Dear Supporters and Friends -

We’ve had a wonderful year celebrating our 40th Anniversary with you!

For forty years, your support has made it possible for the Jeannette Rankin Women’s Scholarship Fund (JRF) to provide support to over 1,300 women and their families. Our Scholars depend on us to give them a hand up as they finish their education and lift families out of poverty.

Our long term Strategic Plan consists of Three Pillars:

CREATE A SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATION
We invested in infrastructure including replacing our 2003 computer server, additional hardware and software. We invested in our human capital by providing health insurance, flexible spending accounts and life insurance for our employees.

GROW THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Our long term goal has been to provide more scholarships while maintaining sustainability. In 2016, we distributed double the number of scholarships we provided in 2015. A generous grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation helped make that a reality. Additionally, a bequest from Alexandra Kilpatrick via her cousin Donna Zenor provides long term support for Scholars from Arizona and Montana. We also changed our fiscal year to align with our scholarship cycle. In doing this, we are now able to use real financial information to make a prudent decision on the number of scholarships to award and we now have the flexibility to award more scholarships if our fundraising endeavors allow.

DEVELOP A NATIONAL PRESENCE AND IDENTITY
Jeannette Rankin was elected in November of 1916 and took her place on the Hill in the spring of 1917. We used this year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of those milestones. Maureen Byrnes, JRF Board Member, and Karen Sterk, Executive Director, attended a reception hosted by Nancy Pelosi on March 8th to celebrate International Women’s Day. A highlight of that event was meeting Nora Holenhoe, Jeannette Rankin’s Grand Niece. This year, we launched a pilot project with Bay Path University, a women’s college in Massachusetts that specializes in working with the nontraditional student.

Our continuing goal is to provide more and more women and their families with the vital support they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Thank you for all you do to help make our mission possible.

Yours for Women and Education,

Karen Sterk Courtney Davis
Executive Director Board Chair
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**EARNINGS INCREASE BASED ON EDUCATION (FOR WOMEN)**

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MISSION:
Jeannette Rankin Women’s Scholarship Fund (JRF) provides scholarships and support for low-income women thirty-five and older across the U.S. to build better lives through post-secondary education.

FINANCIAL DATA

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GROWTH:
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNT

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REVENUES
- 15% Investments
- 26% Grants
- 39% Contributions
- 20% Events
- 10% Fundraising

EXPENSES
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GROWTH:
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GROWTH:
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

$0
$20,000
$40,000
$60,000
$80,000
$100,000
$120,000
$140,000
$160,000
$180,000
$200,000

NATIONAL IMPACT:
In the past 41 years, there have been 873 JRF scholars in 49 states.
SAM R., MT NURSING

Sam recently received her Associate's Degree and is currently pursuing her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. She says, "Like Jeannette Rankin, I hope to be a force for social impact and be progressive in bettering the lives of others by applying my education.

When I decided to return to school, I found that maintaining a household and caring for a 3 and 6 year old while earning high grades was challenging enough, but added to my responsibilities was finding ways to adjust from full-time to part-time pay while taking on education expenses. As a single mother and full time student, balancing finances and schooling has been my biggest challenge. These last four years have stretched my resources to the limits at times, particularly this past year, when I was accepted into the Montana State University Nursing program, with its higher tuition rates. Being awarded the 2016 Jeannette Rankin scholarship tremendously lightened the burden of keeping things afloat while working towards my Bachelor's Degree. I was able to focus more on my studies, and less on my finances, devote more time to school work, and a little less time to secular work. This will have an enormous impact on the quality of nursing that I will be able to provide throughout the entire course of my career.

While this award will help me be a better nurse in the future, more important to me personally is the better mother it has made me in the present. I am providing my children a good example of what can be achieved when you set your mind to it. In striving for a better tomorrow, I am creating a better today by shaping the attitudes that my children will carry throughout their lives. On my daughter's first day of Kindergarten, when asked what she was most excited about she quickly answered that now she would finally have homework too! My son, now in the 5th grade, told me that he felt he was a good student in school because he wants to do his best and be just like me. Seeing my own children's excitement for learning has been an enormous source of strength to carry through on a difficult path. Your gift is allowing me to stay in school, and the direction this will take me not only impacts my future, but the trajectory of my children's lives as well."

SUSAN F.B., MO NURSING

Twenty four years ago, Susan put her education on hold to raise her family. She began to study childbirth practices, lactation, nutrition, and holistic health care. Susan was inspired to train as a doula, attend births, and teach childbirth classes by her own birth experiences as a mother of seven children, and her deep rooted empathy for others' pain. After years of struggling financially, Susan decided to return to college when her youngest child entered Kindergarten. She used her passion for childbirth and desire to ease the pain of those around her to decide to pursue midwifery, and eventually decided to pursue a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing.

Except for College Algebra, Susan has been a straight A non-traditional student. Susan says "working hard to keep my grades up made it a challenge to work. Being awarded the JRF Scholarship has helped me focus on my studies and attend a CPR certification course."

Susan tells us "I fell asleep on the couch while reading material for my Ethics class. I was woken up several hours later by my 18 year old son kissing me on the cheek and telling me he was proud of me. I have faith that my education will increase our chances of becoming financially stable, and this experience with my son reassured me that my education will positively impact my children as they make decisions about their futures."

This May, Susan celebrated completing her Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing, thanks to her scholarship through JRF. Now, she will get to spend more time with her children while fulfilling her lifelong dream of enrolling in a Nurse-Midwifery program. She hopes to continue serving low-income women and pay forward the generosity she has received from JRF.

