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February 27, 2001

Ellen Hatch, Program Officer
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Dear Ms. Hatch:

The Minnesota Women's Foundation has been a valued friend of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) in the past, supporting our Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT) annual seminar, *Women Making a Difference in Public Policy*. We appreciate your past support and continued interest in the LOTT program. Thank you for recently contacting Andrea Lex, our Development and Communications Director, and inquiring about the status and growth of the program.

The seminar provides college women with leadership training in public policy. LOTT's mission is to inspire the leadership of women in public life by connecting current and future decision makers; educating women on how to shape the public policy process; and cultivating a context for civic responsibility and action. LOTT's goal is to motivate women to become involved in shaping public policy, with the recognition that strong, diverse perspectives are needed in our nation.

As Andrea mentioned, the Education Fund is offering another event to girls to teach them about state government and help them envision a future in which they are active participants and leaders in their communities. Last fall, LOTT held *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day*, for girls ages 9 to 12 years old. Eighty girls learned about government officials, voting, being a good neighbor and citizenship from the perspective of an immigrant who just became a U.S. citizen. Another similar half-day event will be held this Saturday.

By encouraging women and girls to be civic-minded, the Education Fund believes they will become aware of their important and personal stake in our democracy. We are writing to request your support by a grant of \$10,000, because the League believes that *Women Making a Difference in Public Policy* and *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* will both enrich and enhance the participants' lives. Your support will help provide scholarships and allow LWVMNEF to further expand this program.

Thank you very much for considering our request. If you have any questions, please call Andrea at 651-224-5445.

Sincerely,

Judy Duffy
President

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-Andrea

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Application for Funding using the Common Grant Application Form

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) requests financial support in the amount of \$10,000 from the Minnesota Women's Foundation Social Change Fund for Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT) program and expansion of that program.

A. Organizational Information

1. History

Successor to the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 at the time of passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Its mission was to provide nonpartisan information on voting and public policy to the newly enfranchised citizens. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF), a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1983, is dedicated to promoting the involvement of citizens in government and to increasing public understanding of major public policy issues. The Education Fund does not lobby or influence legislation; does not support or oppose political candidates or parties; and is nonpartisan.

2. Mission and goals

Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT), the parent program of *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day*, was adopted by LWVMNEF in 1998. LOTT's mission is to inspire the leadership of women in public life by connecting current and future decision makers; educating women on how to shape the public policy process; and cultivating a context for civic responsibility and action. LOTT's goal is to motivate women to become involved in shaping public policy, recognizing that strong, diverse perspectives are needed in the nation. We are extending this mission to girls, ages 9-12.

The LWVMN and LWVMNEF affirm a strong commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and education outreach, and strive to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

3. Current programs, activities, service statistics, strengths/accomplishments

(Please see the enclosed *Make Democracy Work* brochure.)

4. Relationship with other organizations

We conserve our resources and increase the impact of our programs by collaborating with other organizations or agencies, such as Common Cause, the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Citizens League, and Minnesota Women's Consortium. During the recent *Changing Faces Changing Communities* dialogues, held in February of 2000 in 17 Minnesota communities with 1,000 participants from diverse perspectives and backgrounds, a number of agencies and organizations already working with immigration initiatives were represented on the statewide steering committee. Through cooperative effort with the *Pioneer Press* in a seven-week series and

a poll of immigrants in the metro area, the League and the *Pioneer Press* brought immigration to the top of the public agenda.

The collaborative nature of *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day*, involving a large group of volunteers and providing additional programming and mentoring opportunities for LOTT alumnae, is yet another example of League collaboration. *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* involves all new activities. The LOTT Committee and alumnae will learn new skills as a result of this project.

5. Number of board, staff and volunteers

Each of the 15 members of the LWVMNEF Board of Directors donates up to 40 hours per week to League programs and projects. The state League consists of four full-time and three part-time employees, as well as several project directors. League volunteer members provide the bulk of the work of the organization through statewide projects and within their local community League organizations. Members of the League of Women Voters are members of three levels of League: local, state and national. In Minnesota, the state League organization is composed of 2,300 members in 48 local Leagues. The state League sponsors statewide projects of voter education and public policy research and provides communication, coordination and collaboration for the local Leagues. Each local League, composed of members of its local community, develops initiatives to provide direct community service.

B. Purpose of the Grant

1. Situation

It has been 81 years since women were given the right to vote, but women's involvement as public policy makers from the local level through the national level doesn't reflect women's aspirations or abilities to take on leadership positions. The results of this past election for women are good but women still haven't reached equal representation. In the Minnesota Senate, there are 23 women and 44 men; in the Minnesota House of Representatives there are 35 women and 99 men. In the U.S. Senate, there are 13 women and 87 men; and in the U.S. House of Representatives, there are 61 women and 374 men. College women need opportunities to learn about what our public policy leaders do in their every day careers and to gain leadership skills.

The purpose of *Women Making a Difference in Public Policy*, the annual seminar of LOTT, is to train college women in leadership skills and to introduce them to opportunities for public service in a very real way. The LOTT mini-seminars, which will be half-day versions of the *Women Making a Difference in Public Policy* seminar, will extend the LOTT mission to women in Greater Minnesota. A mini-seminar is planned for the end of April 2001, at North Hennepin Community College. Two other mini-seminars are planned for the fall at Ridgewater Community College in Willmar and the campuses of Concordia College and Moorhead State University. *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* gives girls the opportunity to learn about future opportunities for them in public service. Like the LOTT seminar, speakers include women currently holding positions in public office who will share with the girls their experiences and their views on the future for women in these arenas. In 2002, LOTT will hold *Women Making a Difference in Public Policy*, three mini-seminars and two *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* events.

How the focus was determined

Historically, the League has been providing women with leadership training and opportunities. The adoption of LOTT as a state program was a natural fit with the League's goals and mission.

Who was involved in the decision-making process

Some members of the LWVMNEF Board of Directors had been involved with LOTT through the years and since its inception in 1994. Because it fits with the goals and mission of the League, those members brought the program to the attention of the LWVMNEF Board of Directors. At the biennial League state convention in April 1999, local League delegates voted to approve LOTT as a state League program.

After the 1999 *Women Making a Difference in Public Life* seminar, it became apparent to the LOTT Committee that the teaching of civic participation, responsibility and leadership should be extended to girls at an earlier age. Thus, the LOTT Committee began making plans for the first *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day*, held in October of 2000. This event was a big success and will be held again on March 3, 2001.

2. Specific activities

LOTT's Women Making a Difference in Public Policy Seminar January 2002 Specific Activities

The LOTT Committee holds monthly meetings and is now planning the next seminar, taking into account participation and evaluations from the recent seminar. Several sub-committees have been formed, including Finance/Fundraising, College Relations and Program Planning. An annual appeal letter will be sent in June to raise funds for the program. In addition, a fundraising event for the Rosalie Wahl Fund to benefit LOTT is held late every summer.

This fall, the College Relations Sub-Committee will contact Minnesota colleges and universities informing them about the seminar and providing ideas for the colleges and universities to offer scholarships. Through individual contacts at all the college and universities and more focused fundraising efforts, the Committee hopes to increase available scholarships for the LOTT seminar. In the past, educational institutions have provided these scholarships.

Women Making a Difference in Public Policy, gives women an overview of the three branches of government: executive, judicial, and legislative. LOTT programs introduce the participants to a broad range of issues, careers, philosophies and viewpoints. Participants hear the perspectives of women in public office, the media, interest groups and community organizers. LOTT allows students to relate critical issues to a personal level and explore the many career options for women in public policy. The seminar connects students with women role models who are making a difference in public policy.

Katherine Lanpher, host of Minnesota Public Radio's *Midmorning Show*, was the keynote speaker for the 2000 LOTT seminar. Past keynote speakers have included Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, former Secretary of State Joan Grove, Col. Anne Beers of the Minnesota State Patrol - the first woman to hold this position, Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz, former Minnesota Supreme Court Justices Esther Tomljanovich and Sandra Gardebring.

Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day Specific Activities

On March 3, 2001, and later this fall, approximately 100 Girl Scouts, ages 9 to 12, from the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley, will visit the Minnesota State Capitol for a half-day seminar. There will be a minimal fee, and the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley will provide scholarships for anyone who cannot afford the fee. Participants who are Girl Scouts will be able to work for badges or patches. About 50 volunteer adults, many with the Girl Scouts, will be on-hand that day leading tours, running the stations and supervising the girls. The Education Fund and LOTT Committee are working closely with the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley.

Who will carry out these activities

The work of the Education Fund is presided over by volunteer Board President Judy Duffy. Ms. Duffy has managed numerous League projects and is experienced in dealing with local communities, government officials, business leaders, League committees and members. Executive Director Sally Sawyer assumes responsibility for overall supervision and implementation of finance and program. Ms. Sawyer, a former president of the Minneapolis League of Women Voters, and 33-year-member, has held the LWVMN/LWMNEF executive director position for 22 years.

All participants in the LOTT seminar held in January 2001 have been given complimentary memberships in the League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) to help them advance their education and careers by giving them the opportunity to become involved in civic issues through their local Leagues and to volunteer at the local or state level. Some of the LOTT participants help plan *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* by coordinating the event and serving as mentors for the day. *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* will present LOTT seminar participants the opportunity to immediately use what they have learned by helping to plan and facilitate this event for young girls. This will be the first opportunity for LOTT to offer a program to girls.

Overall goal(s)

The LOTT seminar seeks to inspire the leadership of college women in all areas of public policy. By connecting young women with experienced women already in positions of leadership in public policy, LOTT helps to build the foundation of a new generation of leadership among women in Minnesota. LOTT not only inspires, it specifically shows college women where and how they can become leaders in the areas of public service. Whether they will become a member of the PTA, join a grassroots movement for a certain cause, volunteer for an elective official running for office, or run for political office themselves, the participants will gain the information they need about how to get involved in their communities. With *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day*, overall goals include teaching girls about citizenship and how government works; and providing girls with a clear vision of a future in which they will be involved in their communities and may even run for a public office.

Specific objectives

Through the LOTT seminar, college women are given the knowledge and tools to learn from other women's experience in public policy, to explore avenues where their careers and civic lives may lead, and to be inspired and enabled to pursue their goals. Through *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* participants will learn about the Capitol, how it is laid-out through a tour and how things work at the Capitol. They will learn about the U.S. flag. At different hands-on stations, the girls learn who can vote, how to vote and how to make choices on an issue. Participants also learn the process by which a bill becomes a law. The girls also meet current women currently holding positions in public

offices. These women share their experiences and their views on the future for women in these areas. The girls are able to actually vote on an "issue" using a voting machine and the results of that vote are announced at the end of the workshop.

Actions that will accomplish your objectives

The Committee is expanding the fundraising base for the seminar so it can offer more scholarships; increase participation of more college women from greater Minnesota; and double overall participation for the 2002 seminar and future seminars. These goals are also part of the Education Fund's long-term strategies for sustaining the expansion of LOTT programs.

Timeframe in which all of this will take place

The Committee meets monthly, and more frequently as the date of each event approaches.

3. Impact of activities

How the proposed activities will benefit the community in which they will occur

It is anticipated that the majority of participants in the LOTT seminar will pursue leadership opportunities in their careers and in their civic lives. The LOTT seminar promotes the involvement of college women in improving the quality of community life. If a LOTT participant even takes the simple action of observing a public meeting, this can make a difference. Long-term expectations are that the participants will develop a continued sense of responsibility for their communities' political activities.

Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day will benefit the participating Girl Scouts in a number of ways. The activities of hearing from women leaders, voting on an issue, touring the Capitol and finding out how a bill is made into a law, and other hands-on experiences, will directly impact these girls in a positive way. It is anticipated that these girls will be given the knowledge and tools to learn from other women's experience in public policy, to explore avenues where their careers and civic lives may lead, and to be inspired and enabled to pursue their goals.

Long-term strategies for sustaining this effort

Long-term goals include enhancing college contacts; securing grants so that LOTT itself can offer scholarships; increasing participation of more women from Greater Minnesota; doubling overall participation for the 2002 seminar; and continue holding *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* and mini seminars twice a year. LWVMNEF will secure grants annually for each event in the future. Other financial support comes through the LOTT annual appeal and fundraising event.

C. Evaluation

The evaluations of each event are important in setting organizational direction, expanding the program and planning future events and other leadership training opportunities for women and girls. There will be ongoing evaluations and specific outcome measurements for each event. The LOTT Committee and LWVMNEF will administer a post-seminar evaluation and survey for the LOTT seminar assessing leadership skills of participants before and after the seminar. It will include an evaluation of all of the workshops and workshop leaders. There will also be post evaluations of each *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* and the mini-seminars in Greater Minnesota.



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January 24, 2001

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Dear Mr. Wistrick:

Commercial Associates of Minnesota has been a valued friend of the nonpartisan citizen education programs of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) in the past. First, I want to thank you for all of your generous support in the past. Second, I want to update you on our programs held during the last Election as well as our programs for the New Year. And third, I am writing to inquire about the status of our grant proposal that we submitted on October 23rd of last year. We made a grant request of \$1,000 for general operating support.

Whether it is an election or non-election year, the League of Women Voters continues to be a reliable source of information for citizens and voters on a wide range of issues. For those who feel disconnected from the process of democracy, the 21st annual *Citizens in Action* workshop provides the tools and knowledge citizens need to connect with their state and national representatives, track legislation on the Internet, lobby and form grassroots movements.

The Education Fund serves all citizens in Minnesota. Through monitoring, public meetings and publications, the League of Women Voters initiates discussions of public policy issues that serve to begin the process of change within communities. Thousands of Minnesotans have been reached through Education Fund projects, such as campaign finance, the opportunities and challenges of immigration in Minnesota and Native American concerns. And more Minnesotans will be impacted through our current programs, some of which are highlighted below. (Please see the enclosed brochure.)

The Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT) seminar, *Women Making a Difference in Public Policy*, has inspired leadership of college women in public life by connecting them with decision makers, educating them on how to shape public policy and cultivating a context for civic responsibility and action. Every year, the seminar continues to open up horizons and "the women who have 'made firsts' continue to make progress for women everywhere and remind us that anything is possible," one participant noted. LOTT has expanded to include two mini-seminars on college campuses and *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Days*, two half-day workshops.

The Education Fund recently completed its two-year study on *Agricultural Policies and Their Impact on the Long-term Viability of Agriculture and Rural Communities*. The study examined the social and economic impact of state government policies and regulations involving agriculture.

During the past Election, the high volume of voters' calls illustrated that the need for clear, accessible information in order for our democratic process to remain strong. The League answered questions about the Electoral College – how it works, why it was created and why each citizen's vote makes a difference. The *Voter Guides* provided details on all statewide candidates. During election years, over 800,000 Minnesotans are reached by our *Voter Guides* and debates. Many Minnesotans learned about the U.S. Senate candidates through the Education Fund's televised Pre-Primary and General Election Debates, as well as Congressional and Legislative forums. The *Road to Election Day* video provided citizens with another resource to help them become involved from the time of the caucuses up to the General Election.

Voters could check Democracy Net (DNet) – the League's interactive website – on voter registration, candidates and their positions on issues, the latest election events and candidate videos. Currently, the League of Women Voters is enhancing its website so that we can continue to be one of the first resources citizens check for information on public policy and elections.


During the last election, Minnesota should be proud of having the highest voter turnout nationally, with 68.7%. The League will continue to remind voters that their vote, first and foremost, is essential in making our democracy work, but also that their year-round civic participation is essential in building social capital for their families and communities. Social capital has different meanings for everyone. It may mean healthy and safe families and communities, opportunities for education for all ages, job opportunities, or quality representation of the public's concerns by elected officials. The key to social capital is a strong connection between the voters and their elected officials. For 80 years, the League of Women Voters has worked to build those connections and thus build social capital.

The LWVMNEF works to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization, seeks to bring about widespread civic participation of persons from all backgrounds and economic levels. The Education Fund does not lobby or influence legislation and does not support or oppose political candidates.

We conserve our resources and increase the impact of our programs by collaborating with other organizations and agencies, such as Common Cause, the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Citizens League and Minnesota Women's Consortium. During the recent *Changing Faces Changing Communities* dialogues on immigration, held in 17 Minnesota communities with over 1,000 participants from diverse perspectives and backgrounds, several organizations already working in immigration were represented on the statewide steering committee. In a seven-week series and a poll of immigrants in the metro area, the League and the *Pioneer Press* brought immigration to the top of the public agenda.

We thank you again for the continued support of Commercial Associates of Minnesota. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our Development Director, Andrea Lex, at 651-224-5445. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes for the New Year,


Judy Duffy
President

January 22, 2001

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2000-01 Annual Appeal Daily Report

First Name	Last Name	Member Status	Amount	Date Received	Date Recorded	League Share	League Name	Emp. Match
Joan H.	Higinbotham	M	\$1,000.	1/17/2001	1/22/2001			
Suzy	Miller	M	\$35.00	1/17/2001	1/22/2001			
Sharon	Cassen	M	\$25.00	1/18/2001	1/22/2001	\$0.00		

Daily Total:	\$1,060.00
YTD Total:	\$47,588.99

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April 13, 2000

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Dear Dianne:

Thank you very much for recently speaking with Susan Anderson, the Project Director for *Changing Faces Changing Communities – What It Means to Be an American in this Age of Immigration – And Creating a Better Minnesota through Citizen Involvement*, and Andrea Lex, the Development Director for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF). We appreciate your advice. First of all, I want to thank the Minneapolis Foundation for its generous support of this project. It has been very successful.

We are writing to clarify what has been done with this project, what will be done, and the reason behind the Action Forum, for which we requested \$5,000 from the Minneapolis Foundation on March 6. The Action Forum will be held on Saturday, April 29 at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. Pieces of the project that are still in need of funding and time from the project director and the staff include the Action Forum, the evaluation and production of the final report. As Ms. Anderson mentioned, the Education Fund anticipates that it will cost \$20,000 for the Action Forum, the evaluation and the final report.

