



We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Record breaking torrential rains added to the tropical theme of the volunteer appreciation event held on August 20 at Robinswood House in Bellevue. Julia Pritt, WWIN's founder, was on hand to personally thank everyone for their commitment to Washington Women In Need. Although we recognized everyone individually at the event there are too many to list here. Each will be recognized in the Annual Report.



Attendees commented on the beautiful venue, the festive atmosphere, and the delicious food. Even the rain that dampened most everything else couldn't dampen people's spirits. It was a really fun evening capped by a fast paced game of WWINGO. In summing up the evening one person said "Listen to this... everyone's talking and laughing and having fun. There's a special feeling at WWIN events".

Helena Stephens, Board Chair, thanked the board members for their substantial commitment of time, expertise and resources to WWIN and recognized the emeritus council as "the first people we go to for advice and input".

Deborah Cushing introduced the myriad of other volunteers. Dedicated office volunteers do it all on a weekly basis. This includes substantial work on client grants: recording payments, updating files, sending applications, compiling survey results, scheduling client appointments. Others undertake special projects

that suit their skills: preparing binders for the board retreat or setting up a filing system for pledges.

Other office volunteers visit us only in the Springtime, like birds returning to the nest. They complete the thank you notes that are sent to each luncheon donor. As there are hundreds for each event we couldn't complete this unless we had this hard working team who hunkered down and got it done!

Another category of volunteer helps us because they offer their specialized skills and talents either free or at vastly reduced rates. One produces the graphic design for our non-luncheon written materials such as this newsletter and the Annual Report. Another does the eye catching graphics for our luncheon materials.

Many of you praised the 2008 luncheon video. Many people supported its production including the 3 former clients who came to the WWIN office to share their stories of transformation so that the video production company and its talented people could deliver that beautiful and inspiring message. A law firm provides pro bono legal assistance. A small tech company provides IT assistance at a nonprofit rate and a CPA firm provided a technology assessment and our new server!

From time to time WWIN supporters call to say they are holding a special event and would like to offer the attendees the opportunity to hear about Washington Women In Need and to make a donation. We always appreciate these donor sponsored events, as it not only increases the money available to make grants, it also gives us the opportunity to tell the WWIN story to a broader audience.

This year WWIN was invited to a fabulous 30th birthday party that consisted of a private showing of Sex & the City at which attendees were encouraged to honor the birthday girl with gifts to WWIN. We were the designated beneficiary of the annual Eastside Tennis Challenge held in June. We were fortunate to once again be one of the beneficiaries of the Eastside Angels

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To improve the lives of low income women in Washington through financial assistance for health care and education.

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