personal growth, including leadership of committees, and participating in 2 of the 3 new grant committees. But, I also keep coming back because of the terrific group of dedicated women that I have met in WWF.”

- Cindy Shurtleff

“WWF allows members to keep a pulse on the philanthropy landscape in our own backyard. It is the best place for individual philanthropists to learn, evaluate, and strategically allocate their giving.”

- Jennifer Sik

“I joined WWF because of the power of collective giving. I’ve remained a member for that and more: rich educational programming, meaningful volunteer opportunities, and a culture of genuine welcome.”

- Mary Stevens

“The collective impact that smart, committed women can have on the community is immeasurable. WWF channels and focuses that impact through its philanthropic efforts.”

- Lyn Tangen

“WWF's collective giving model has made my philanthropy more effective. The gifts of education and friendship I've received as a member have been tremendous.”

- Susie Tull

“Through its intensive grant process, WWF opened my eyes. I've been in philanthropy for years, but now I shape my giving for the greatest impact”

- Jeanne Tweten

“Washington Women's Foundation is a portal into the remarkably varied realm of philanthropy, with its richness of challenge and reward. My work with the Foundation has reaped invaluable insights, shaped my giving, and generated knowledge in areas I had previously not encountered. What a joy!”

- Maggie Walker

“As a new member to WWF I have learned an incredible amount about the Human Services non-profit sector of Seattle. It is inspiring to realize how many people there are who are trying to make a difference in the lives of those who are vulnerable in one way or another.”

- Leslie Yamada