

Mission Statement

Women's Fund
of

Northern Santa Barbara County

The Women's Fund of Northern Santa Barbara County responds to the community's most urgent needs by making substantial gifts in the North County.

Members and supporters of the fund translate their values into action to serve as a catalyst for change on behalf of the women, children, and families in North County.

The Women's Fund educates and inspires women to become leaders in philanthropy, emphasizing the power of collective giving and the rewarding personal experience that active philanthropy provides.

For Women's Fund information, please contact the following:



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Your donation is tax deductible. Please write on the back of this card, the names and addresses of women who may be interested in joining the Women's Fund of NSBC.

I want to join the Women's Fund for 2008-2009

- Individual Membership (\$500)
- Sustaining Membership
- Group Membership
 - Returning Group Member
Name of group _____
 - I will form my own group
 - I need help with group formation

I will pay by:

- Check enclosed (pay to Women's Fund NSBC)
- Credit Card Type _____ (MC, Visa only)
 - Amount _____
 - Number _____
 - Expiration Date _____
 - Signature _____
- Pledge (payable by May 1, 2009)
 - Amount \$ _____

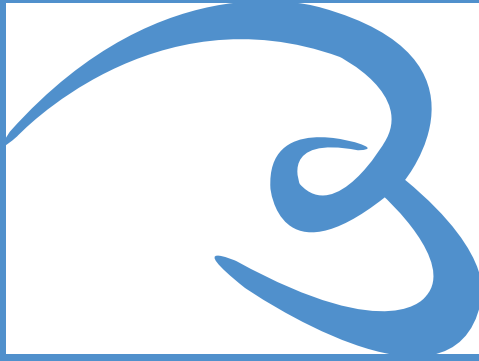
Your Name

Street

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email



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What is a Giving Circle?

The Women's Fund of Northern Santa Barbara County is a giving circle. That means women who want to make a difference pool their money and time so that they can have a bigger impact than they would by donating individually.

There are estimates that approximately 400 giving circles exist, perhaps more. What is known about these giving circles is that most have formed since 2000. They are located in every state, they are nonsectarian and focused on community activities, and most often they are made up exclusively of women.

In most cases women rename the giving circle to reflect its purpose or simply its location.

The Women's Fund of Northern Santa Barbara County is quickly becoming a giving circle that can and will harness the *power of the purse* to change lives in our communities.



About Our Giving Circle: *The Women's Fund*

Formed in spring 2007 in partnership with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, the Women's Fund awards substantial grants to non-profits that serve the critical needs of women, children and families in North County. The fund also educates and inspires women to become leaders in philanthropy by emphasizing rewarding experience that active philanthropy provides.

A membership is \$500. If you prefer, you may form a group to make the minimum donation collectively. Your group makes the contribution as one gift, deciding together how to cast your single vote, thus voicing your preference for how the fund awards your dollars. Presently, the Orfalea Fund generously matches our membership contributions dollar for dollar.

You may also become a sustaining member at \$1000 and be identified on all of the fund's materials along with the founding members. The Women's Fund encourages and recognizes larger donors, but each member controls one vote each year.

As a member, you need make only the annual contribution. However, to become more involved, you may join at a higher level of giving or serve on either the oversight or research committees.

Besides these two committees, the Women's Fund established an *Honorary Advisory Committee* to recognize women in the community for their continued leadership and philanthropic endeavors.

In order to return all member dollars to the non-profits, the Women's Fund actively asks foundations, service clubs and corporations to underwrite administrative costs.

All donations are tax-deductible.

Research

Each year the Research Committee polls the members to determine the community needs that they are most interested in supporting. Based upon the members' selection, the committee investigates organizations and programs that fit within those interests and presents a ballot to the members with the results determined by a simple majority vote. The membership recognizes the recipients at an annual presentation.



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