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OJAI WOMEN'S FUND

2016 Election Success:

Congratulations... To YOU!!!

Heartfelt congratulations to all our wonderful Ojai Women's Fund members for a most success 2016 Grant Election! Thank you for taking the time to carefully review each balloted applicant and thoughtfully (and, for member groups, cooperatively) cast your informed votes. We released the election results on October 28th, which delighted us all with the surprise news of a sixth! grant recipient thanks to a ballot tie. Nice job, ladies!

Our year of establishing OWF, spreading the word, hosting informational sessions, gathering almost 300 members, raising funds, and holding our membership election of first-year grant recipients has brought us now to this very exciting point. We did it!! **Now, we look forward to celebrating our own efforts, and the remarkable Ojai organizations we've chosen to share a total of \$60,000 in OWF grants this year: (Arts) Ojai Youth Opera Company; (Education) Girls Empowerment Workshop; (Environment) Once Upon A Watershed; (Healthcare) Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association; (Social Services) Nan Tolbert Nurturing Center, AND**

In the midst of our delight over this year's phenomenal accomplishments, let's give thought to 2017, which is, after all, just around the corner. Once we honor and celebrate this year's grantees it will be time to look toward next year's. So we encourage you to renew your OWF membership now before the holiday season frenzy sets in. And, please extend enthusiastic news of the OWF to more friends and acquaintances who may wish to join us in 2017. In fact, invite them to our Dec. 1st event to experience the end-of-grant-cycle joy –that's what it's all about.

Thank you! Congratulations! And see you at the celebration!

Not to Be Missed!!

The 2016 Ojai Women's Fund Grantee Celebration Reception

**Thursday, Dec 1, 5:00 p.m.
St. Thomas Aquinas Church Center
183 St. Thomas Dr, Ojai**

Why is our Grantee Celebration an event *simply not to be missed*?
Because it's the culmination of every step we've taken this year!

It's our time to:

Acknowledge, honor and celebrate all the significant
accomplishments we've achieved in our inaugural year;

Meet and hear from those who work with the folks whose lives we
hope to improve through our donations and grantee selections;

Join with our larger OWF member community and Ojai neighbors
to share this wonderful, unique accomplishment we've done together.

There is simply so much to celebrate! And that's exactly what we'll do.

**You're an integral part of OWF's success. We couldn't have done it
without you.**

[Click Here to RSVP!](#)

Member Spotlight



In this Fall Issue, we cast a bright light on multi-talented new member Anna Wagner. We're *especially* thrilled to welcome her as a *working* member of the Ojai Women's Fund. Just when we needed her the most, Anna graciously stepped up to help with OWF's critical areas of volunteerism, and digital and social media. Yeah, Anna!

Perhaps it's her youth and enthusiasm that makes her such a whiz at multitasking. That, and plenty of high powered experience, too. Anna has

served as Director of Development for the Ojai Music Festival since 2005; and was Campaign Director of the Libbey Bowl restoration project that raised \$4 Million in contributions to restore the bowl, home of the annual Ojai Music Festival.

Her lifelong passion for music originally drew her to the Ojai Music Festival. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to work for an organization that encourages the creation of new music and performances by immersing artists," Anna said. But it's her savvy, professionalism, nonstop smile and amazing ability to get things done that have made her a beloved fixture there.

Now, the Ojai Woman's Fund is equally blessed to have Anna serving on the Communications & Marketing Committee handling digital communications. She's also OWF's Volunteer Coordinator – and loves to hear from members who want to get further involved.

Anna says she was particularly drawn to the Ojai Women's Fund because of its goal to develop future philanthropists through relationships with

philanthropists in their community. It's wonderful to be able to contribute with friends and be part of a wider network of amazing women."

When she's not working or volunteering, Anna enjoys spending time with family, finding good bargains, and listening to podcasts while walking her dog, Charley.

Originally from Orange County, Ca., Anna has been an Ojai resident now for 10 years. She lives with her husband Bill Wagner, Music Director of Nordhoff High School, and her smart, adorable 5-year-old daughter Charlotte.

Welcome, and thank you, Anna!

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