The goal of *Changing Faces Changing Communities* was to facilitate serious and broad public discussion among conservative and liberal voices, uninformed but interested citizens, those who lived here originally and recent immigrants. The Education Fund aimed to bring the issues of immigration and diversity to the top of the public agenda so that Minnesotans could stop conflict that might occur if these issues were swept under the rug. Lack of information is as serious as misunderstanding in relationship-building among diverse groups of individuals.

In terms of the goal, the Education Fund has fulfilled its commitment to the 17 participating communities across Minnesota. The Education Fund has developed and printed a discussion guide, trained community leaders, trained facilitators, raised funds and issued pass-through grants. As Ms. Anderson mentioned, so many communities participated because a real need was expressed. In addition to that need, there were several communities identified by the Otto Bremer Foundation, a lead supporter of this project, where there are significant groups of immigrants and refugees and where there may not have been a local League of Women Voters presence.

The Action Forum is being held so that participants can share ideas, identify resources to implement their action ideas and leave the forum with an idea of what steps they will take next and where they will go from here. The Action Forum will focus on participants' presentations of community, state and federal action items. Participants will meet in small groups according to topics. Topics will include employment, health care, education, housing, youth and human rights.

Along with framing their action items (for example, regarding housing, is this an issue concerning housing availability or affordability?) the small groups will identify their resources and plan next steps. In addition, there will be an action bazaar during which organizations already involved in these issues will be available to discuss initiatives currently in place. The conversations that have been taking place across the state have been very meaningful to the participants as an in-depth, honest dialogue on the issues. The Education Fund sees the Action Forum as the link between talk and action, as the catalyst for strengthening and expanding citizen coalitions. We see this as democracy in action.

By meeting in these small groups according to topic, the participants will be able to identify aggregate strategies and regional trends. The final reports, once they are received, from all of the 17 communities will generate a wealth of information from which the Education Fund can discern patterns, trends, and specific areas of need. It will be able to prioritize those areas of need and distill messages for all Minnesotans. Evaluation plans include entering the data as it comes from the communities and forwarding it on to the Study Circle Resource Center in Pomfret, Connecticut, where it will be compiled and analyzed. The Education Fund has been working with the Study Circles Resource Center since the inception of this project, using its proven methodology of small-group deliberations.

There are a number of actions that LWVMNEF could take after the Action Forum on April 29, which is the completion of Phase I of *Changing Faces Changing Communities*. The following four strategies will be discussed at length during the Steering Committee meeting on April 17. It is most likely that the Steering Committee will come up with other strategies for the possible continuation of this project. Ms. Anderson mentioned these strategies in her memo of April 12.

- LWVMNEF could host a follow up meeting in three months to "check on" task forces and encourage them to meet their objectives.
- LWVMNEF or another organization could continue the work of this Community Circle project and perhaps expand the program to cover communities unable to participate in the first round.
- LWVMNEF could participate in initiatives already in place to insure the smooth transition of immigrants into Minnesota.
- LWVMNEF could propose a state study of the challenges and opportunities of immigration and could encourage the League of Women Voters of the United States to conduct a national study. The results of this study could then be used to lobby the Minnesota Legislature as well as the United States House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate to make changes in law that would make life for immigrants and refugees less challenging.

Under six positions held by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN), a 501(c)(4) organization, LWVMN may work to affect policy change at the state level. Following are the six positions that the LWVMN may use in advocacy of immigrants and the results of this project:

EDUCATION: Support of equal access to a good public education for all Minnesota children.

STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING: Belief that a long-term vision as well as immediate concerns should guide state spending decisions. This includes priority to high-quality K-12 educational

opportunities, basic level of health and human services, public safety, high-quality post-secondary opportunities.

SOCIAL POLICY: Support of policies to insure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons. Support of administrative enforcement of anti-discrimination laws.

HOUSING: The League believes that all people have a right to housing. The public and private sectors should work together to ensure that everyone has access to adequate, decent, affordable housing. The League supports an active state role in providing long-term decent and affordable housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.

MENTAL HEALTH: Minnesota public policy and funding should sustain an array of community-based services which are available and accessible to persons with mental illness.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Support for violence prevention programs in Minnesota.

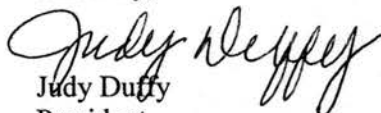
From its inception, the League of Women Voters has worked for equal rights and for social reforms. Our National League Social Policy is to promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, and to combat discrimination, poverty and violence.

The Education Fund believes that *Changing Faces Changing Communities* will have a lasting impact on Minnesotans. Whether an ESL class is offered for the first time in Detroit Lakes, a youth after-school program is started in Willmar, a hospital teaches Somali women how to sew in Marshall, or the League of Women Voters of Minnesota advocates for policy change on immigration issues, we believe that the greater understanding gained by participants, and by many Minnesotans through the media coverage of this project, will make Minnesota a better place to live.

The Community Circles have provided participants with a greater understanding and a sense of civic commitment. The Action Forum will allow them not only to participate, but become leaders, in issues of immigration and diversity.

Thank you again for considering our request. If you have any further questions about the Action Forum or the project in general, please contact Susan Anderson at 612-331-1117.

Sincerely,


Judy Duffy
President



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April 6, 2000

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Dear Mr. Crosby:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) Board of Directors, I want to thank the Faegre & Benson Foundation for its support in 1997 to the LWVMNEF study, the *Election of Judges in Minnesota*.

Our Development Director Andrea Lex appreciated your time and advice this week regarding the LWVMNEF's project, *Changing Faces Changing Communities – What It Means to Be an American in this Age of Immigration – And Creating a Better Minnesota through Citizen Involvement*. She described the project to you over the phone, but let me share some of the details and highlights. Minneapolis held two very successful dialogues with a diversity of opinions that challenged the facilitators on whether the Community Circles should be debates or discussions.

Since mid-February, people in 17 communities throughout Minnesota have been meeting to discuss the impact of immigration on their communities and what it means to be an American. In addition to Minneapolis, participating metro communities include Armstrong High School in Robbinsdale, the College of St. Catherine, Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/Hopkins, Edina, Plymouth/Wayzata, and St. Paul.

There are at least 1,000 people, from diverse backgrounds, who have demonstrated their interest in these issues by participating in this series of five two-hour discussions. Through the Community Circles, the League was able to focus serious and broad public discussion among conservative and liberal voices, uninformed but interested citizens, those who lived here originally and recent immigrants. Participants and local Community Circle advisory board members represented Minnesota government, cities, counties, chambers of commerce, and media; educational institutions; religious coalitions; organizations that work with and/or represent immigrant groups and diverse populations; veterans; housing organizations, and civic groups.

Some interesting action items have surfaced and will be shared at a statewide Action Forum on April 29 at the Minnesota History Center, where participants will be able to identify implementation resources. We are writing to request your support through a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the Action Forum.

Along with framing their action items, the small groups will strategize action implementation tasks. In addition, there will be an action bazaar during which organizations already involved in these issues will be available to discuss initiatives currently in place. The conversations that have been taking place across the state have been very meaningful to the participants as an in-depth, honest dialogue on the issues. The Education Fund sees the Action Forum as the link between talk and action, as the catalyst for strengthening and expanding citizen coalitions.

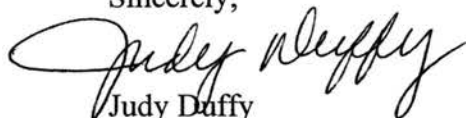
English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are essential in helping immigrants become valuable participants in our economy. One Community Circle in Greater Minnesota has been approached by a local hospital and electronics firm to hire Somali women on the condition that they are enrolled in ESL classes. The hospital may provide Somali women sewing jobs, and has offered to teach them to sew. The hospital auxiliary may consider providing class space and sewing machines. With the help of potential grant money, the hospital would benefit from a trained workforce and the women would not only have paying jobs, they could sew clothing for their children and themselves.

Community Circle participants will gain understanding and a sense of civic commitment that will allow them not only to participate, but become leaders in immigration and diversity issues. We anticipate that those who participate in *Changing Faces Changing Communities* will leave the dialogues with more knowledge, deeper understanding of the complexities of the issues and more attentiveness to how to live and work with people who are different than themselves.

Ms. Susan Anderson is the Project Director for *Changing Faces Changing Communities*, hired by the Education Fund to serve in this capacity for the duration of the project. Ms. Janet Gendler, 2nd Vice President of the LWV of Minnesota and active member of the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis, coordinates the program as a volunteer. Both of their resumes are enclosed. As board president, I preside over the work of the Education Fund. Executive Director Sally Sawyer has for 20 years assumed responsibility for overall supervision and implementation of finance and program. Ms. Sawyer is a former League president and a 32-year-member.

For 80 years, the League of Women Voters' mission has been the education of citizens about democracy and the importance of participation. Our budget is kept low because of the generous support of expertise and time from our 2,200 volunteer members in 48 local Leagues. A working state Board of 17 Directors each donates up to 40 hours per week to League projects. Members of the League of Women Voters, women and men, are members of three levels of League: local, state and national. We hope that the Faegre & Benson Foundation can partner with the Education Fund in achieving its goal of a continued and diverse dialogue on immigration in Minnesota. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea, at 651-224-5445. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Judy Duffy
President

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cc Hazen Graves, Jennifer VanLeer, Executive Director of the LWV of Minneapolis



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March 28, 2000

Ginny Levi

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Dear Ms. Levi:

Thank you very much for speaking with Andrea Lex, our Development Director, regarding guidelines for submitting proposals to the Ingber Aronson Immigration Law Firm Endowment Fund. We were pleased to know that our project on immigration, *Changing Faces Changing Communities - What It Means to Be an American in This Age of Immigration - And Creating a Better Minnesota with Citizen Involvement*, is of interest to the Endowment Fund.

Since mid-February, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) has been holding Community Circles, or small-group deliberations, in 17 communities across Minnesota. Up to 15 participants in each Community Circle, representing a diversity of opinions on immigration, are meeting for five weeks to discuss immigration and many of the accompanying issues, such as affordable housing, employment, education, community, language, and family.

During the fifth week, participants will formulate action plans for their communities to maximize the opportunities and meet the challenges of immigration. A statewide Action Forum will take place on April 29, at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, for all participants to share their action plans and identify implementation resources.

Because of the Endowment Fund's focus on programs that directly affect the acculturation of new foreign nationals in Minnesota, the Education Fund believes that *Changing Faces Changing Communities* would be of interest to the Endowment Fund. We are writing to request your support with a grant of \$5,000 to ensure that all of the participating communities will meet success in their communities through strong participation, wide visibility and measurable change. This amount will cover some of the cost of the Action Forum. The budget for the Action Forum is \$7,000, and includes \$4,000 for a video, \$2,000 for staff time and \$1,000 for food and the display.

Successful government depends upon how well we use our power as native-born citizens, brand-new citizens, or just-arrived immigrants, in creating ways to work together. This project will help Minnesotans use their power as citizens to work for a better Minnesota. As new arrivals define what it means to become an American and how they can contribute to their communities, long-term Minnesota residents who are participants will be able to rediscover what it means to be an American.

All of the Community Circles have a strong youth component because youth are at the forefront of immigration, often navigating American culture and becoming the translators of language and culture for their parents or other relatives. We are pleased

to report to there are 82 youth participants in Community Circles around the state. The majority of these youth are high school age, but about a dozen youth are college age.

Harry Boyte from the Center for Democracy and Citizenship at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, and Nan Kari, founder of the Jane Addams School for Democracy and formerly from the College of St. Catherine's, now with the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA), made the case for the LWVMNEF to hold a project on immigration and citizenship in Minnesota. Both are very concerned about the issues around democracy and citizenship. And both are equally concerned about the uncertainty facing immigrants.

They asked the LWVMNEF to sponsor a year-long project featuring discussion about immigration and citizenship using the Study Circle methodology, developed by the Study Circle Resource Center (SCRC) of Pomfret, Connecticut. The LWVMNEF chose to call the dialogues Community Circles, rather than Study Circles. SCRC developed the methodology in 1993 in response to the need for communication between diverse groups in Los Angeles after the Rodney King incident. Imagine whether the events surrounding 1993 Los Angeles riots would have been so extreme had members of that community learned and grown through conversations with their new neighbors!

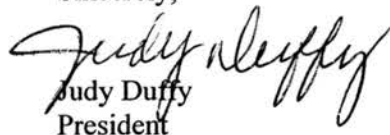
Initially, the Education Fund planned on holding Community Circles in 10 communities across Minnesota. The overwhelming response of 21 communities demonstrated both the seriousness and timing of this initiative. Our resources would not stretch to allow us to support all interested communities at this time. Those participating include Armstrong High School in Robbinsdale, Austin, the College of St. Catherine, Detroit Lakes/Pelican Rapids, Eden Prairie/Minnetonka/Hopkins, Edina, Mankato, Marshall, Minneapolis, Northfield, Plymouth/Wayzata, St. Cloud, St. Paul, St. Peter, Rochester, Willmar, and Winona.

Future costs may result from the fact that a number of communities have shown interest in holding Community Circles, but for one reason or another, they couldn't get involved initially. Members of the steering committee, project organizers and the Education Fund are pleased that there may be a Phase II of this project. The project's success will depend upon participation throughout the state from both rural and urban communities, which could continue beyond May.

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For 80 years, educating citizens about democracy and the importance of participation have been the mission of the League of Women Voters. We hope that the Endowment Fund can partner with the Education Fund in achieving its goals, and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea at 651-224-5445. Thank you very much for considering our request.

Sincerely,


Judy Duffy
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November 19, 1999

Hugh Schilling, Sr.
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Dear Mr. Schilling:

Horton, Inc., has been a valued supporter of the nonpartisan citizen education programs of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) in the past. On behalf of the LWVMNEF Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your contribution this past year of \$500 for general operating support. The generous giving history of Horton, Inc., to the Education Fund goes back to 1988.

The League is the premier organization that is fundamentally concerned about the health of our democracy. Our work is focused on strengthening democracy by engaging, informing and encouraging active citizen participation. Our budget for FY 1999-2000 is \$453,000. Unrestricted contributions for operating costs are vital to the LWVMNEF not only during major election years, but also during non-election years. We draw on this support to initiate new projects and plan new areas of focus on current events. We are writing to request a continuation of your support by a grant of \$750 for general operating expenses.

By lending support, Horton, Inc., will help bolster American democracy. Free and open access to information is as important today as it ever was. No matter how many years go by, the value of knowledge will never diminish. Educating ourselves and all citizens of the day, about the political process and how to make informed choices, is a mantle the League of Women Voters bears proudly.

As Americans, almost every one of us has an issue that is important to us. We have identified with these particular issues because of our lifetime experiences: our children, parents, upbringing, friends, education, religion, work, and even our personalities. Whether the LWVMNEF is working to train young women for leadership positions, to study viable agriculture, or to coordinate discussion circles on immigration in Minnesota, we strive to help citizens contribute to their communities in their own ways.

During the past election, the LWVMNEF produced a series of televised debates among gubernatorial candidates. With the assistance of an 800 number and the use of a database from the Secretary of State's office, the LWVMNEF was able to provide citizens throughout the state with the location of their polling places and other election information. Preparations are underway for the presidential and congressional elections in the fall of 2000. The Education Fund plans to hold pre-primary and at least three general election senate debates. Debates are planned for

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various regions of the state, as was the case in the 1998 General Election Debates, among candidates for Governor. The state League will also provide assistance to local Leagues with the congressional and legislative debates.

The *Voter Guide* will include information about candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, judicial positions and Constitutional Amendments. All filed candidates will be invited to participate. Voter education on any Constitutional Amendments placed on the ballot will be communicated through the *Voter Guide*, Election 2000 Education Fund programs, other publications and our web site. The Education Fund will also provide an election information phone service to voters from the period preceding the primary election and through the general election. Election information will include precinct locations and registration process information, as well as lists of candidates.

I'd like to share our current projects and studies with you. *Agricultural Policies and their Impact on the Viability of Agriculture and Rural Communities* is a study that will examine the social and economic impact of state government policies, regulations, practices, subsidies and research dollars involving agriculture that include, but are not limited to, tax and land ownership. For study purposes, viable development maintains or enhances economic opportunity and community wellbeing while protecting and restoring the natural environment upon which people and economies depend.

A new project for 1999-2000 is *Changing Faces, Changing Communities*, which are focusing on immigration and diversity in the State of Minnesota through Community Circles. These are broad-based, representative community discussions using materials developed by the Study Circle Resource Center, based in Connecticut. The project will initiate discussion on immigration and diversity, and all of the accompanying issues, such as jobs, schools, housing and language differences. The Community Circles will bring a cross-section of individuals – people who don't usually have dialogue with others on current issues and don't usually take public action – and opinion leaders together in face-to-face discussions. After four sessions, these groups will propose action plans, as necessary and appropriate for their communities, to implement social programs or to affect policy.

Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT) has become a program of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund. LOTT encourages the participation of women students in public leadership and community involvement, especially on the local and state level. Through a series of seminars, the program connects current and future decision-makers, educates women on how to affect the public policy process and cultivates a context for civic responsibility and action. In addition, LOTT helps young women with career and skill assessment.

To expand the LOTT leadership training to more age groups, a new event is planned for girls ages 9 to 12 years old in 4th through 6th grades. *Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day* will take place in the fall of 2000 at the Capitol. Approximately 250 girls, the majority of whom will be Girl Scouts, will learn all about citizenship and how government works. At different hands-on stations, the girls will learn who can vote, how to vote and how to make choices on an issue. Participants in the LOTT seminar, *Women Making a Difference in Public Policy*, will be invited to serve as mentors to a group for this one-day event in the spring, which will provide some continuity to their own seminar experience.