"I'm so grateful for JRF and hope to give back as much as possible. This is a wonderful organization and in addition to gratitude I'm honored to be an alumna! I start my nursing career in a month! I'm overjoyed and excited about the impact and example for my family seeing mom succeed through school and become a professional, Registered Nurse."

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Tamika T., TX
ACCOUNTING

Tamika is a current JRF Scholar, a single mother of four children, has been a practicing accountant for 16 years, and is a student pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting. She makes time for everything she plans to accomplish with incredible time-management skills and by taking the perspective that you have to make lemonade out of the lemons life gives you. Tamika learned these incredible skills through her service in the military.

Tamika first enrolled in college immediately after high school. But, when she returned home for winter break, she came back with an extra package, her son. Teenage motherhood presents its own set of challenges in the midst of transitioning into adulthood forcing Tamika and her oldest son to share a great deal of the growing pains together.

“He’s seen the eviction notices and he remembers living in the projects,” Tamika says of her eldest son.

During those times, Tamika focused on providing for her son so her educational aspirations took a backseat. A few times, she would enroll in classes while working, find herself discouraged, and stop. Years later, she’s in a much better situation to keep going, but she admits she’s still a student pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting.

It’s difficult some days…
But, I refuse to let anything stop me.

Marcie A., GA
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Marcie is officially a JRF Alum as she recently graduated from Georgia Tech with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Getting her college degree has always been a goal of Marcie’s, but the prohibitive cost stopped her from making her dreams a reality until this spring.

“When my son graduated from high school, he began attending classes at a small community college. I tutored him as well as other students. One day, my son looked at me and said, “Mom, you are so smart, you should go back and get your degree.” I shrugged this off, knowing my age and finances could not possibly support such an endeavor. However, something kept gnawing at me to at least investigate this possibility. I did, received a Pell Grant, and began at the same community college my son attended. I thought he might be embarrassed having me there, but he wasn’t in the least. Sometimes if our class schedules were the same he would carry my books for me!

While at my son’s junior college, Georgia Highlands, I was honored to receive the Calculus III math award. This is an achievement I am very proud of!

When I received my acceptance letter to transfer to the Georgia Institute of Technology I was in awe! Georgia Tech sets the bar extremely high and I could not believe that a 42 year old mother of two college students would have the opportunity to finally finish her degree!”

Her dedication to her studies earned her a Bachelor’s of Science in Business Administration from Georgia Tech.

Marcie is the first in her family to get her degree, and when asked what she is most excited about in finishing school, she says, “to raise my family’s standard of living where I will be able to help provide for my children while they are trying to obtain their education.”

Marcie will be pursuing a job in management in either supply chain and logistics or human resources. In addition to working and supporting her family, she wants to empower other students to “set goals to obtain higher education through tutoring and volunteering at our small Christian school.” Marcie is an incredible success story and a wonderful example of what is possible in furthering her education.
ALEXANDRA DALE MUNRO KILPATRICK’S GIFT

HONORING THE LEGACY OF A LIFE WELL LIVED

Alexandra Dale Munro Kilpatrick, better known as Alix, was an exceptionally intelligent woman whose life path drew her away from traditional educational opportunities. As the prospect of her life ending drew near, she contacted her cousin and childhood best friend, Donna Zenor, and asked her to research organizations that “enhance the lives of women through education.” She was interested in leaving a substantial portion of her estate to such an organization. Through an internet search, Donna identified the Jeannette Rankin Women’s Scholarship Fund. Unfortunately, Alix died suddenly and was unable to leave the funds directly to JRF. Donna initially contacted JRF’s Executive Director, Sue Lawrence on October 17, 2013. From there it was a long and winding road that Donna pursued with persistence and dedication in order to honor the dying wishes of her dear cousin and friend Alix.

Alix lived a non-traditional life. She was born in Phoenix, Arizona and was an only child, whose mother was the youngest of nine children of Norwegian immigrant parents. However, she lived her life on the world stage with her love of travel. She worked in a theater in Paris, France, and for a number of years she flew for American Airlines. She later settled in rural New Zealand in her mid-fifties.

In the words of Donna, “Alix was one of the most generous spirits to have ever inhabited this earth and the scholarship fund which the donor is establishing upon her death should be counted as one of the many gifts which are her legacy.”

We received this transformative gift this year. We are grateful that Alix cared so deeply about the women we serve and that Donna found us. We are also so thankful that Donna persisted through navigating the challenges of getting the funding to JRF.

This gift will transform the lives of JRF Scholars and their families for years to come.

Thank you Alix and Donna.
The Atlanta Smart Party 2.0 was presented by the Assurant Foundation, a local Fortune 500 company that has proven to have a big heart for empowering girls and women. Assurant, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, is committed to helping women and their families build a life TO protect. Assurant was the Presenting Sponsor for our Atlanta SMART Women event on November 20, 2016. Assurant is a local Fortune 500 company that has proven to have a big heart for empowering girls and women. Assurant’s team celebrated our experience with Assurant proves that not only do they help people protect what matters most to them—they are helping women and their families build a life TO protect. We are so grateful for the multiple Assurant employees who have volunteered to help the Jeannette Rankin Women’s Scholarship Fund from helping us present our SMART Women event to reading scholarship applications to serving on our Board of Directors.

Thank you Assurant!
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