

# Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

\$100,000 in 2013

# 20<sup>for</sup>20 stories years

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**WWF's Pooled Fund Grant Award of \$100,000 came at a critical time for Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP).** In 2013, NWIRP faced a tremendous increase in demand for its immigration legal services after a change in immigration policy gave many undocumented young people new opportunities in work and education. With a two-person development team already stretched thin, NWIRP needed **to grow its capacity** in order to tap into the momentum of national and local attention while continuing to meet clients' needs.



WWF's grant enabled NWIRP to invest in a **new full-time development and communications position** to better engage key stakeholders and the larger community in its work. NWIRP widely publicized its "Immigration 101" trainings, increased its coverage in the press and undertook strategic efforts to engage its donors more deeply. **NWIRP's investments paid off:** revenue generated from individual gifts has risen substantially, and those funds have helped NWIRP **to provide more direct legal services to families, grow its presence in Eastern WA and bolster its efforts to provide systemic advocacy for immigrants.**

NWIRP says, "WWF's grant has made a **profound impact that will be felt for years to come**, not just for our organization, but for our current and future clients, many of whom have **gained safety, stability, and new opportunities for themselves and their families.** Thank you."

## Sandra Perkins WWF member since 2004

Sandra Perkins has enjoyed a 35-year career as an estate planning and probate attorney. Shortly after opening her own firm in 2000, Sandra felt like **she was hearing about WWF everywhere - three different friends encouraged her to join.** Sandra hoped that WWF would help her to be more thoughtful about her own charitable giving. She says, "I did learn that, and so much more!"

**Sandra has served on WWF's Pooled Fund Grant Committee an impressive seven times,** and she has learned about many local organizations that she now supports annually. Before serving on the Human Services Work Group in 2013, Sandra says, "I knew virtually nothing about NWIRP or immigrants' issues. I had never fully realized how incredibly lucky I was to be born a US citizen; legal status is absolutely essential to quality of life." Inspired by the organization's proposal, Sandra **continues to support NWIRP individually** by being part of its Attorneys' Circle and its Development Committee.

Of her WWF membership, Sandra says, "Joining WWF is one of the best things I have ever done for myself, and being a member of WWF has enhanced and enriched my life in every possible way. **I support WWF because I want other women to have the same opportunities and to benefit from it as much as I do.** It is the best!"

## Individual Impact Story: Jane

"I had to flee from my home in Kenya when my husband tried to kill me. It broke my heart to leave my home and my family...[and] my suffering continued [when a] woman who promised me safety in the United States was a human trafficker. She sold me to a family who forced me to work as a domestic servant...but when a neighbor found out how I was being exploited, she helped me escape. Then I found Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. They took my case and helped me be granted asylum. My attorney, Maggie, was so kind to me. She made me feel happiness. She made me feel hope. **I believe that hope is a tree that grows inside you, and you have to let it live. NWIRP helped keep that tree of hope alive in me.**"



Jane (left) and her attorney Maggie