The annual Citizens in Action Conference, held in January 1999 at the Minnesota State Capitol, was a success. Participants gained an understanding of the legislative process. They learned how to make their messages heard; use tactics to gain social and economic justice and political empowerment; access the Capitol via e-mail and track legislation on the Internet; create and implement effective lobbying, and

deal with the public officials, the press and the public. This is the event where we handed out the *How to Make a Difference* booklets as part of the registration cost. A brief summary of Education Fund projects for FY 1999-2000 includes:

- ***The Viability of Agriculture and Rural Communities***, focusing on the social and economic impact of state agricultural policies, regulations and practices;
- ***Changing Faces, Changing Communities***, a project on immigration and diversity in Minnesota;
- ***Leaders of Today and Tomorrow***, public policy leadership training for college women;
- ***Citizens in Action***, workshops to help citizens communicate with government;
- The publication ***How To Make A Difference, a Citizen's Guide to State Government***;
- ***Money and Politics***, a statewide survey of 1998 candidates for election, to assess effects of fundraising, campaign finance rules and restrictions on the campaigns;
- ***Minnesota Compact***, a campaign reform initiative;
- ***We the People***, an elementary school citizenship curriculum;
- ***We've Got the Power/Tenemos Poder***, a secondary citizenship curriculum in English and Spanish;
- ***Indians In Minnesota***, fifth edition, to be published by the University of Minnesota Press;
- ***Precinct Finder***, provides names and contact information of state and national representatives;
- ***Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day***, to teach girls, ages 9 to 12, about citizenship and government


For 80 years, the nonpartisan League of Women Voters has been in the business of promoting the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization, seeks to bring about widespread civic participation of persons from all backgrounds and economic levels. The Education Fund does not lobby or influence legislation and does not support or oppose political candidates.

The contributions of Minnesota businesses and charitable foundations make the work of the League possible. We do not receive funds from the United Way or any other federated fund. Our budget is kept low because of the generous support of expertise and time from our 2500 volunteer members. A working state Board of 17 Directors each donates up to forty hours per week to League projects. We conserve our resources by frequently working in coalition with other organizations or agencies.

Members of the League of Women Voters, women and men, are members of three levels of League: local, state and national. In Minnesota, the state League is composed of 45 local Leagues and 2,500 individual members. It sponsors statewide projects of voter service and public policy research and provides communication, coordination and collaboration for local Leagues. Local Leagues develop initiatives to provide direct service to their communities. According to our local League sharing policy, unless you direct otherwise, 10% of a corporate contribution of \$500 or more will be shared with the League of Women Voters of your community.

We thank you again for the continued support of Horton, Inc. The contributions of our corporate donors are acknowledged in the *Annual Report*, statewide newsletters, and all appropriate media. Please call Development and Communications Director Andrea Lex if you have any questions at 651-224-5445. You may also call Jeanne Matlock, 3rd Vice President of the LWVMNEF, at 651-645-6675. Your daughter, Terry, knows Jeanne from Rotary. Jeanne would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Sincerely,



Judy Duffy
President

September 10, 1999

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Dear Chris:

Once again, thank you for visiting with Andrea and me at the end of July. We appreciate your commitment to support the Debates 2000 project as well as the *Voter Guide* project. As you have requested, we are sending some additional information for your files on the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF).

We have enclosed the LWVMNEF Board of Directors List, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) List of Key Staff, and the LWVMNEF Audited Financial Statement for the years ending March 31, 1998 and 1997. We have also included our 501(c)(3) determination letter, the LWVMNEF 990 Form for 1997, a Debates '98 Financial Report, and budgets for Debates 2000 and the *Voter Guide* 2000.

Dayton Hudson's Past Contributions to Debates '98

You requested information on how the Dayton Hudson's grants to the LWVMNEF were spent during the last election cycle. Dayton Hudson's early contribution of \$25,000 in the 1997-98 fiscal year was critical to our ability to plan debates and the *Voter Guide*. The League assigned \$20,000 of the contribution to planning Debates '98 and \$5,000 to enable the Education Fund to retain a project director for the primary and general election *Voter Guide*.

During the fall and winter of 1997-98, the League's voter service committee, the president and executive director contacted potential media partners, reviewed debates criteria for candidate inclusion, issued a news release announcing the debates, and contacted the announced candidates for governor and other constitutional officers. The committee also searched for a project director to assume the major responsibility of coordination and production of the debates. The development director wrote grant proposals and developed a budget. The costs for this period amounted to about \$4,700. The League retained a project director in the spring of 1998 whose stipend and expenses totaled \$10,000.

We were very pleased that the Education Fund was able to provide pre-primary debates at the Minnesota State Fair and general election debates among gubernatorial candidates in Duluth, Brainerd and Hopkins. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund was instrumental in promoting a number of other televised and broadcast debates, most notably the simulcast

debate produced by a collaboration of Twin Cities television stations. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of Dayton Hudson's contribution. It gave us flexibility in considering a variety of locations and formats for the debates.

Overview of Debates '98

In 1998 the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund sponsored four debates among the candidates of Governor of Minnesota and two debates among the candidates for Attorney General of Minnesota. There were two pre-primary debates: one among the Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) candidates for Governor and one among the DFL candidates for Attorney General. There was a post-primary debate between the candidates for Attorney General. Two of the three general election debates among the candidates for Governor were co-sponsored by local leagues in northern Minnesota and the final debate, sponsored by the state League, was held in Minneapolis. Attendance at all of the debates was excellent, and viewing and listening was also high among voters.

All four of the gubernatorial debates were broadcast live on both television and radio, and the Attorney General debates were broadcast live on the radio. The pre-primary Attorney General debate among DFL candidates Ember Reichgott Junge, Mike Hatch and David Lillehaug was held September 3, at the Minnesota News Network (MNN) Studios, and was carried live on the 70 member stations of the MNN Radio Network.

The General Election debate between Mike Hatch, DFL Party, and Charlie Weaver, Republican Party (the Reform Party candidate could not be located) was held October 22 at the Minnesota News Network Studios, and was carried live by the MNN Radio Network.

The pre-primary debate among DFL candidates Mark Dayton, Mike Freeman, Hubert H. Humphrey III, Doug Johnson, and Ted Mondale was held August 29, from the WCCO-TV broadcast area at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. It was broadcast that evening on WCCO-TV and WCCO Radio.

General Election debates among the candidates for Governor: Norm Coleman, Republican Party; Hubert H. (Skip) Humphrey III, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party; and Jesse Ventura, Reform Party, were held in Brainerd, Duluth and Minneapolis.

The October 1 Brainerd debate was co-sponsored by the Brainerd Lakes Area League of Women Voters. It was carried live on KMSP-TV, Minnesota Public Radio and the Minnesota News Network. In addition, it was taped and rebroadcast that evening by KMSP-TV. On the evening of October 16, the Duluth debate was sponsored by the Duluth League of Women Voters. WDSE TV, KBJR TV and Minnesota Public Radio carried it live. C-Span and KMSP TV taped the debate and rebroadcast it later. The Minneapolis debate on October 27 was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and carried live on WCCO-TV and WCCO Radio.

How Funds Would Be Spent for Debates 2000

You requested information on how the Education Fund will spend the grant that we requested of \$20,000, on August 4, for Debates 2000. The League's Voter Service Committee has begun preparations for the 2000 election. We are currently forming a Debates 2000 Committee and already have a project director, Liz Nordling, whom you met last year. Her experience with the Debates '98 will be a great asset for these upcoming debates.

The Education Fund plans to hold pre-primary and at least three general election senate debates. An additional factor to consider is whether there will be contested races for major party nominations, in which case the League would offer pre-primary debates, very probably at the Minnesota State Fair. Another consideration is the fact that there are four major political parties in Minnesota. Finally, it is the League's preference to hold debates in various regions of the state, as we did in the 1998 General Election Debates, among candidates for Governor. The state League will also provide assistance to local Leagues with the congressional and legislative debates. Debates will be held in both the Twin Cities metro area and in Greater Minnesota.

We have budgeted \$70,150 for this project, and we anticipate spending \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the 1999-2000 fiscal year on planning. (Please see enclosed budget.)

Debates 2000 Planning Tasks, September through December 1999

- Write all major broadcast media regarding coverage of the Debates 2000.
- Follow-up with the media by phone and in-person.
- Review and adopt criteria for candidate inclusion in the debates.
- Establish a list of possible dates and sites for the debates.
- Announce debates and issue news releases regarding the debates and criteria through the public relations committee coordinator and the LWVMN communications staff person.
- Write to candidates, as they make announcements to run, explaining the established criteria for inclusion.
- Start fundraising to support planning, publicity, committee activities and office staff time for the project.

Debates 2000 Production Tasks, January through November 2000

- Identify sites.
- Issue Invitations.
- Negotiate formats and rules with candidates.
- Coordinate logistics at sites pertaining to candidates, media and the public.
- Publicize debates.

The *Minnesota Compact* group from the 1998 election season will soon be convened to consider activities for Election 2000. It is likely that the focus will be on debates, since during Debates 1998, broadcasters cooperated with the Education Fund to an unprecedented degree. For Debates 2000, we hope to hold a simulcast on all area television stations – KTCA Channel 2, NBC Channel 11, UPN Channel 9, CBS Channel 4, and ABC Channel 5.

Debates '98 were held in a variety of locations around the state and received excellent reviews from the Alliance for Better Campaigns. The success of the Minnesota Compact's emphasis on debates was featured in "Coming Clean" by Peggy Anderson, in *Trust*, by the Pew Charitable Trusts, Volume 2, Number 3, Summer 1999. We have enclosed a copy of that article. We hope to build on these experiences from 1998 for Election 2000, but we will need funding to do so.

How Funds Would Be Spent for Voter Guide 2000

Additionally, you requested details about the planning grant of \$30,000 that the Education Fund requested for the *Voter Guide* project, on August 4. The LWVMNEF will produce the *Voter Guide* for the General Election and the Primary Election. The *Voter Guide* for the Primary

Election will come out before the Primary, therefore encouraging participation in the Primary Election. Our decision to proceed with this *Voter Guide* is contingent upon whether there are contested races for the U.S. Senate nomination and for the eight U.S. House seats in the four major political parties. It is hoped that approximately 300,000 copies of the General Election *Voter Guide*, and 200,000 to 300,000 copies of the Pre-Primary *Voter Guide* could be distributed through Daytons and Target stores. The General Election *Voter Guide* will be published on or around October 1, 2000.

The Education Fund will retain a project director for writing, editing and coordinating the production of the *Voter Guide*. Along with staff of the LWVMN, the project director will plan a version of the *Voter Guide* for the Education Fund web site. For both versions of the *Voter Guide*, the we have budgeted \$52,100. (Please see enclosed budget.)

As we mentioned in an earlier letter, the *Voter Guide* will include information about candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, judicial positions and Constitutional Amendments. All filed candidates will be invited to participate. Voter education on any Constitutional Amendments placed on the ballot will be communicated through the *Voter Guide*, Election 2000 Education Fund programs, other publications and our web site. We hope that this information will give you a better picture of the planning activities that will take place for our Election 2000 activities. Much of this planning will occur this fall, one year before the actual election.

The enclosed documents should also help you in further understanding the LWVMN, a 501(c)(4), and the LWVMNEF, a 501(c)(3) organization. Every program of the Education Fund is charged by the LWVMN for staff time, postage and copying. Therefore, the key staff listed on the enclosed employee guide are employed by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

We greatly appreciate all of the past support from the Dayton Hudson Foundation as well as the Dayton Hudson Corporation. Dayton Hudson is a valued friend of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund. The state of Minnesota and all of its communities will benefit from what you are doing for the League. With financial assistance from funders such as you, we will be able to continue to make democracy work for everyone well into the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Judy Duffy
President

cc Nate Garvis

enclosures

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550 Rice Street St. Paul, MN 55103
Phone: 651-224-5445 Fax: 651-290-9417
lwvmn@mtn.org

DEBATES 2000 For U. S. Senate

**BUDGET
September, 1999**

Expenses

Project Director	\$12,000
Project Director expenses	1,000
Project Director Assistant	2,000
Project Director Assistant Expenses	500

LWVMN Staff

Executive Director	6,000
Development	3,000
Public Relations/Communications	1,500
Administrative Assistant	2,000
Bookkeeper	500

Other office costs: copying, postage, phone	1,500
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Volunteer Committee Expenses	1,000
Receptions	2,000
Stipends to Local Leagues at sites & expenses	4,000
Facilities	4,000
Panelist expenses	1,500
Production: set design, construction, satellite links	8,000
Communications	9,000

Printing programs, letterhead, tickets, materials,
mailings, advertising, photography, website
management, news releases, 800 number, clipping
service, video copies

Miscellaneous	1,500
Make-up, security, signers	

Subtotal	61,000
Administrative Reimbursement	9,150

Total Expenses	\$70,150
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Income

From Voter Service funds	11,000
Grants	69,150

Total Income	\$70,150
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Voter Guides 2000

BUDGET
September, 1999

Pre-Primary Voter Guide

Expenses

Project Director	\$3,000
Assistant	500
Staff	1,700
Keyline/printing	8,400
Distribution	1,100
Office costs/administration	2,500

Total **\$17,200**

General Election Voter Guide

Expenses

Project Director	\$6,000
Project Director expenses	400
Project Director Assistant	500
Keyline/Printing	13,500
Packaging	1,500
Delivery/distribution	3,700
Supplies	100
Staff	
Executive Director	1,500
Administrative Assistant	1,300
Development	900
Bookkeeper	500
Copying	100
Phone, postage, miscellaneous	1,000
Administrative Reimbursement	5,600

Total **\$36,600**

Total Expenses for both Voter Guides **\$52,100**

Income

Sales	\$27,100
Grants	30,000

Total Income **\$52,100**

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**Debates '98
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Expenses

1997-1998

Committee Expenses	\$ 109.67
Office/Staff	4,687.44

1998-1999

Project Director stipend & expenses	9,600.00
Executive Director	2,674.12
Development Director	1,759.27
Administrative Assistant	265.34
Bookkeeper	186.95
Facilities	2,689.00
Food	1,548.80
Printing	1,354.00
Communications	4,953.26
Local League sites	2,107.13
Production	986.98
Copies	301.20
Postage	464.29
Other (phone, rent, insurance)	471.79
Administrative Reimbursement	5,013.32

Total	\$39,172.56
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Diane P. Lilly
President

NORWEST CORPORATION

Norwest Foundation
Norwest Center
Sixth and Marquette
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55479-1055
612/667-7860

September 3, 1998

Judy Duffy, President
League of Women Voters Minnesota Educational Foundation
550 Rice St.
St. Paul, MN 55103

Dear Ms. Duffy:

I am pleased to inform you that the Norwest Metropolitan Contributions Committee has approved a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund for operating support.

Recognition for this grant should be made as follows:

Norwest Foundation on behalf of
Norwest Bank Minnesota
Norwest Investment Management & Trust
Lowry Hill
Norwest Investment Services Inc.

We wish you continued success in the coming year. Enclosed please find a check in the above amount.

Sincerely,



cc: Joan Grzywinski



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September 30, 1998

Diane P. Lilly
Norwest Foundation
Norwest Center
Sixth and Marquette
Minneapolis, MN 55479-1055

Dear Ms. Lilly:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund was pleased to receive check #0025439 in the amount of \$2,500 from the Norwest Foundation. This contribution will help to finance our voter service and citizen education projects for fiscal year 1998-1999.

In accordance with our sharing policy, 10% of your contribution will be shared with the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis to be used for educational activities in your local community.

The support of the Norwest Foundation will be acknowledged in the Education Fund *Annual Report*, in the *Voter*, the quarterly newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, and other listings of donor support. Per your request, we will recognize the contribution from the Foundation on behalf of Norwest Bank Minnesota, Norwest Investment Management & Trust, Lowry Hill and Norwest Investment Services Inc.

No goods or services were provided by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund in whole or in part to the Andersen Foundation for receiving this contribution.

Your continued support is very important. Thank you very much.

Sally Seifried
Sincerely,

Judy Duffy
President

**Challenges and Opportunities in Technology
for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN)
and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF)**

Challenges:

We are overloaded with information mainly because we deal with information. We often pass that on to the general public and our members. We must provide information in a more quick, neat and simple way. We also must deal with current affairs more quickly. A recent example of doing this successfully was the Unicameral Legislature issue.

We want to have our own version of DemocracyNet (DNet) for Minnesota only.

We want to provide a better on-line version of the Voter Guides so that if people want to download them and print them out, they aren't 50 pages long. (We also plan on redesigning the hard copy version of the Voter Guide).

We will need to set standards of sponsorship, and we don't want to run ads, especially on our own future version of DNet.

We don't want to duplicate information on our web site with other information that we send to members – in hard copies – the “old fashioned way”. Already, we must provide information to our presidents, members and the public through regular mail, emails, and phone calls. We would want more of our members and key audiences to be able to access and easily use the web if we will making the investment of enhancing it.

We want to be able to reach citizens and voters who do not have web access.

We want to be able to reach younger voters and recruit younger members.

Strengths:

Our web site already has the basic architecture.

With 80 years of experience, we are already one of the best providers of information on public policy and election-related events.

Wish List:

Complete Redesign.

Our own DemocracyNet (DNet) for Minnesota

A half-time or full-time staff member to maintain the website.

Purchase of Software and Internet Upgrade (approx. \$5,000)

A secure line for donations, membership applications and the capacity to sell our publications and projects on-line through credit card transactions.

A Net Tracker to measure the number of hits our website will receive and to track specific pages that users visit

2/16/01 Target Corp
Mike Logan, SS

VG 2002

Procedural Changes -

- Will support at least as much in past.

• Technological Chgs

- Brand Character - mktg techniques dev'd by Target.

- get a handle on VG process early on - eg Chg dimensions of VG to better fit distrib. centers.

dev Mktg Strategy early on use in-house printing - easier,

for distrib to stores; would deliver to a distrib center for other distrib

LWV would direct type of paper, color, ^{content} format, etc - only Target reg would be sizing of paper

likely some support for tech VG.

F.Y. 2/1 - 1/31 - Will look into \$ for 2001 for planning.

