



THE LANTERN LEAGUE

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Since it began in 2006, the Lantern League has awarded \$332,000 to community organizations and Presentation High School to carry out its mission of helping women and girls.

Grants Awarded in 2009

The Lantern League awarded its third round of funding to the following organizations:

Support Network—\$20,000

SafeHouse—\$15,000

Our Lady of Grace Nativity School—\$15,000

Catholic Charities--\$6,500

Maitri—\$2,500

See Our Money at Work

Last year Lantern League gave out \$59,000 to community organizations. As part of the grant process, each organization sends a follow-up report after six months to tell the Lantern League how the money is being used.

Catholic Charities

Changing Lives for Good

*With the grant from the Lantern League, Catholic Charities' Young Women's Empowerment Program (YWEP) provided traditional counseling and support service for at-risk young women from the Washington community in downtown San Jose who were already involved with both gang violence and dating violence.

* The grant funded an experienced Youth Intervention Specialist who partnered with these young women to provide services promoting and emphasizing positive development and leadership skills.

*The specialist also helped them to improve their family support systems to avoid domestic violence, to remain gang-free, and to access helpful community-based information and education opportunities.

*Services included weekly Support Groups, one-on-one counseling, home visits, community events and field trips.

*18 young women (120% of their goal) attended specialized support groups once a week for a period of 10 weeks and also received individual counseling sessions. They discussed and studied topics in four important focus areas – dating/domestic

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violence, gang involvement, higher education and developing leadership skills.”

*17 of 18 (95%) of the young women remained free from gangs, 18 of 18 (100%) of the young women avoided domestic and dating violence, and 17 of 18 (95%) of the young women have decided to continue their education.

Maitri

Helping Women Help Themselves

*The Lantern League’s grant of \$2,500 covered the initial retainer fee for an attorney who provided a female client and the client’s daughter with culturally and linguistically sensitive legal advice and representation.

*The client, who had been married more than 25 years to her batterer, endured psychological, emotional and physical abuse by her husband.

*The legal help provided by Maitri enabled the client to gain a restraining order and eventually get a divorce and gain full legal and physical custody of her daughter.

Our Lady of Grace Nativity School

Breaking the cycle of poverty through education in the service of faith and promotion of justice

*The Lantern League gave a grant for sixth grader Sandra Diaz.

*At summer camp, she especially enjoyed the swimming lessons.

*Sandra has acclimated well to the school program due to her outgoing and energetic personality.

SafeHouse

Hope Through One Another

*SafeHouse implemented an internship program for six clients.

*One intern worked 20 hours or more a week, starting at \$10 an hour, with an increase up to \$12 an hour after the first month.

*Her work included training in an array of administrative tasks, completion of research projects and attendance at a trade seminar.

*After several complimentary assessments, the intern was offered a regular, part-time position after the completion of her internship.

Support Network:

Building a Safer Community, One Family at a Time

*The Lantern league granted the Support Network \$20,000 for their Safe Shelter Program.

*The Safe Shelter Program assisted victims in imminent danger from domestic violence.

*The Safe Shelter Program provided a safe and confidential place for women and children who left a violent environment.

* The Safe Shelter clients’ needs for physical safety, daily necessities, comprehensive case management, and emotional support were met.

Presentation High School

Not Words, But Deeds

The Lantern League is funding over \$30,000 in scholarships (this is equivalent to 2.5 full tuitions) which is assisting five girls - One student is receiving a full tuition and 4 are receiving partial tuitions. With these five scholarship we are helping 2 freshman, a sophomore, a junior and a senior.

*“The Non-Tuition Fund has been a godsend! Deserving students are VERY grateful for the help and taking advantage of the fund to a much greater degree,” said Mary Miller, Presentation principal. This year \$12,000 has been used so far, with 35 students benefitting from the fund for the following:

* Books

* Class Fees

* Fees: choir, dance team, sports, jazz band, theater

* Graphing calculators for high math classes

* Bids for Black and White dance

* Athletic Uniforms

* Service Trips: (partial funding)

“What is really neat is the students simply ask for help and receive it in a very dignified, non-public way,” Ms. Miller added. “We are doing good here!”

Welcome to All of Our New 2009 Members

Lorrie Blythe	Gloria Hernandez
Nickie Brown	Darlyn Johnson
Kelly Burns	Laurie Kelm
Linda D'Arpino	Rhina Miller
Wendy Davis	Wendy Morgan
Molly Fezell	Cathy Perrone
Edie Fisher	Amy Pizarro
Leslie Fotion	Marge Scheitrum
Nancy Heine	Shirlee Schiro
	Whitney Tidmarsh

Junior Members

Loreli Alba	Monica Alba
Cathlin Bosch	Cassidy Garrett
Kirstie Gonzales	Sungat Grewal
Grace Hoffman	Megan Jaeb
Jamie Leonard	Amanda Martin
Sareen Sandu	Amy Wong

Membership Fees are Due Now!

Remember you must have your dues in by the end of 2009 in order to vote at our January 2010 meeting.

Exciting Changes this year in the Lantern League

- Members now have more say in where their money goes—in addition to the original 50% to Presentation and 50% to Community Organizations, members can now also select 100% to Presentation or 100% to Community Organizations.
- Help educate a young woman about the power of women working together to make a difference—invite a friend who is 25 years old or younger to become a junior member—for \$500 they have the full benefits of membership.

Important Dates for this year's grant selection

Mid November - Look for an email with information about the preliminary vote. We have a number of organizations this year so please take some time to review each of the organizations prior to submitting your votes.

December 1st—Votes are due on the preliminary grants.

January 25, 2010—Grant Voting meeting - Come hear from our finalists before casting your final votes.

Fall Meeting Addressed Health Issues

Dr. Catherine Albin, Dr. Carole Cook and Dr. Jaspreet Dhillon answered questions posed by an audience of Lantern League members and guests Sept. 30 during a panel discussion of women's health issues. Topics ranged from menopause treatments, pros and cons of the H1N1 and the HPV virus vaccines and the benefits of good hygiene during this flu season. The doctors all agreed... wash your hands!!!

**Help the Lantern League Membership Grow—
Invite a friend to Learn about the Lantern League**

If you know a person interested in learning more about the Lantern League, please join us on Thursday, November 12 at 8 a.m. in the Christian Life Center Conference Room at Presentation High School 2281 Plummer Avenue in San Jose. Mary Miller, Presentation High School, Principal and Founding member of the Lantern League, will give an informal, brief overview of the Lantern League and its goals.