Development Meeting

March 2001

Judy Duffy, Robyn Tjernlund, Carol Frisch, Sally Sawyer and Andrea Lex

AGENDA

1. Meeting with Mike Logan and Nate Garvis of Target, and Judy Duffy, Sally Sawyer and Carol Frisch, regarding Primary & General Election *Voter Guides* for the 2002 Election. Target wants to print them in-house, jazz them up and streamline them.
2. American Express Request – We should submit a project request ASAP because they are looking at grants and project requests right now. Andrea recently spoke with Terry Williams and she said we should get something in right away. We could send in the RFP that we just sent to LWVUS for Judicial Independence. We will receive notification if we are awarded the grant by the first week of March, and the check should arrive soon after that. If and when we receive the grant may determine whether should go to American Express for further funding. We may also want to request funding for the Ed Fund for mental health. Right now, the mental health project is through a contract on the 501(c)(4) side.
3. US Bancorp – We should have a meeting with them ASAP. They should be able to give us \$5,000 (last year they only gave \$1,000. We don't fit into the focus areas for the foundation giving guidelines, and money that comes to LWV is from government affairs department. The contact is Peggy Gunn.
4. Non-member list. Jessica Crary and Andrea ran a query on the non-members and inactive members who gave to the Annual Appeal in 1999 but not in 2000. There were a total of 176 individuals and/or couples on that list, who gave a total of \$9,580 in 1999. This is a significant amount and could explain the shortfall in the 2000 Appeal. We probably will never know what happened with these donors, whether they never received the initial mailing, if their names were somehow lost in the emailed lists of our database sent to the mail house for the 2000 Annual appeal mailing in October. However, we need to contact all of them before the end of this fiscal year.
5. Annual Appeal clean-up mailing – It would have to be ASAP. We should send a second letter only to those individuals on the list who have not received a second mailing or a call from a local league Phone-A-Thon. Apparently, Jessica sent out a second mailing right before Christmas. The mailing date, whom it was sent to and how many reminders were sent will have to be determined.
6. 501(c)(4) Appeal – When should we do this? We should probably send it in our new fiscal year. Sally and Andrea discussed doing this every year as a Valentine's Day mailing, or a New Year's Mailing, when the Legislature just starts in January. We don't have to wait until May when the Legislature ends. Although we can talk about all of our accomplishments during that past legislative session, we could always do that the next year in January, too. May is a very busy month for people, with weddings, graduations, vacations and opening up summer cabins. People aren't quite as busy in January and may feel a little generous at the beginning of a new year.
7. Advisory Board meetings. We should schedule these for May to introduce Carol Frisch to the Advisory Board members. We should meet with all members soon after the Convention.



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FEBRUARY 2001

February 1

- Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation.
- Charlson Foundation.
- Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.
- H.B. Fuller Company and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.
- Headwaters Fund (general grants).
- Honeywell Foundation.
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation.
- Ripley Memorial Foundation.
- Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota.

February 15

- Frey Foundation.
- Mankato Area Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (Children, Families, and Communities; international).
- Minnesota Mutual Foundation/Minnesota Life and its Affiliates.
- Northland Foundation.
- SUPERVALU Foundation.

February 28

- Dain Rauscher Foundation.

MARCH 2001

March 1

- David Winton Bell Foundation.
- Bemis Company Foundation.
- Blandin Foundation.

Proposals Accepted All Year

- F.R. Bigelow Foundation.
- Otto Bremer Foundation.
- Cenex Harvest States Foundation.
- Albert W. Cherne Foundation.
- The Cooperative Foundation.
- Fingerhut Family Foundation.
- General Mills Foundation.
- HealthPartners Fund.
- Emma B. Howe Memorial Foundation.
- Initiative Foundation (general).
- The Minneapolis Foundation.
- Minnesota Power.
- M-O-M Cares Employee Foundation.
- Richard A. Newman Foundation.
- ReliaStar Foundation/ReliaStar Financial Corp.
- The St. Paul Companies, Inc. Foundation.
- The Saint Paul Foundation.
- Star Tribune Foundation.
- The Wasie Foundation.

Call for Deadlines

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- West Central Initiative.
- Xcel Energy Company.



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- Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota.

February 15

- Frey Foundation.
- Mankato Area Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (Children, Families, and Communities; international).
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- Xcel Energy Company.

- Bush Foundation.
- Five-O Foundation.
- Land O'Lakes Foundation.
- Minnesota Women's Foundation (social change fund).
- James R. Thorpe Foundation.
- R. Jack Walser Foundation.

March 8

- U.S. Bancorp Foundation and Corporation (economic opportunity).

March 13

- Patrick & Aimee Butler Family Foundation (human services; special projects; foundation initiatives).

March 15

- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.
- Lillian Wright and C. Emil Berglund Foundation (for June grants).
- Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation.
- HRK Foundation.
- Northland Foundation.
- Reliant Energy Minnegasco.
- DeWitt and Caroline VanEvera Foundation.

March 16

- Best Buy Children's Foundation.
- Jerome Foundation (travel & study grant program).

APRIL 2001**April 1**

- Winona Community Foundation.

April 15

- American Express Minnesota Philanthropic Program (economic independence).
- The McKnight Foundation (arts; Mississippi River).
- Northland Foundation.

MAY 2001**May 1**

- Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation.
- Frances Curran Foundation, Inc.
- Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.
- Edwards Memorial Trust.
- Honeywell Foundation.
- Laura and Walter Hudson Foundation.
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation.
- Rochester Area Foundation.
- Winona Community Foundation.
- Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation.

May 10**Monthly**

- Headwaters Fund (special opportunity grants).
- Hutchinson Technology (first week of each month).
- Northwest Minnesota Foundation (first Friday of each month).
- Ordean Foundation (middle of each month).

Other

- Joe Francis Haircare Scholarship Fund (applications accepted from Jan. through June 1).
- Gesner-Johnson Foundation (spring, fall).
- Laura Musser Fund (May 1 - Oct. 15).
- Onan Family Foundation (well in advance of May and Oct. board meetings).

- U.S. Bancorp Foundation and Corporation (education).

May 15

- Frey Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (Children, Families, and Communities; international).
- Minnesota Mutual Foundation/Minnesota Life and its Affiliates.
- Northland Foundation.
- SUPERVALU Foundation.
- WCA Foundation.

May 22

- Best Buy Children's Foundation.

JUNE 2001

June 1

- Bemis Company Foundation.
- Blandin Foundation (arts; sustaining).
- Boss Foundation.
- Central Minnesota Community Foundation.
- H.B. Fuller Company and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.
- International Multifoods Charitable Foundation (Twin Cities area programs).
- The Medtronic Foundation (arts/culture/civics only).
- Kevin J. Mossier Foundation.
- Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota.

June 15

- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.
- Northland Foundation.

JULY 2001

July 1

- David Winton Bell Foundation.
- Bush Foundation.
- Hutter Family Foundation.
- Land O'Lakes Foundation.
- Archie D. and Bertha H. Walker Foundation.

July 5

- U.S. Bancorp Foundation and Corporation (economic opportunity).

July 6

- Initiative Fund of southeast and south central Minnesota.

July 10

- Patrick & Aimee Butler Family Foundation (arts &

humanities; environment; philanthropy & civic affairs; special projects).

July 15

- The McKnight Foundation (arts; Mississippi River).
- The Medtronic Foundation (general).
- Northland Foundation.
- Reliant Energy Minnegasco.

July 31

- Dain Rauscher Foundation.

AUGUST 2001

August 1

- Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation.
- Charlson Foundation.
- Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.
- Headwaters Fund (Fund of the Sacred Circle).
- Honeywell Foundation.
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation.
- Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota.

August 15

- American Express Minnesota Philanthropic Program (community service).
- Frey Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (Children, Families, and Communities; international).
- Minnesota Mutual Foundation/Minnesota Life and its Affiliates.
- Northland Foundation.
- Reliant Energy Minnegasco.
- SUPERVALU Foundation.

August 16

- Best Buy Children's Foundation.

SEPTEMBER 2001

September 1

- Bemis Company Foundation.
- Blandin Foundation.
- Hallett Charitable Trusts.
- George A. Hormel Testamentary Trust.
- Land O'Lakes Foundation.
- The Nash Foundation.
- The Elizabeth C. Quinlan Foundation Inc.
- Ripley Memorial Foundation
- Rochester Area Foundation.
- Saunders Family Foundation.
- James R. Thorpe Foundation.
- R. Jack Walser Foundation.

September 6

- U.S. Bancorp Foundation and Corporation (economic opportunity).

September 15

- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.
- Baker Foundation.
- Lillian Wright and C. Emil Berglund Foundation (for Dec. grants).
- Ecolab Foundation.
- Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation.
- HRK Foundation.
- Northland Foundation.
- Philanthrofund Foundation.

OCTOBER 2001

October 1

- Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.
- H.B. Fuller Company and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.
- Honeywell Foundation.
- Margaret H. and James E. Kelley Foundation, Inc.
- The Medtronic Foundation (HeartRescue only).
- Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota.
- Winona Community Foundation.

October 15

- Mankato Area Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (arts; Mississippi River).
- The Medtronic Foundation (general).
- Northland Foundation.

NOVEMBER 2001

November 1

- Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation.
- Best Buy Children's Foundation.
- Bush Foundation.
- Frances Curran Foundation, Inc.
- Edwards Memorial Trust.
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation.

November 15

- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.
- Frey Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (Children, Families, and Communities; international).
- Minnesota Mutual Foundation/Minnesota Life and its Affiliates.
- Northland Foundation.
- Reliant Energy Minnegasco.
- SUPERVALU Foundation.
- WCA Foundation.

November 30

- Minneapolis Rotary Community Service Foundation.

During November

- Catholic Community Foundation.

DECEMBER 2001

December 1

- Bemis Company Foundation.
- Blandin Foundation.
- Central Minnesota Community Foundation.
- Deluxe Corporation Foundation.
- Faegre & Benson Foundation.
- Land O'Lakes Foundation.
- Archie D. and Bertha H. Walker Foundation.

December 15

- Northland Foundation.

December 31

- International Multifoods Charitable Foundation (Partners in Learning).
- Rappaport Family Foundation.

JANUARY 2002

January 1

- Rochester Area Foundation.

January 4

- Initiative Fund of southeast and south central Minnesota.

January 15

- American Express Minnesota Philanthropic Program (cultural heritage).
- The McKnight Foundation (arts; Mississippi River).
- The Medtronic Foundation (general).
- Northland Foundation.
- Unity Avenue Foundation.

January 18

- The Sheltering Arms Foundation.

FEBRUARY 2002

February 1

- Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation.
- Charlson Foundation.
- Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.
- H.B. Fuller Company and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.
- Headwaters Fund (general).

- Honeywell Foundation.
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation.
- Ripley Memorial Foundation
- Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota.

February 15

- Frey Foundation.
- Mankato Area Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (Children, Families, and Communities; international).
- Minnesota Mutual Foundation/Minnesota Life and its Affiliates.
- Northland Foundation.
- SUPERVALU Foundation.

February 28

- Dain Rauscher Foundation.

MARCH 2002

March 1

- David Winton Bell Foundation.
- Bemis Company Foundation.
- Blandin Foundation.
- Bush Foundation.
- Five-O Foundation.
- Land O'Lakes Foundation.
- Minnesota Women's Foundation (social change fund).
- James R. Thorpe Foundation.
- R. Jack Walser Foundation.

March 8

- U.S. Bancorp Foundation and Corporation (economic opportunity).

March 15

- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.
- Lillian Wright and C. Emil Berglund Foundation (for June grants).
- Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation.
- HRK Foundation.
- Northland Foundation.
- Reliant Energy Minnegasco.
- DeWitt and Caroline VanEvera Foundation.

March 16

- Best Buy Children's Foundation.

APRIL 2002

April 1

- Greater Winona Area Community Foundation.

April 15

- American Express Minnesota Philanthropic Program

(economic independence).

- The McKnight Foundation (arts; Mississippi River).
- Northland Foundation.

MAY 2002

May 1

- Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation.
- Frances Curran Foundation, Inc.
- Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.
- Honeywell Foundation.
- Laura and Walter Hudson Foundation.
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation.
- Rochester Area Foundation.
- Wnona Foundation.
- Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation.

May 10

- U.S. Bancorp Foundation and Corporation (education).

May 15

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- Archie D. and Bertha H. Walker Foundation.

July 5

- U.S. Bancorp Foundation and Corporation (economic opportunity).
- Initiative Fund of southeast and south central Minnesota.

July 15

- The McKnight Foundation (arts; Mississippi River).
- The Medtronic Foundation (general).
- Northland Foundation.
- Reliant Energy Minnegasco.

July 31

- Dain Rauscher Foundation.

AUGUST 2002

August 1

- Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation.
- Charlson Foundation.
- Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.
- Honeywell Foundation.
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation.
- Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota.

August 15

- American Express Minnesota Philanthropic Program (community service).
- Frey Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (Children, Families, and Communities; international).
- Minnesota Mutual Foundation/Minnesota Life and its Affiliates.
- Northland Foundation.
- Reliant Energy Minnegasco.
- SUPERVALU Foundation.

August 16

- Best Buy Children's Foundation.

SEPTEMBER 2002

September 1

- Bemis Company Foundation.
- Blandin Foundation.
- Hallett Charitable Trusts.
- George A. Hormel Testamentary Trust.
- Land O'Lakes Foundation.

- The Nash Foundation.
- The Elizabeth C. Quinlan Foundation Inc.
- Ripley Memorial Foundation.
- Rochester Area Foundation.
- Saunders Family Foundation.
- James R. Thorpe Foundation.
- R. Jack Walser Foundation.

September 6

- U.S. Bancorp Foundation and Corporation (economic opportunity).

September 15

- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.
- Baker Foundation.
- Lillian Wright and C. Emil Berglund Foundation (for Dec. grants).
- Ecolab Foundation.
- Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation.
- HRK Foundation.
- Northland Foundation.
- Philanthrofund Foundation.

OCTOBER 2002

October 1

- Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.
- H.B. Fuller Company and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.
- Greater Winona Area Community Foundation.
- Honeywell Foundation.
- Margaret H. and James E. Kelley Foundation, Inc.
- The Medtronic Foundation (HeartRescue only).
- Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota.

October 15

- Mankato Area Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (arts; Mississippi River).
- The Medtronic Foundation (general).
- Northland Foundation.

NOVEMBER 2002

November 1

- Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation.
- Best Buy Children's Foundation.
- Bush Foundation.
- Frances Curran Foundation, Inc.
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation.

November 15

- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.
- Frey Foundation.
- The McKnight Foundation (Children, Families, and Communities; international).

- Minnesota Mutual Foundation/Minnesota Life and its Affiliates.
- Northland Foundation.
- Reliant Energy Minnegasco.
- SUPERVALU Foundation.
- WCA Foundation.

November 30

- Minneapolis Rotary Community Service Foundation.

During November

- Catholic Community Foundation.

DECEMBER 2002

December 1

- Bemis Company Foundation.
- Blandin Foundation.
- Central Minnesota Community Foundation.
- Deluxe Corporation Foundation.
- Faegre & Benson Foundation.
- Land O'Lakes Foundation.
- Archie D. and Bertha H. Walker Foundation.

December 15

- Northland Foundation.

December 31

- Rappaport Family Foundation.
- International Multifoods Charitable Foundation (Partners in Learning).

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8/29/00 Development Comm.

^(Burton) Judy Sam. Robin Tjernlund, Andrea,
Sally, Pat Taylor (Cepeway school + event
fundraising) Joann Bice (?)
Ann Dupp, Bette Anderson, Claudia Dieter

Robin: Role of this Committee?

Andrea - work on fundraising events, brain-
storming - funding stream for C-4

Advisory Board - process for annual review,
thank you + acknowledgement.

Send copy of The Privilege for which We Struggle

Annual Appeal - \$62,500 (internal goal: 65,000)
1999-00: \$7500 expenses
2000 L.L. earnings
14,000 services

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF)

Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 29, 2000

3:30 p.m.

Small Conference Room

Minnesota Women's Building

Mission

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Diversity

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership . . . and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

Agenda

Introductions (Tjernlund)

Role of the Development Committee (Tjernlund, Duffy) – to oversee all aspects of LWVMN's & LWVMNEF's fundraising and financial stability.

Role and composition of the Advisory Committee (Duffy, Lex)

Annual Appeal (Tjernlund, Crary) – starts this fall

Future events (Tjernlund)– should we have a fundraising event in the spring?
Other future events?

Planned Giving (Sawyer) – we need a new Planned Giving Chair

Major Fundraising Campaign (see Future Trek) – one goal of Future Trek: "To achieve financial stability and a predictable income flow."

Proposed Plan for 2000-2001 Annual Appeal

TIMELINE

August 2000

- Mary Santi drafts letter; letter is adapted for many different audiences and formats
- Lex finalizes *Make Democracy Work* brochure and bookmark for print
- Crary finalizes letter, reminder notice, phone and pledge cards
- Meet with IdeaGroup (mail-house) and Trade Press (printer)
- Develop lists
- Draft article for LWVMN *Voter* (Tjernlund and Crary)
- Make presentation for LWVMN/EF Board Meeting (Tjernlund, Lex, Crary)

September 2000

- All items to the printer by September 6
- Personalized mailing sent from the office to coordinate visits with Development Director to Advisory Board and Board Members, lapsed contributors and past contributors of \$50 or more last week of September
- First class and bulk mail solicitations out last week of September
- Send phon-a-thon request in President's Mailing - early September; follow-up phone calls

October 2000

- Process contributions and acknowledgements as they arrive to office
- Finalize plans for late October and November phon-a-thons
- Generate phone cards for phon-a-thons

November 2000

- Process contributions and acknowledgements as they arrive to office
- Phon-a-thons take place

December 2000

- Process contributions and acknowledgements as they arrive to office
- Reminder letters sent to those who'd pledged in phon-a-thon

January 2000

- Process contributions and acknowledgements as they arrive to office
- Organize "clean-up" phon-a-thon
- Begin final report
- Develop lists of contributors for Annual Report
- Calculate local League shares from the phon-a-thons and forward information to Education Fund bookkeeper for crediting local League Education Fund accounts.

MAILINGS

First class mailings from the office:

Advisory Board & LWVMN/EF Board Members: 30
99-00 Gift >\$50: 417
Last gift in 1997: 339

TOTAL: 786

Bulk mailing:

99-00 Gift <\$50: 441
Members who've never given: 1309
Non- or inactive members who've never given: 2769
Prospects: 200 (estimate)

TOTAL: 4719

GRAND TOTAL: 5505

PRINT MATERIALS – 5500 total solicitation letters to be mailed vs. 3700 in 99-00

TYPE	ORDERD FOR 99-00	3/31/00	ORDER FOR 00-01	TOTAL ¹
Pledge Cards	3500	521	5500	6021
Remit Envelopes	500	2200	3800	6000
Phone Cards	500	0	1750 ²	1750
Bookmark	400	158	6000	6000
Thank You Postcard	1500	1000	0	1000
Pledge Reminder Specific	500	301	0 ³	301
Pledge Reminder Unspecific	500	494	0 ⁴	494
Answering Machine Reminder	250	317	200 ⁵	517
<i>Making Democracy Work</i> Brochure	6000	1500	7000	7000

¹ Total determined by what can be used from last year and what will need to be ordered for this year.

² This number based on 1472 phone calls made in 99-00 appeal.

³ This number based on 280 specific pledges made in 99-00 appeal.

⁴ This number based on 135 unspecific pledges made in 99-00 appeal.

⁵ This number based on 470 answering machine messages left in 99-00 appeal.

September 2000

Something's different about this year's lineup of election services.

As usual, candidate forums are well underway and plans are in place for U.S. Senate and House of Representatives debates in seven of eight congressional districts. *Voter Guides*, including information about candidates for U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and judicial positions are currently being distributed throughout Minnesota. *The Road to Election Day* video and booklet and the informative *Voter Information Packet* are available to assist people in getting involved in the election cycle. The *Election Hotline* will again provide citizens with precinct locations and registration information through a statewide, toll-free number. League volunteers will field more than 25,000 calls answering the questions about the Primary and General Elections.

Ag Study
LOTT (?)

Nothing new here. It's what voters expect from the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF). All the familiar services from the LWVMNEF are again being provided thanks to contributions from people like you.

So what *is* new?

From soccer games to Women's Expo, in the past year, the League has been making a difference at more public events than ever before by providing information not only on voting, but also on issues such as unicameralism and health care. The League's online presence has grown as well with Democracy Net, an innovative interactive web site located at www.dnet.org, which provides voter information including (but not limited to) candidate statements on the issues. As an outgrowth of

last year's *Changing Faces, Changing Communities* dialogues on immigration in Minnesota, which drew over 1,000 participants throughout the state, the League has found new communities and organizations to partner with in providing information and services to an increasingly diverse Minnesota.

As we move full force into the millennium year election, I ask you to consider a generous tax-deductible gift to LWVMNEF to help make these activities possible. As you can imagine, even with the enthusiastic help of hundreds of volunteers and sponsorship from foundations and businesses, it is expensive to produce quality educational voter services. I hope we can count on your help. As with previous appeals, if we receive your contribution by October 15th, there will be no need for our dedicated League volunteers to make a follow-up call to you later on.

Sincerely,

Judy Duffy, President

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Education Fund

P.S. Watch for our *Vote on November 7th* reminders on grocery bags. With the cooperation of SuperValu, our message will be printed on grocery sacks for a week before the General Election. While these bags remind voters to get into action, I hope they will remind you of the range of election services provided by LWVMNEF and inspire a generous contribution.



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Qual. Steps. Financial Stability Recommendations

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	TIMELINE	PERSON /GROUP	COST
Diversify and increase funding to adequately support initiatives in the decade to come.	Increase revenue from membership dues (PMP) by 10%.	Increase the number of dues-paying members and affiliates.	2002		
		Encourage local Leagues to increase the minimum dues to \$50, commensurate with other MN public policy organizations.			
		Coach local Leagues on ways to <u>increase non-dues funding to support local initiatives.</u>		<i>Devel. / Chair / WLC</i>	
		Establish a premium-priced affiliate membership level for people who can't contribute time.			
	Increase total earned revenues by 10%.	Create ongoing revenue streams that fund administrative operations.	2002		
		Seek opportunities for entrepreneurial projects that relate to League's mission.	<i>contracted - such as M & Corn circle ?</i>		
	Increase program capacity without increasing its budget.	Increase solicitations of in-kind donations of products, supplies and services on behalf of both state and local Leagues to reduce overhead.	2002		
		Work with local Leagues to help them secure in-kind support and sponsorships.			
		Recruit non-traditional employees to augment the work of paid staff. <i>?</i>			

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
FutureTrek Long Range Plan
 Updated August 31, 1998

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	TIMELINE	PERSON /GROUP	COST
		Continue to reduce operating overhead (especially printing, postage and distribution) by making better use of communication technology.		<i>e-mail website reduce postage by 1/2</i>	
	Increase total annual revenues by 10%/year.	Aggressively solicit donations from past and present members.	1999		
		Work in partnership with local League members to approach major MN corporations for program-specific support.			
	Increase grant income secured for programs and operations by 10%.	Focus grant requests on <u>leadership training and community capacitating programs</u> . <u>Include pass-through grants in the prospect pool.</u>	2002	<i>com. circle 14 c in making grant</i>	
		Work with local Leagues to secure government grants for local projects that serve a strong community need.			
<i>Overall Team</i> Achieve financial stability and a predictable income flow.	Fund the Ed Fund endowment, capital and program needs through the successful completion of \$1-2 million "New Century" campaign.	Build the public phase of the campaign around the launch of the <u>Joan Growe</u> Voter Participation project.	2000	<i>on hold awaits definition</i>	
		Greatly expand the League's planned giving initiative among members 50+.			

Beneficiary Designations

Certain assets (such as retirement plan assets or life insurance) are transferred by contract rather than through an estate. The donor can name the League as the beneficiary.

Qualified Retirement Plans

Qualified Retirement Plans include IRAs, 401(k)s, and 403(b)s. With careful planning, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund could become the beneficiary of these plans. By making the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund the beneficiary, these retirement assets would not be subject to income tax or estate tax. Please note that these taxes can be avoided only by completing the appropriate forms obtained from the Retirement Plan Administrator.

Life Income Gifts

A life income gift creates a trust for the benefit of the League and the donor.

Charitable Remainder Trust

The donor irrevocably transfers assets to a trust to provide income to named beneficiaries during their lifetime. Thereafter, the trust's assets would go toward the League.

Pooled Income Funds

Charitable Remainder Trusts for smaller funds are called Pooled Income Funds. The League pools the funds through The Saint Paul Foundation, which manages them as a single trust. Contributors receive payments proportionate to the size of their investments in the funds.

Gifts of Income Interest

A Charitable Lead Trust provides income to the League for a number of years. When the trust term ends, the principal goes to the donor's family and/or other beneficiaries.

Retained Life Estates

A gift plan defined by federal tax allows a donor to donate her or his home, farm, or vacation home to a charity, while she or he retains the right to live in it for the rest of her or his life.

Sample Language for Wills

I give, devise, and bequeath to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, located at 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103 (here, specify the dollar amount or the percentage of the estate), for its Endowment, (or any other purpose).

On this matter, consult your attorney or call the League Development Director.



Basics of Estate Tax

1. Unified credit shelters can include everything under \$650,000 (1999 amount) rising up to \$1 million by 2006.
2. Gross estate includes everything a donor owns (art, jewelry, a home, land, for example) at the date-of-death value.
3. Federal estate tax rates start at 37% and go up to 55% for estates valued up to \$650,000.

Estate planning is the transfer of family values as well as the transfer of family wealth. We ask you to consider the League as you make your plans. Your gift, of any size, will help the League to continue working as a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government.



Have You Remembered Us?

Are we in your will or estate plan? If we are, please let us know of your plans. It helps us to make plans for the generations to come; it gives the League the opportunity to thank you for your generosity; and it allows you to set an example for others. When you let us know of your plans, we will express our gratitude to you by welcoming you into the *Legacy Circle*.

We would be happy to assist you in planning a bequest that says, "I believe in the future of our democracy, and I want to keep that democracy strong by supporting the League."

Throughout the years, the League has proven its effectiveness in making democracy work for everyone. Because the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund will continue working for a participatory democracy, it will be around for many years to come.



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Statement of Intent and Inquiry (This statement of intent and/or inquiry is not a legal obligation.)

☐ I/We wish to make the following statement of intent and/or inquiry:

☐ I/We have included the League in my/our _____ will _____ charitable annuity/trust _____ life insurance _____ other _____

☐ I/We wish to discuss a planned gift with a League representative

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to LWVMN, Attn: Development Director, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

An Investment Committee provides supervision and guidance for the LWVMN and the LWVMNEF Board of Directors.

Estate Planning

Basic Questions, Basic Answers

Many aspects of our lives are well planned: our education, family, career and retirement. Estate planning may seem like a daunting task that can be put off until later when we are older and wealthier.

But, estate planning is not just for the very old or the rich. It is a lifelong process that is important for everyone. Estate planning includes building an estate and preserving it for tomorrow. It provides the opportunity to make sure that the distribution of our properties will be a lasting expression of our own particular lives and interests.

Is my estate gift tax-deductible? If your contribution is made to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, yes it is. If it is made to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, no, it is not tax-deductible. However, you may contribute to either organization.

Did you know that the League of Women Voters was launched with a bequest in 1919?

Since then, the League has drawn vital support from bequests of League members and friends who wished to ensure that the organization they loved would continue to flourish.

Share the heritage...
Invest in the future.

Why?

Planning your estate can:

- Assure that you determine precisely who will receive all the property that you have accumulated over your lifetime (cash, real estate including your home, insurance, investments, retirement savings, for example).
- Help you minimize or avoid estate taxes that may drain your estate of assets.
- Provide a contingency plan in case of mental or physical incapacity.
- Create a trust to manage assets for your children, spouse or other heirs.



When?

Many people first formulate estate plans when there is a major life change, such as marriage, job changes or promotions, births, adoptions, divorce, retirement, moving to a different state or country, or the death of a family member or friend.

If you have an estate plan, review it regularly to make sure it still accomplishes all your goals. And, be aware of changes in the law that can also affect estate plans.



Who (Can Help You)?

You can get help in estate planning from your attorney, accountant, insurance agent, stock broker, banker or estate planner.

What?

There are many tools you can employ to develop a sound estate plan.

- **Will** – Disposes of your assets at death. If you die without a valid will (intestate), then state laws will direct the distribution of your property.
- **Power of Attorney** – Gives someone else the authority to manage your affairs when you cannot do so.
- **Bequest** – Gives a gift or property by will.
- **Codicil** – Adds an amendment or addition to an existing will. Charitable gifts can easily be added to wills via codicils.
- **Trust** – Transfers cash or property to a trustee, who manages these assets for the benefit of those entitled to the trust's income or principal. A trust can be set up during your lifetime or in your will.
- **Probate** – Transfers property passing through a will and settles claims through the court. This situation can sometimes be avoided. The larger your estate, the more likely it will be probated.

How?



Give an outright gift

- **Cash** – You can give \$1,000 or more (to become a member of the Legacy Circle) but any size gift through your estate is welcome.
- **Securities** such as stocks or bonds.
- **Life insurance** – You can transfer ownership of a paid-up policy, or a policy on which you are still paying premiums, and name the League as beneficiary. Or, you can take out a new policy for the League's benefit.
- **Qualified retirement plans** (see information in the following section).

Bequests

Gifts through your will can be a particular amount, or a percentage of your estate. There are two types of bequests, either "Contingent" or "In Trust."

Contingent Gifts – Gifts that are contingent will benefit the League only if certain contingencies are met, such as the case of a beneficiary predeceasing you, for example.

Trust Gifts – Gifts that are made in trust provide income to named beneficiaries before going on to benefit the League.





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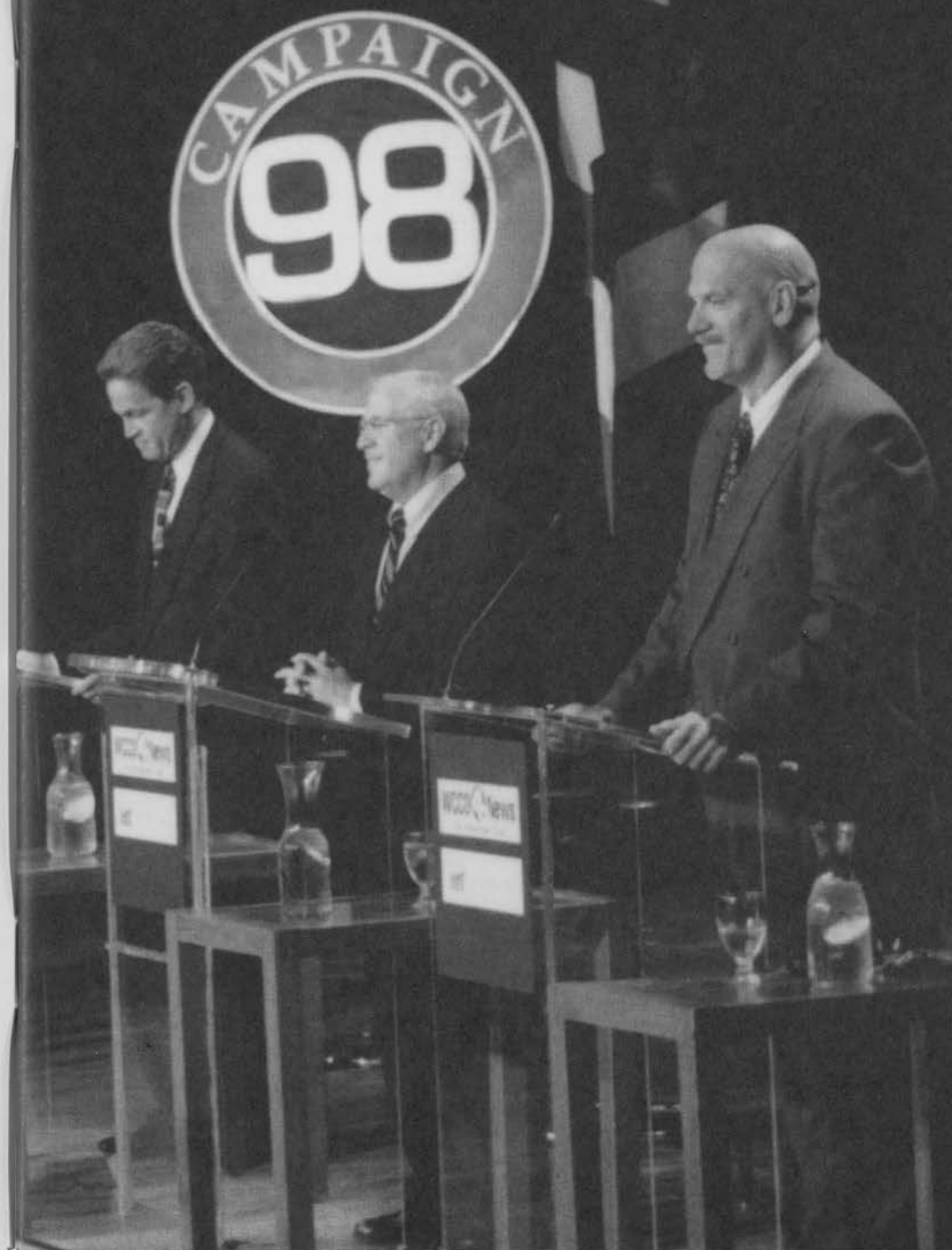
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1998 Gubernatorial Debates, from left St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, MN State Attorney General Hubert H. (Skip) Humphrey and Jesse Ventura.



Letter from the President, Judy Duffy

You have heard the phrase "Democracy is not a spectator sport." Our nation's founders wrote and often spoke about the need for a democracy to be run by the people for the people. For a democracy to flourish, it demands full engagement of its citizens.



A recent news article about a nationwide Spiegel Catalog survey of 1,000 women, ages 25 to 55, identified women's right to vote as the single best innovation of the 20th Century for women. The 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1920. From that time on, American women could fully participate in the democratic process, which until then had been denied them.

Following the right to vote, myriad inventions that provided women with more convenience and freedom, such as washers and dryers, dishwashers, athletic wear, and access to birth control, were at the top of the list of "best innovations for women." However, without the right to vote, women would not have had the political clout to become a significant force in the marketplace, neither as the inspiration nor the beneficiaries of these innovations.

Ideally, the right to vote should have brought equal participation by women running for senator, representative, governor and yes, even president. Also, the 19th Amendment should have brought consistently high levels of voter turnout by women in every election, as well as equal representation of women in all occupations.

Of course, high levels of voter participation is not and should not be the goal of women only, but of all citizens. For 80 years, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota has worked to encourage the involvement and education of citizens in all aspects of the democratic process. The League studies relevant public policy issues, encourages advocacy of issues important to individuals, promotes voting in all elections, and produces nonpartisan voter information that eases a citizen's way into the electoral process.

In the following pages, you will read about the many activities of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund that are made possible by generous contributions from people like you – as individuals, corporations and foundations. Thanks to the volunteer contributions of members and non-members alike, we are able to keep our budgets low. All of these contributions are greatly appreciated and help us "Make Democracy Work."

The League is the premier organization that is fundamentally concerned with the health of our democracy. We will continue to promote widespread civic participation of persons from all backgrounds and economic levels. Starting this new century, we will be reminded time and again that "Democracy is not a spectator sport." It demands our full participation, and the least we can do is vote.

Debates '98

In 1998 the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund sponsored four debates among the candidates of Governor of Minnesota and two debates among the candidates for Attorney General of Minnesota. There were two pre-primary debates: one among the Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidates for Governor and one among the Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidates for



From left – right: Hubert H. Humphrey III, Judy Duffy, Jesse Ventura, Norm Coleman

Attorney General. There was a post-primary debate between the candidates for Attorney General. Two of the three general election debates among the candidates for Governor were co-sponsored by local Leagues in northern Minnesota and the final debate, sponsored by the state League, was held in Minneapolis. Attendance at all of the

debates was excellent, and viewing and listening were also high among voters.

All four of the gubernatorial debates were broadcast live on both television and radio, and the Attorney General debates were broadcast live on the radio. The pre-primary Attorney General debate among DFL candidates Ember Reichgott Junge, Mike Hatch and David Lillehaug was held September 3 at the Minnesota News Network Studios, and was carried live on the 70 member stations of the MNN Radio Network.

The General Election debate between Mike Hatch, DFL Party, and Charlie Weaver, Republican Party (the Reform Party candidate was unavailable) was held October 22 at the Minnesota News Network Studios, and was carried live by the MNN Radio Network.

The pre-primary debate among DFL candidates Mark Dayton, Mike Freeman, Hubert H. (Skip) Humphrey III, Doug Johnson, and Ted Mondale was held August 29, from the WCCO-TV broadcast area at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. It was broadcast that evening on WCCO-TV and WCCO Radio.

General Election debates among the candidates for Governor: Norm Coleman, Republican Party; Hubert H. (Skip) Humphrey III, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party; and Jesse Ventura, Reform Party were held in Brainerd, Duluth and Minneapolis.

The October 1 Brainerd debate was co-sponsored by the Brainerd Lakes Area League of Women Voters. It was carried live on KMSP-TV, Minnesota Public Radio and the Minnesota News Network. In addition, it was taped and rebroadcast that evening by KMSP-TV. On the evening of October 16, the Duluth debate was sponsored by the Duluth League of Women Voters. WDSE-TV, KBJR-TV and Minnesota Public Radio carried it live. C-Span and KMSP-TV taped the debate and rebroadcast it later. The Minneapolis debate on October 27 was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and carried live on WCCO-TV and WCCO Radio.

Full funding was secured for the 1998 debates, with lead funding of \$20,000 from Dayton Hudson Corporation and Dayton Hudson Foundation on behalf of Dayton's, Mervyn's California and Target Stores, \$15,000 from American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. and \$15,000 from the Blandin Foundation. ☑

Making Democracy Work in 1998

The goal of the 1998 Candidate Forums, held throughout Minnesota for House of Representative seats, was to educate voters and promote citizen interest and participation in elections. Sponsored by the Martin Foundation of Elkhart, Indiana, for the third consecutive election year, local Leagues across Minnesota that participated or collaborated with regional Leagues achieved that goal, and more. The 60% Minnesota voter turnout at the November 3 election, noted around the country, was a clear demonstration of increased citizen participation.

One of the keys to the high level of citizen interest and participation was the widely accessible televised debates. Each of the candidate forums in five

congressional districts, funded by pass-through grants to 15 local Leagues and the West Metro Alliance of Leagues, was widely accessible through live televised or radio presentations and taped for additional distribution as replays.

The following local Leagues were recipients of the Martin grant and participated in this project:

ABC
Anoka
Blaine
Coon Rapids
Austin
Duluth
Freeborn County
Golden Valley
Jackson Area
Mahtomedi
MEPH
Minnetonka
Eden Prairie
Hopkins
Northfield
Owatonna
Red Wing
Robbinsdale
Rochester
St. Cloud Area
St. Paul
West Metro Alliance
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Why were the candidate forums so successful? Local League grantees acknowledged that they learned a lot by building on previous work with new voters; that there was increased participation by diverse audiences; and that they benefited from greater visibility through sustained cooperation with media and other organizations. More than half of the local Leagues stretched resources to provide forums for candidates for local offices. This localized focus added greater depth to the statewide House of Representative forums and brought home the importance of every issue and candidates' positions to voters in all parts of Minnesota.

Local Leagues hosted forums for a variety of elective offices. One League conducted a pre-primary election forum for mayoral candidates. Nine Leagues conducted pre-general election candidate forums for the following open positions: for judge in one district court, mayor in two cities, city council members in five cities, county commissioner in five counties, sheriff in one county, county recorder in one county, and school board members in one school district.

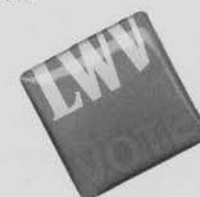
According to the final report, expectations of 10 of the 15 Leagues receiving pass-through grants were exceeded when citizen interest in every aspect of the forums and election participation at every level grew. Audience questions at

the forums were varied and to the point. One League experienced lines of people at the microphones and a definitive response to the "Shall we close now" of "No, let everyone in line have a chance to ask a question!" Another League noted more call-in questions than ever, unsolicited approving comments, as well as conversations about the elections around area coffee counters. In terms of following-up on the results of this project, one League enthusiastically responded "We will be ready for Vote 2000!"

We thank Mary Ann McCoy, the project director, and the Martin Foundation for supporting this project. ☑

Voters Get Up Off the Couch When They Call the League Hotline

A telephone service operating several days before the 1998 Primary and General Elections, the LWVMNEF Hotline provided voters from across Minnesota with voting information. There was a toll-free number for statewide callers. Volunteers answering the calls gave information on where to vote, voter registration and voting requirements. Information on proposed Constitutional Amendments was also provided. This is a completely nonpartisan service, and volunteers do not express any opinions on candidates, issues or amendments. The LWVMNEF has provided this valuable service for almost 20 years.



"Voters can find out their polling places by calling the city clerk or the auditor," says Project Director Linda Loomis, "but those phones are constantly busy at election time. So, our hotline is especially helpful."

WCCO-TV provided phones at their studio, where over 300 volunteers answered calls. The League also staffed the Minnesota Secretary of State's Election Hotline before the Primary and General Elections at the Minnesota Lottery Office Building. Ms. Loomis recruited all the volunteers, who

responded to thousands of requests for information, and coordinated the project. Project assistants were Millie Johnson, Virginia Sweeny and Mary Hepokoski.

"This is one of the ways that League members can help to *Make Democracy Work* by reaching out to voters and directly encouraging citizen participation," says LWVMNEF President Judy Duffy.

The Education Fund thanks WCCO-TV and the CBS Foundation for their generous support of the League Hotline. We also thank the Secretary of State's office for providing computer technology and training for our volunteers. ☑

Voter Guide Helps Citizens Make Democracy Work

Thanks to Dayton Hudson Foundation and Corporation, Target and Norwest Bank, the 1998 *Voter Guide* was very successful. Distribution levels reached all-time highs. A total of 280,000 copies of the *Primary Voter Guide*, and 350,000 copies of the *General Election Voter Guide* were distributed. Out of that total, 250,000 copies of both versions were distributed in Target stores, Dayton's stores and Mervyn's California stores. Out of the 350,000 *General Election Voter Guides*, 100,000 copies were purchased by businesses, local Leagues, colleges, libraries, non-profit organizations and public and private schools.

The 1998 *Primary and General Election Voter Guides* included photographs, short biographies and positions on issues for candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and U.S. Representatives. Additional information included the three proposed amendments to the Minnesota Constitution, voting procedures, and a checklist for citizen participation provided by the Minnesota Compact.

Response to the *Voter Guide* was positive because of its nonpartisan nature. It was noted that the *Voter Guide* has become an "election-time event," and citizens expect to find the *Voter Guide* at certain key locations where they've picked it up in the past.

Thanks to Eydie Kargas, the Project Director, for making such record distribution possible. ☑

Minnesota Compact

Building on our experience from the 1996 election year, the Minnesota Compact steering committee reorganized in the winter of 1998 and began plans for the 1998 election. The focus was on the gubernatorial campaign and setting higher standards for candidates, citizens and print and broadcast media. The emphasis was placed on the substance and issues of the campaign. The Minnesota Compact teamed with the National Alliance for Better Campaigns as one of 10 similar projects in other states throughout the country.

The Compact steering committee first organized in 1996 with representation from the major political parties, academia, business, civic groups, newspaper and broadcast media and concerned citizens. In 1996, the focus was on the campaigns for the U.S. Senate, House and Minnesota legislature and campaign advertising. The 1998 efforts included scrutiny of ads and the encouragement of a multitude of candidate debates throughout the state, including a "roadblock" debate sponsored by several major broadcasters. A checklist for citizen involvement

Judy Covey and the Voter Service Committee are responsible for the success of the following Voter Service Projects: the 1998 Gubernatorial Debates, the Voter Guides, the Hotlines, the Local League Congressional & Legislative Candidate Forums sponsored by the Martin Grant, the Minnesota Compact and Campaign Finance Reform: Strategies for Success in the Midwest. Our gratitude goes out to Ms. Covey, all project directors and all members of the committee.

was also developed and distributed throughout the state via newspaper ads, in the League's *Voter Guide*, and at the State Fair.

Four League-sponsored gubernatorial debates were held across Minnesota in the fall of 1998 and were broadcast live on both radio and television. A pre-primary debate among DFL candidates was held at the Minnesota State

Fairgrounds and broadcast on television and radio. Because the debates provided a stimulating alternative to the usual political ads and sound bites, the format of campaign discourse for the November 1998 election was improved.

Individuals and organizations worked hard to develop the ideas and principles of the Compact. In 1998, with a grant from the Pew Charitable Trust to the Alliance for Better Campaigns, along with support from the Martin

Foundation, the Education Fund was able to expand its efforts to promote practical standards that will improve the tone and tenor of campaigns. "The development of good leaders is only possible when we develop good citizens. The bottom line is that the attention, action and participation of all of us will assure the representative government that we want," says President Judy Duffy.

President Judy Duffy co-chaired the Minnesota Compact with Tim Penny of the DFL Party, Joanell Dyrstad of the Republican Party and Dean Barkley of the Reform Party. We thank the Pew Charitable Trust, the Alliance for Better Campaigns and the Martin Foundation for their support. Also, we appreciate the leadership of Ms. Dyrstad, Mr. Penny and Mr. Barkley and all of the steering committee members in this campaign reform project. ☑



LWVUS President Challenges Americans to Participate

"Today the League continues to empower American citizens to register to vote, defend voting rights, open government to citizens and train tomorrow's civic leaders. And we will continue to be proud of our role as one of the foremost defenders of democracy," said League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) President Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, on March 4, 1999, at a Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis.

Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins is the 15th president of the LWVUS. An Ohio native, she has been a League member since 1982 and is the first woman of African-American descent to head the 80-year-old organization. As president, she leads the League's education and advocacy work on public policy issues, including campaign finance reform, voting issues and healthcare. She also works to encourage women and minorities to run for public office.

Although "America continues to have democratic ideals," Jefferson-Jenkins noted, it doesn't have "an informed and engaged electorate to act upon these ideals. The result is a government that neither knows nor implements the public's will." She noted that according to a study by the Kettering Foundation called *Citizens and Politics: A View from Mainstreet*, "Americans are

frustrated and downright angry about the state of the current political system. They don't believe that 'We the people' actually rule. What is more, people do not believe this system is able to solve the pressing problems they face."

According to a 1996 LWVUS survey, *Voters and Nonvoters*, there is a strong link between an individual's social and community connections and voting behavior. Armed with this information and the League's well-known determination, the



From left – right: LWVUS President Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins and Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton

League is launching a comprehensive campaign designed to 'Make Democracy Work' through an increase in civic participation, voter participation, campaign finance reform, diversity in representation and civic education and knowledge.



In order to achieve that citizen participation, we should all remember the Golden Rule, Jefferson-Jenkins reminded the Westminster Forum guests. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. In a way that says it all. If we applied that rule consistently in our daily lives, there would be no incivility – the trouble is we don't. We live by the credo of the television talk show – the opposite of being polite and courteous. Today, a different standard seems to govern how we view civil discourse. This standard impacts both politics and community."

Jefferson-Jenkins noted that technological advances have given civil discourse an entirely new meaning. Nonetheless, old fashioned civil discourse in the forms of every day complaining and opinion sharing among friends, family members and co-workers continues. Our challenge through the League of Women Voters and as individual participants in our democracy is to "translate this discourse into active civic participation." ☑

Citizens in Action Workshops

Since 1981, the Citizens in Action Workshops have been very successful, with up to 300 participants even in the coldest weather. The 1999 Citizens in Action Workshops on January 30 in St. Paul and on February 20 in Duluth were also a success.

The Citizens in Action Workshops provide training for citizens to take action to make a difference in their communities. Participants learn effective lobbying techniques, and how to communicate with elected officials, the press and the public. Attendees are introduced to the law-making process, the rules of protocol, as well as the offices and chambers in which the laws are made.

Participants learn how to lobby from a computer at home or at the library, how to access the Capitol via e-mail and how to track legislation on the Internet. They are also guided in how to work in coalition with others.

Registration fees are minimal to enable persons of low or moderate incomes to attend the training sessions. Participants receive *How to Make a Difference*, a lobbying handbook and citizens' guide to state government, published every other year by the LWVMNEF. Scholarships are available.

The 1999 Citizens in Action Workshops were made possible by a grant from the Minnesota State Bar Foundation. Along with the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, other 1999 sponsors included Common Cause Minnesota; Food First Coalition; Minnesota Congress of Parents, Teachers & Students; Minnesota Council of Nonprofits; National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum - MN Chapter; and the Urban Coalition. Printing of *How to Make A Difference* was contributed by the West Group.

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Cooperating organizations for the 1999 Workshops included the Children's Defense Fund, Jobs Now Coalition, Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, Loaves and Fishes Too, Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICA), Minneapolis Urban League, Minnesota Food Shelf Organization, MN Citizens for Tax Justice, MN Community Action Association, MN Parenting Association, the Office for Social Justice - Catholic Charities and the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans. ☑



Campaign Finance Reform Works for Candidates and the Public

Minnesota was one of seven state Leagues selected by the national League of Women Voters Education Fund to take part in *Campaign Finance Reform: Strategies for Success in the Midwest*, under a grant from the Joyce Foundation, based in Chicago. Through a survey done by the Education Fund, it was found that most candidates running for office in 1998 support current campaign finance laws "as is."



Minnesota has a long history with laws regulating political campaigns and their funding. In 1974, the Minnesota State Legislature established sweeping reforms on how campaigns were financed and regulated. The next set of reforms came in 1993. That year, the Legislature enacted a number of amendments. Among other changes,

amendments included provisions to offset the advantages enjoyed by incumbent candidates, to establish contribution limits for large donors and to create the requirement that in order to qualify for a public subsidy, a threshold amount of contributions had to be raised from within the candidate's own district.

"While Minnesota's political campaigns and their funding enjoy a generally clean reputation, our campaign finance laws need broader understanding. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund recognizes that much remains to be done in contributing to citizen education, encouraging community activism, increasing attention to the elections of all public officials including the judiciary, and in fostering civic involvement. It is the League's belief that our examination of these campaign finance laws will assist in furthering public awareness," says League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund President Judy Duffy.

The survey was conducted soon after the 1998 election. Surveys were sent to candidates for 160 offices. The Education Fund received responses from 193 candidates, representing a 50.1% response rate. Both winners and losers were surveyed on their attitudes towards and experiences with current campaign finance laws. Three surveys were created for the office sought by the candidates. The surveys were sent to candidates for state legislative and constitutional offices, United States House of Representatives and judicial offices, both statewide and contested district court races.

Thanks to the Joyce Foundation, Project Director Mary Ann McCoy and Project Assistant Claudia Dieter for making this project possible. ☑

Study of the Election of Judges

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund began a Study of the Election of Judges in the summer of 1997 to examine the present system of electing judges in Minnesota, alternative proposals for appointing judges, and methods of educating the electorate about judicial elections and candidates. For decades, judicial elections have been relatively unnoticed because the majority of judges are unopposed and uncontested for reelection.

However, at the ballot boxes for the 1996 election, voters were surprised to realize they had to decide among several candidates for judicial office with little or no information on the candidates. Many voters simply left the ballots blank.

The study and the publication were made possible by major contributions from the Minnesota State Bar Association; Siegel, Brill, Greupner, Duffy & Foster PA; the Gannett Foundation/KARE 11-TV; the Elmer L. & Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation; Minnesota Women Lawyers; the Faegre & Benson Foundation; Winthrop & Weinstine; the Gray Plant Mooty Foundation; and Doherty, Rumble & Butler. Printing was donated by the ReliaStar Financial Group.

This high level of voter's lack of knowledge about judicial elections, combined with the increasing number of contested races and challenges to incumbent judges, led to the concern about Minnesota's system of judicial election. Minnesota was in need of a nonpartisan examination of its judicial election process conducted by an independent citizens organization, and LWVMNEF stepped up to the plate.

Five workshops for local Leagues were held in the fall of 1997 in Duluth, Brainerd, Roseville, Rochester and Edina. They included an introduction to the facts and issues of the Minnesota judiciary selection process with time for discussion and feedback to the study committee.

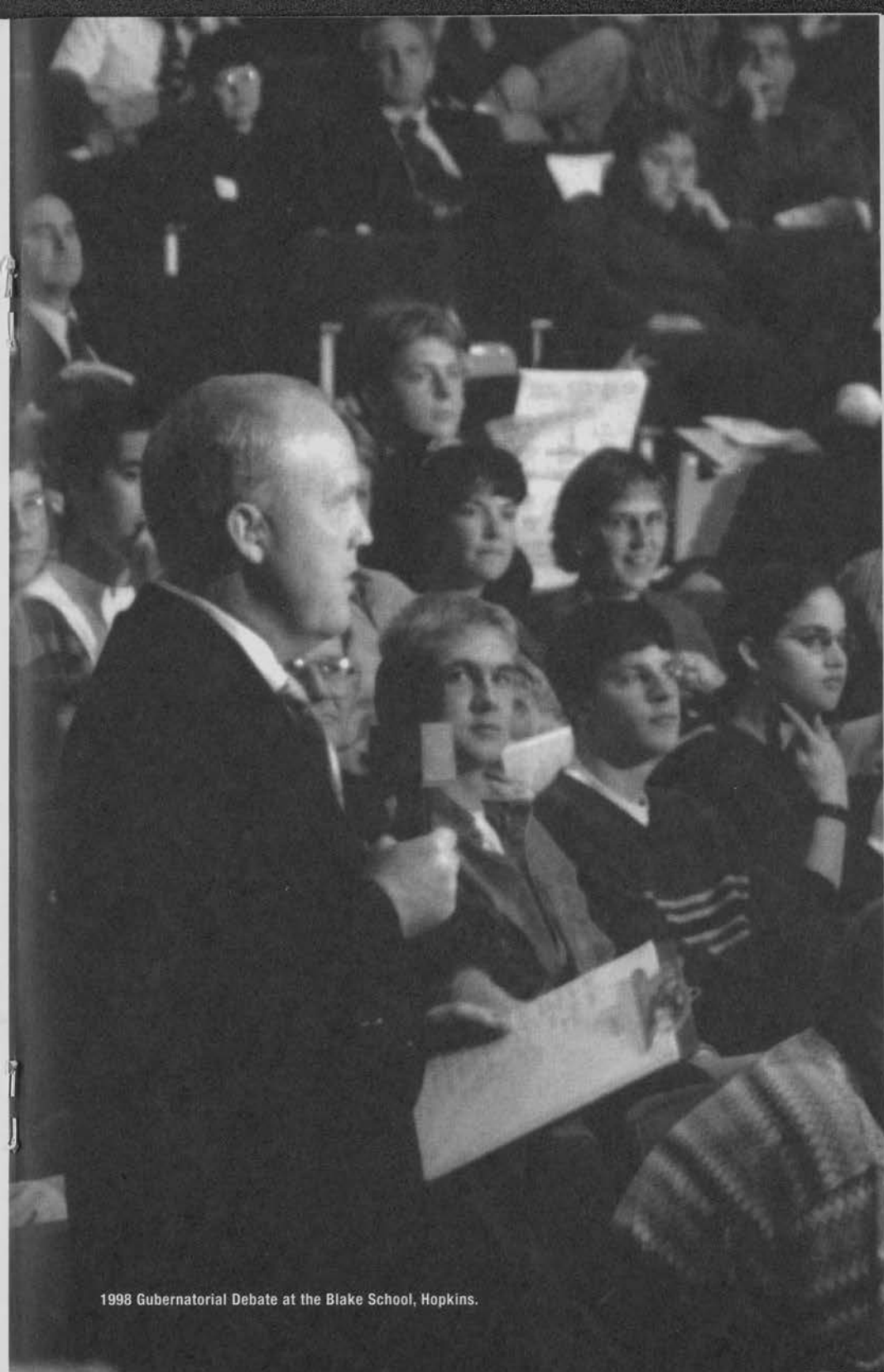


On May 1, 1998, the Study Committee presented a LWVMN Law Day Forum entitled "Judicial Elections: Can We Make Them Work?" Held at the University of St. Thomas, the forum featured Chief Justice A.M. (Sandy) Keith and a panel of four additional speakers, chosen for their

knowledge of, and widely varying perspectives on, the issues involved.

Justice Keith offered an overview of Minnesota's system of judicial appointments and elections, and a brief summary of alternatives. Sponsors of the event were the LWVMN Education Fund, the Minnesota State Bar Association, Minnesota Women Lawyers, and the University of St. Thomas Political Science Department.

Choosing Minnesota's Judges: An Examination of the Present System and Alternative Proposals was published by the Education Fund in August 1998 and is now available. Our thanks to Helen Palmer and Janet Gendler for chairing this project. ☐



1998 Gubernatorial Debate at the Blake School, Hopkins.

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for the year ended March 31, 1999
With Comparative totals for March 31, 1998
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	OPERATING NET ASSETS	BUILDING	EQUIPMENT	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	1999 TOTAL	1998 TOTAL
Support and Revenue							
Contributions	\$ 139,912	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 136,271	\$ 276,183	\$ 200,561
Contributions, services from LWV	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,803
Donated services	28,066	—	—	—	—	28,066	29,981
Program related income	126,008	—	—	—	—	126,008	38,382
Investment income, interest	8,683	1,027	—	—	—	9,710	6,984
	\$ 302,669	\$ 1,027	—	—	\$ 136,271	\$ 439,967	\$ 293,711
Expenses							
Program services	\$ 334,159	—	\$ 3,972	—	—	\$ 338,131	\$ 212,903
Supporting services							
General, administration and development	56,130	18,511	—	—	—	74,641	49,037
Partnership loss, net (building operations)	—	10,217	—	—	—	10,217	7,370
	390,289	28,728	3,972	—	—	422,989	269,310
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(87,620)	(27,701)	(3,972)	—	136,271	16,978	24,401
Transfer from temporarily restricted net assets	158,442	—	—	—	(158,442)	—	—
	109,489	101,078	6,575	33,756	64,947	315,845	291,444
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 180,311	\$ 73,377	\$ 2,603	\$ 33,756	\$ 42,776	\$ 332,823	\$ 315,845
Net assets, end of year							

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It is especially satisfying to review the work of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund for the 1998-99 year. The Education Fund reached hundreds of thousands of Minnesota citizens with information about federal, state and local elections in 1998, citizenship curricula for elementary and secondary students, a study of the selection of judges in Minnesota and "the Minnesota Compact," designed to raise the quality and coverage of political campaigns.

The League could not have accomplished any of this without the financial support and cooperation of individuals, corporations, foundations, broadcast and print media, government and non-profit organizations. The work of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund is carried out by hundreds of volunteers at the state level and in forty-five local Leagues who contribute time, expertise and talent to *Making Democracy Work* on a daily basis. Our profound thanks to you all.

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Dear Ms. Roby:

Thank you, again, for meeting with us on August 26 to discuss the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund's (LWVMNEF) technology goals. In this new information age, we appreciate your interest by assisting the Education Fund in reaching out further to citizens through the Internet. On behalf of the LWVMNEF Board of Directors, I also want to thank the Norwest Foundation for its support through the years.

As we face the 21st century, we realize that we must embrace technology to encourage all citizens, especially young people, to become engaged in civic life and to practice our most basic privilege, that of voting. Citizens' voices form the foundation and strength of our democracy.

Many Americans have never before been active in their communities, never served on any sort of a citizens committee, are not accustomed to speaking on their own or on behalf of others and know little about dealing with governmental authorities or their elected representatives. The Education Fund Website will help bring all citizens into community dialogue and action.

In order to meet the needs of citizens, we want to enhance the LWVMNEF Website so that it is both educational and enjoyable. The Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota and LWVMNEF share the value of the importance for accessible, accurate and complete information about our democracy.

Therefore, we are requesting the support of the Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota by a grant of \$15,000 as seed money to enable LWVMNEF to take the first critical steps to ensuring our continued leadership online as well as offline. When the Education Fund is prepared to take the next step after a completed Website audit, the Education Fund may approach the Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota again and another potential supporter who would be able to sponsor the new Website.

This grant would cover the immediate needs of:

- Purchasing software to assist voters in the 2000 election
- Securing access and licensing for multiple League staff members to be online simultaneously
- Hiring consultants to audit our current Website, write a recommendation, plan for the strategic use of technology and start implementation of that plan.

To summarize our conversation, LWVMNEF is currently first on voters' minds for candidate biographies, candidates' positions on issues, major public policy issues, elections and voting procedures. To maintain this position, we need to be *the resource* both online and offline. Although we cannot speculate on the results of the audit, we have plans for enhancing the Website, purchasing services and hiring staff. Our long-term online goal is to enhance our technology and Website in the following six different ways:

Visual Enhancement

Today's Internet savvy generation demands an outstanding Website for its information needs. In order to be attractive and readable, our Website requires content-related graphics that will appeal to visitors at the site once they enter. Enhancements may include photographs, links to other pages and sites, solid graphics and logo treatment, among other changes or updates.

Architecture

The current Website has the basic architecture and technical foundation, thanks to a very dedicated League volunteer. Through an audit or project plan, the Education Fund will determine if the architecture should be rebuilt, altered or upgraded.

Content

One goal of enhancing the League Website is to make it more user friendly. As an organization whose principal product is information, we are faced with the challenge of providing information to the public concisely and accurately. We walk the fine line of not wanting to frustrate Web users by burdening them with too much information, and yet we want to entice them about public policy and encourage them to make an informed decision on election day. With the general feelings of apathy among our voting and non-voting citizens, the need for clear, understandable information on issues and candidates has never been more urgent. All Education Fund programs are listed on the Web, so users can learn more about particular issues or current affairs.

Voter Guides are available statewide in print and online before the Primary and General Elections. This election, *Voter Guides* include information on candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and judicial positions. *Voter Guides* include photos, biographies and answers to specific issue-related questions. As the Education Fund enhances its Website, the online *Voter Guides* will be more complete, and at the same time, more compact for downloading if users wish to do so.

Democracy Net (DNet) is an interactive program on the Web that provides citizens with information about voter registration; candidates and their positions on issues; the latest events in the election and videos of the current presidential candidates. DNet is a project in conjunction with the League of Women Voters of the United States Education Fund and is in use for the first time with the 2000 election season. This fall, it is a work in progress. Our ultimate goal is to tailor DNet into an electronic town hall forum that is specific to Minnesota voters.

Secure Line

The Education Fund produces a number of publications, products, videos, curricula and other tools and resources on major public policy issues that are available to the public for purchase or rent. Recent publications have focused on Minnesota's immigration and diversity, campaign finance, and the judicial selection and election process. *How to Make a Difference: A Citizen's Guide to State Government* explains how government works and how to contact elected officials. Our experiential citizenship curricula in English and Spanish for K-12 addresses responsibility and democratic participation and includes traditional teaching methods plus new technologies.

All of these products, and more, should be easily available for purchase online. Through a secure line, the League will be able to raise funds and receive memberships through credit card transactions over the Web. E-fundraising and E-commerce are the wave of the future, and the League cannot be left behind and continue to be effective.

Tracking

To achieve the best communication value out of the newly redesigned Website, the League would have to install a tracking device, such as Net Tracker, to inform the League on the number of daily hits and the most visited pages. Such monitoring would help the League identify and maintain key audiences. For example, the League could track whether visitors use DemocracyNet (DNet) the most, or the information on Education Fund programs to research public policy issues, or press releases on current projects and initiatives.

Staff

In the long-term, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) plans to hire a part- or full-time staff member to maintain the Website. One consideration is built-in administrative tools that would allow the League to hire a staff person with basic skills for most of the maintenance to be done in a word processing program. Otherwise, the League would need to hire someone with HTML skills. We wanted to share this information with you now, but the hiring of a staff person would not take place until the audit has been made and the redesign is well underway, if not completed.

About the League of Women Voters

The League is the premier organization that is fundamentally concerned with the health of our democracy. Our mission is focused on strengthening democracy by engaging, informing and encouraging active citizen participation. Our budget for FY 2000-2001 is \$460,120. The contributions of Minnesota businesses and charitable foundations make the work of the League possible. Our budget is kept low because of the generous support of expertise and time from our volunteer members. A working state Board of 15 Directors each donates up to 40 hours per week to League projects.

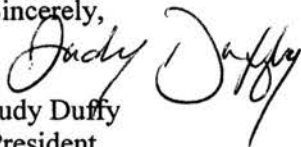
We conserve our resources and increase the impact of our programs by collaborating with other organizations or agencies, such as Common Cause, the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Citizens League, and Minnesota Women's Consortium. During the recent *Changing Faces Changing Communities* dialogues on immigration, held this spring in 17 Minnesota communities with 1,000 participants from diverse perspectives and backgrounds, a number of agencies and organizations already working with immigration initiatives were represented on the statewide steering committee. Through cooperative effort with the *Pioneer Press* in a seven-week series and a poll of immigrants in the metro area, the League and the *Pioneer Press* brought immigration to the top of the public agenda.

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Thank you so much for considering our grant request. If there is any more information you need, don't hesitate to call Andrea Lex, our Development and Communications Director, at 651-224-5445. A partnership with the Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota would be an ideal way for the League to build an informed and active citizenry and strengthen local communal life for all through the Web.

Sincerely,

Judy Duffy
President



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund

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Web Enhancement

Budget

October 2000

Redesign Audit from Website Consultants	\$5,000
Labor and software for loading new software, purchase of Office 2000, Internet/DSL Installation	5,000
Net Tracker for 1 year @ \$50 per month	600
Secure Line Certification for 1 to 2 years	500
LWVMN Staff Time	3,900
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>

Meetings to hold with Judy Duffy, Robyn Tjernlund & Andrea Lex

With Funders to increase Voter Service/General Operating

1. Andersen Foundation – Mary Gillstrom – increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in July
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7. Minnesota Mutual Life – increase from \$1,000 to \$3,000 in May
8. St. Croix Foundation – increase from \$5,000 to \$7,500 or \$10,000 in August
9. Piper Jaffray – obtain first grant support of \$1,000 in May
10. Star Tribune Foundation – with LWV of Mpls. – increase from \$2,500 to LWVMN to \$5,000 for two Leagues in May
11. West Group – increase from \$5,000 to \$7,500 or \$10,000 (will we need them to print the 2001 version of How to Make a Difference as an in-kind contribution this December?) in June–

Cargill 6/6 - \$10,000



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August 21, 2000

Christine Jones
Community Affairs Department
The Medtronic Foundation
7000 Central Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55432

Dear Christine:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund Board of Directors, I want to thank you and The Medtronic Foundation for supporting our Voter Education projects, including the 2000 Debates.

As I mentioned today on the phone, in recognition of your support, we wanted to give The Medtronic Foundation the opportunity to produce and air a Public Service Announcement (PSA) during the three debates we have planned for later this fall. As soon as we know the dates of these debates, we will let you know. Otherwise, I think that if you decide to produce a 30-second PSA, a good target deadline would be the week of October 23.

Enclosed are the three PSAs produced by American Express Financial Advisors, the Dayton Hudson Foundation and the Blandin Foundation for our 1998 gubernatorial debates. Please send them back to me when you are finished reviewing them. Also enclosed is information about our national "Take a Friend to Vote" campaign.

Please call me at 651-224-5445, or email me at lwvmn1@mtn.org if you have any questions. Again, thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,


Andrea Lex
Development & Communications Director

cc David Etzwiler

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Sandra K. Fleitman
Foundation Coordinator
Star Tribune Foundation
425 Portland Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55488

Dear Ms. Fleitman:

The Star Tribune Foundation has been very supportive of both the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) and the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis Education Fund (LWVMplsEF) in different ways. First and foremost, we want to thank you and the Foundation for your past support. Now, we look forward to establishing a relationship with the Star Tribune Foundation that would allow us to approach you together to help accomplish the goals of both of our Leagues.

LWVMNEF and LWVMplsEF's missions are the same, "to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government." We implement our services at different levels, with united goals. The League, on each of its levels, is the premier organization that is fundamentally concerned with the health of our democracy. By lending support, the Star Tribune Foundation will help bolster American democracy. Free and open access to information is as important today as it ever was. No matter how many years go by, the value of knowledge will never diminish.

LWVMNEF and LWVMplsEF serve all citizens and all communities down to the grass-roots level in Minneapolis neighborhoods. Through monitoring, public meetings and publications, the League of Women Voters initiates discussions of public policy issues that serve to begin the process of change within communities.

Our budgets for FY 2000-2001 for LWVMN/LWVMNEF and LWVMpls are \$546,425 and \$296,700 respectively. We are writing to request a continuation of your assistance by a grant of \$10,000 to be divided equally between LWVMNEF and LWVMpls for general operating support that will assist with voter education.

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Successor to the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League of Women Voters was founded at the time of passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. LWVMNEF and LWVMplsEF, 501(c)(3) organizations, founded in 1983 and 1994 respectively, are dedicated to promoting the involvement of citizens in government and to increasing public understanding of major public policy issues. The Education Fund does not lobby or influence legislation; does not support or oppose political candidates or parties; and is nonpartisan.

We thank you again for the continued support of the Star Tribune Foundation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call either Andrea Lex, LWVMNEF Development and Communications Director, at 651-224-5445, or LWVMpls Executive Director Jennifer Schaefer at 612-333-6319.

Sincerely,



Judy Duffy
President
LWV Minnesota Education Fund



Karlynn Fronek
Co-President
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August 10, 2000

Carol Miller
Human Resources
Department 56
One Village Place
6436 City West Parkway
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Dear Ms. Miller:

The support from Department 56 for the nonpartisan citizen education programs of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) was a most appreciated surprise this past January. On behalf of the LWVMNEF Board of Directors, I want to thank you and Department 56 for your generous gift.

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According to our local League sharing policy, unless you direct otherwise, 10% of a corporate contribution of \$500 or more will be shared with the League of Women Voters of your community, Eden Prairie. We thank you again for the continued support of Department 56. If you have any questions, please call Andrea Lex, our Development and Communications Director, at 651-224-5445. She appreciated the advice you gave her today regarding this grant request.

Sincerely,


Judy Duffy
President



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July 24, 2000

William J. Nelson
President
Cenex Harvest States Foundation
5500 Cenex Drive
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you very much for speaking to the members of our Agriculture Study Committee on Thursday, July 20. It was a pleasure meeting you and also a pleasure hearing you.

Your stories and anecdotes about agriculture, cooperatives and your career were most interesting. I think that your perspective was a nice closure for the committee members since they are dealing with so many issues in the complex world of agriculture.

We look forward to hearing from you on the status of our grant request for *Agricultural Policies & Their Impact on the Long-term Viability of Agriculture & Rural Communities*. Any amount of financial support from the Cenex Harvest States Foundation would be greatly appreciated, but as you know, this project has been very challenging to fund. You have already added a great deal to the project with your insights in cooperatives.

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to call me at 651-224-5445. I look forward to receiving the copies of your overhead transparencies as well as your suggested bibliography. Again, thank you so much for your consideration of our project.

Sincerely,


Andrea Lex
Development & Communications Director

*Judy
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-Andrea*

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Fiscal Year 2000-2001
Corporate/Foundation Contributions for April 1, 2000 to Present

American Express Financial Advisors	Debates 2000	\$20,000 R
Andersen Foundation	Voter Education/General	\$8 - 10,000 P
Athwin Foundation	Voter Education/General	\$3,000 P
Blandin Foundation	Debates 2000	\$20,000 R
Cargill	Voter Education/General	\$10,000 P
CBS Foundation	Election Hotline	\$30,000 R
Cenex Harvest States	Agriculture Project	\$5,000 P
Crash & Sue's	<i>Road to Election Day</i> Video	In-kind R
Dayton Hudson Foundation (Now Target)*	Debates 2000	\$20,000 R
Elmer L. & Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation	Voter Education	\$2,000 R
G & K Services	Voter Education/General	\$200 R
Hartfiel Company	Voter Education/General	\$200 R
Ingber Aronson Immigration Law Firm	Immigration Project	\$3,000 R
Initiative Fund of Southeast & South Central MN	Immigration Project	\$4,375 R
Land O'Lakes Foundation	Voter Education/General	\$1,000 R
League of Women Voters of the U.S.	Health Initiative	\$2,083 R
Malt-O-Meal	Voter Education/General	\$1,500 P
Martin Foundation	Minnesota Compact	\$10,000 R
Martin Foundation	Local Candidate Forums	\$12,000 R
Medtronic Foundation	Voter Education	\$15,000 R
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians	Agriculture Study	\$1,500 R
Minneapolis Foundation	Immigration Project	\$5,000 R
Minnesota AFL-CIO	Voter Education/General	\$1,000 P
Minnesota Business Partnership	Voter Education/General	\$5 - 10,000 P
Minnesota Mutual Insurance**	Voter Education/General	\$1,000 R
MSI Insurance	Agriculture Study	\$10,000 P
Musicland Group	Voter Education/General	\$1,000 P
Northern States Power	Voter Education	\$5,000 P
ReliaStar Financial Corporation	Immigration Project	In-kind R
Remmele Engineering	Voter Education/General	\$500 P
State Farm Insurance	Voter Education/General	\$5,000 P
West Group	Voter Education/General	\$8 - 10,000 P
<i>Total Received as July 13, 2000***</i>		<i>\$127,358</i>

*Received during the last fiscal year of 1999-2000.

** Pledged, to be received in October 2000.

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Key:

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July 13, 2000

Duane Benson
Executive Director
Minnesota Business Partnership
4050 IDS Center
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dear Mr. Benson:

We are sorry that you were unable to attend the meeting we had yesterday here at the Minnesota Women's Building with Geoff Bartsh, Eydie Kargas, our Marketing Coordinator, Andrea Lex, our Development and Communications Director, and I. We greatly appreciate Mr. Bartsh's time, the past support of the Minnesota Business Partnership and Mr. Bartsh's pledge of your continued support. Ms. Kargas will be in contact with Mr. Bartsh regarding our primary and general election *Voter Guides*.

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Our budget for FY 2000 - 2001 is \$546,425. We are writing to request a continuation of your assistance by a grant of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for general operating support. We are requesting up to \$10,000 because, as we mentioned to Mr. Bartsh, our expenses for this election cycle have increased significantly since the 1998 election. We have a number of new, unique services for voters this year that will make the League an even better resource for voters before the primary and general elections this fall.

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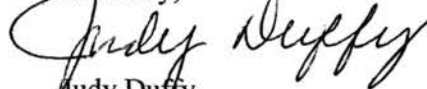
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Sincerely,



Judy Duffy
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Bruce W. Bean
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Athwin Foundation
5200 Willson Road, Suite 307
Minneapolis, MN 55424

Dear Mr. Bean:

The Athwin Foundation has been a valued friend of the nonpartisan citizen education programs and activities of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) in the past. On behalf of the LWVMNEF Board of Directors, I want to thank the Athwin Foundation for its past support. I also want to thank your Administrator, Ms. Barbara Karkie, for her assistance and advice to Andrea Lex, our Development and Communications Director. She gave Andrea a nice history of your foundation and your civic-minded parents, who were so generous to many Minnesota organizations over the years.

The League is the premier organization that is fundamentally concerned with the health of our democracy. Our work is focused on strengthening democracy by engaging, informing and encouraging active citizen participation. By lending support, the Athwin Foundation will help bolster American democracy. Free and open access to information is as important today as it ever was. No matter how many years go by, the value of knowledge will never diminish.

Our budget for FY 2000 - 2001 is \$546,425. We are writing to request a continuation of your assistance by a grant of \$3,000 for general operating support. Although some of our bigger voter education projects will be completed by the time of the general election on November 7, 2000, the Education Fund carries our voter education throughout the year, and during non-election years as well as election years.

Debates 2000

Preparations are underway for the fall presidential and congressional elections. Among candidates for the U.S. Senate, the League of Women Voters will hold a pre-primary debate at the Minnesota State Fair, and at least three general election debates. All major parties will be invited to participate, according to the League's criteria. At least one of those General Election debates will be held in Greater Minnesota. The debates are planned for various regions of the state, as was the case in 1998.

Local Candidate Forums & Election Hotline

The state League will also provide assistance to local Leagues with the congressional and legislative debates. As in the 1998 election, LWVMNEF will provide citizens throughout the state with precinct locations, registration process information, as well as lists of candidates through the assistance of an "Election Hotline" 800 number.

Voter Guides

The *Voter Guide* will include information about candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and judicial positions. All filed candidates will be invited to participate. Voter education will be communicated through the *Voter Guide*, Election 2000 Education Fund programs, other publications and our web site. During election years, over 800,000 Minnesotans are reached by our debates and *Voter Guides*.

Road to Election Day Video

The Education Fund has started distributing the *Road to Election Day* video, along with the accompanying manual, produced by KSTP-TV, so that Minnesota citizens have one more resource to help them become involved in the election cycle from the time of the caucuses up to the general election. By becoming active in the election process earlier, more citizens will feel as if they have a stake in the democratic process. This video was originally produced for the 1996 presidential election.

Democracy Net

Democracy Net (DNet) is an interactive Web program that will provide citizens with information about voter registration; candidates and their positions on issues; the latest events in the election and videos of the current presidential candidates. This is a very promising project and is in the process of being developed for the 2000 election. At this point, it is a work in progress. Our ultimate goal is to expand our online voter service projects (including DNet, the *Voter Guide* and other services) for upcoming elections.

The Education Fund serves all citizens in Minnesota. Through monitoring, public meetings and publications, the League of Women Voters initiates discussions of public policy issues that serve to begin the process of change within communities. Thousands of Minnesotans have been reached through Education Fund projects examining state spending policies, monitoring availability of affordable housing, maximizing the opportunities of immigration in Minnesota, providing leadership training to young women and girls and addressing American Indian concerns. Our secondary and elementary school curriculum on the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship are available for all Minnesota schools.

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Sarah J. Andersen
Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
P.O. Box 204
Bayport, MN 55003

Dear Ms. Andersen:

Thank you very much for speaking with Andrea Lex, our Development and Communications Director, last week. She appreciated your advice.

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Many persons participating in Education Fund projects have never before been active in their communities, never served on any sort of a citizens committee, are not accustomed to speaking on their own or on behalf of others and know little about dealing with governmental authorities or their elected representatives. For these individuals, the Election Information Hotline, the debates, or Democracy Net (DNet) - the interactive Web program that provides citizens with information on voting and the candidates, can make all the difference.

The Education Fund's voter education is the link for citizens between thinking about becoming involved, planning to vote, then actually taking those actions. As an educational and informational organization, the League's projects voter education projects serve all citizens and communities of Minnesota. Simply by becoming more informed, voters gain a sense of civic commitment that leads not only toward participation in the electoral process, but taking leadership within one's own community.

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7/12/00 - Mn Bus. Partnerships
1998 - GOTV effort
- began w/ own V.G.
Coordinator w/ assns
Meet on Aug. 23

Sally:
Jennifer Shaffer
mktd election
services(?)

Adly → Mn Bus. Partnerships ^{election info} - link to our website

Blanding Fdn - PSA

biam@blandingfoundation.org

Broadcasters Meeting

Tues July 11 at 10:00 AM LWV Mn

Message to each station

I've talked w/ everyone - working w/ Mr. Compant
& Roadblock - like to do that - otherwise still
work w/ you individually.

1 week before meeting -

send confirming letter w/ directions, etc.

Roadblock - 2

1) Austin

(beg of Oct
end of Sept)

Sept 30 or
Oct. 7

2) St Paul - Hamline (?)

Sat.

Oct. 28(?)

WCCO -

Andersen Related Philanthropy



Over the years, five foundations have been established to manage the charitable giving of Andersen family members and the Corporation. Each has a unique mission.

This brochure gives a brief summary of each foundation and its areas of giving and interest. In order to treat all requests fairly, the foundations ask that you request their guidelines and/or annual report and submit the requested information. All requests should be submitted individually to the appropriate foundation. Funding decisions are made separately based on the giving interests of the organization and the merit of each proposal. Please feel free to call the organizations, included in this brochure, with questions or to request guidelines.

Andersen Corporation has been a strong supporter of the community, from its founding as a small lumber yard in 1903, to its rise as the worldwide market leader in the wood window and patio door industry.

Today, over 3,700 employees work for the company, which is headquartered in Bayport, Minnesota. Andersen has a long history of corporate philanthropy in the communities where its employees live and work. In addition, Andersen Corporation has strong ties to supporting shelter-related activities, most notably its Habitat for Humanity program. Contact Andersen Corporation at (651) 430-5892 for more information.

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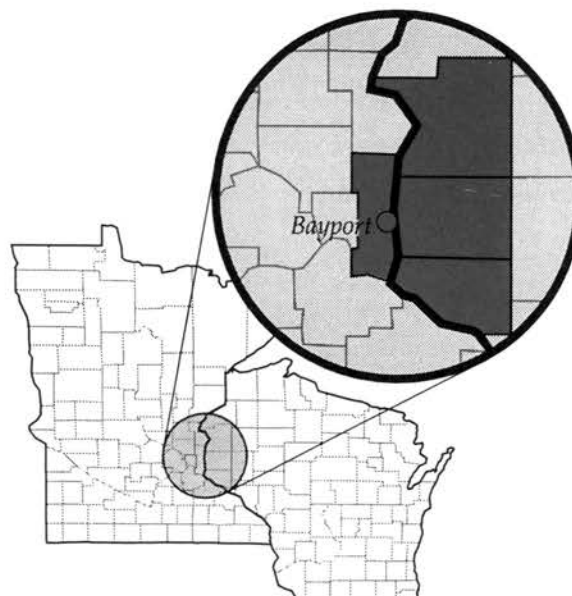
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The Andersen Foundation primarily focuses on higher education organizations that do not receive federal funding. The foundation also has an interest in nonprofits that provide youth, elderly and health services in St. Croix, Pierce and Polk counties of Wisconsin and Washington County of Minnesota, as well as funds for capital projects. Contact Mary Gillstrom at (651) 430-7355 for more information.

The Bayport Foundation receives annual contributions from the Andersen Corporation. Funding is allocated to nonprofit organizations that provide community, social and support services primarily to areas where Andersen employees live. These services vary from providing funds for specific youth projects such as Camp St. Croix, the YMCA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, to providing funds for schools and communities to update their playground equipment. The foundation's community service donations include support to purchase emergency equipment, capital support for community libraries, and support for local theater and arts programs. Social services include funding for the general operating support of local human service organizations. For more information, contact The Bayport Foundation, c/o Scenic River, PO Box 204, Bayport, MN 55003, or call (651) 439-1557.

The HRK Foundation, formerly the MAHADH Foundation, serves as the umbrella organization for several family funds, the lead being the MAHADH Fund. It is dedicated to promoting and perpetuating through philanthropy the stewardship that has, for so many years, been part of the Andersen family heritage. The foundation provides support primarily in three geographic areas: (1) the Twin Cities' east metro area of St. Paul and environs, (2) the St. Croix River Valley, and (3) northwestern Wisconsin. Historically the foundation has funded grants in housing, health and human services, education and the arts; currently it focuses its interest on AIDS and children's health issues. Contact HRK Group, Inc., the foundation's service provider, at (651) 293-9001, for more information.



The Hugh J. Andersen Foundation predominately funds nonprofits in Washington County of Minnesota and St. Croix, Polk and Pierce counties of Wisconsin. Its mission is to give back to the community through focused efforts that foster inclusiveness, promote equality and lead to increased independence, self-sufficiency and dignity. The Hugh J. Andersen Foundation has particular interest in programs that provide: youth services, especially those that provide personal development activities; health-related services; and educational and enrichment opportunities. Contact Hugh J. Andersen Foundation, c/o Scenic River, PO Box 204, Bayport MN 55003, or call (651) 439-1557.

The Katherine B. Andersen Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation continues support projects Mrs. Andersen funded during her lifetime, including funding for youth and elderly programs. For more information contact John Westrom (612) 881-0112 or Paul Verret at The Saint Paul Foundation (651) 224-5463 and at the following e-mail address, pav@tspf.org.

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100 N. 4th St. Bayport

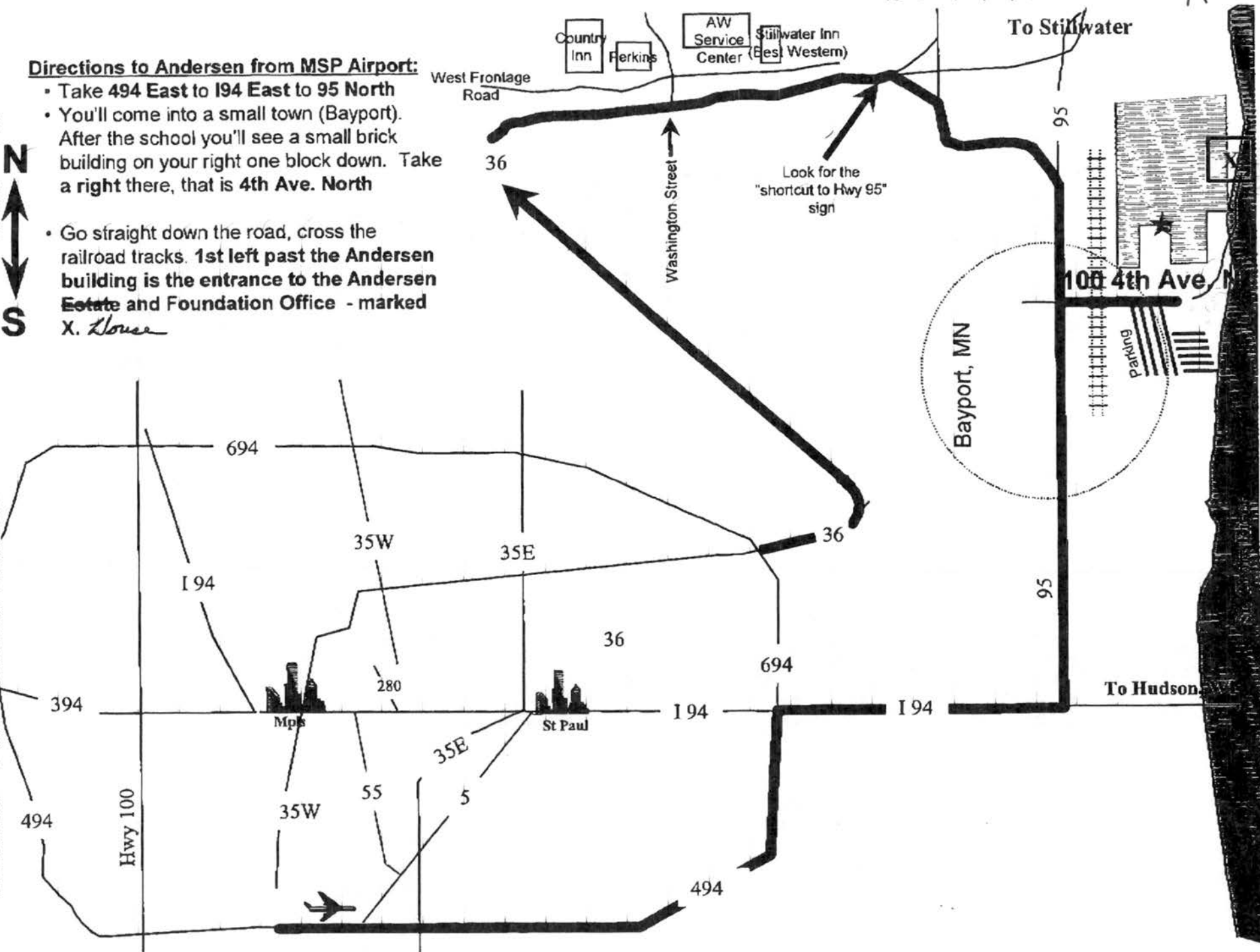
Directions to Andersen from MSP Airport:

- Take **494 East to 194 East to 95 North**
- You'll come into a small town (Bayport). After the school you'll see a small brick building on your right one block down. Take a right there, that is **4th Ave. North**
- Go straight down the road, cross the railroad tracks. **1st left past the Andersen building is the entrance to the Andersen Estate and Foundation Office - marked X. House**

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6/12/10 Andersen Foundation
1997 - 4,000 copies
1998 - 5,000 copies.

Sept 1999 - 5,000 "
Began giving 1989

Jerry Stolz -
Mary Silstrom -

Paul Hinduska

\$211,575 V.S.
\$453,000 Total Budget
\$50,000 unrestricted
\$17,000 VS-elect Services

Ed/information org -

- inc info + emp capabilities to reach
new audiences

Setup meeting w/ Nate, Laysha -

4/12/00 Laysha Ward - Target Foundation

1991 - Marshall Fields - Chgo - I.U. Journalism
Comm programs

1993 - Giving Team at M.F. in Chgo 2-73 persons

1998 - " programs w/ D.H. "Project Imagine"

w/ right people around the table
focused on arts + culture - social services
- Committed betw Chgo - Mpls.

1999 - Came to Tm - Foundation needs to be tied to
business side - 90% - \$80 million

added staff to fdrtn - a complete re-org:

→ Heather Faulkner - ^{was} grant making for
dept stores + is now at fdrtn

→ Melinde Sutt - fdrtn → ops division → fdrtn

Guidelines: focused in
Twin Cities

Arts: making programs accessible → then operating
divisions

Soc. Service: job readiness programs +
immediate needs - food, clothing, shelter - need
is on a continuum

Shift in guidelines focus

Build relationships w/ board members + Volunteers
But maybe through ops divisions - or
gov. ops.

★ Need a Collaborative mtg w/ Nate Harris +
Jim Hale + Laysha Ward to determine
where we fit