

Re- Writing Stories

Look closely. There are **dreams** on every woman's face.

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A Happy Ending

Wanda's hopes and dreams for herself and her family seemed unachievable. She had lived on the streets experiencing the worst of an addict's life – homelessness, addiction and life-threatening violence. With tenacity and the support of a strong program sponsored by AWF grantee partner the **Juvenile Justice Fund**, Wanda overcame the obstacles that were holding her back and keeping her children away from her. She was able to rewrite her story and her children's story, too. Wanda and JJF were this year's recipients of the Sue Wieland Embracing Possibility Award.

Dear Supporters

The Atlanta Women's Foundation is dedicated to breaking the generational cycle of poverty for women and girls and to strengthening our community. When I was asked to lead the Foundation, the most compelling aspect of this opportunity was the critical importance of the role we play in this community. Some of the hallmarks of The Atlanta Women's Foundation since it began as a Women's Fund in 1986 are these: we have been led by bold women, we have taken a firm stand to support the issues affecting women and girls, and we have been an innovator by helping create and strengthen programs and organizations that change the lives of women and girls.

Every day we help them rewrite their personal stories, to help them make their dreams come true.

As a Foundation, we too have been engaged in refining our story. How can we best continue to honor and strengthen our role in this community? As we move through our second decade, we are laser focused that The Atlanta Women's Foundation continually expands our impact as a fundraiser, grantmaker and leader on one of the central issues of our day – eliminating the cycle of generational poverty for women and girls in Atlanta.

As I look back on this past year, there are many results of which I am proud. Our grantmaking strategy has been reviewed and refined to better reflect the issues and the impact. We have actively engaged a broad-based segment of our community in the decision making to direct our grant dollars most effectively, and we have continued to build the capacity of our grantee

partners. However, I am most proud of the fact that you continue to make the choice to financially support the work of The Atlanta Women's Foundation and the work of our grantee partners.

I am also so proud of our Board of Directors and its leadership. They are the backbone of the Foundation and are fiercely protective of our legacy while always looking at ways to innovate for our future. I would like to dedicate this annual report to the those amazing women - who are the Board Members who have retired since I joined the organization - **The Reverend Joanna Adams, Pinney Allen, Barbara Brown, BryAnn Chen, Carol Cooper, Michele Ozumba, Lucy Vance and, especially our retiring Board Chair Emily-May Richards** who has led us so capably through the last two exciting years.

I encourage you to reflect with me and take pride in these facts: because of you, 23 nonprofit organizations are continuing to deliver the most effective programs. Because of you, more than 10,000 women and girls' lives have been directly touched. Together we have made a significant impact on generational poverty.

Countless stories have been rewritten and countless dreams are coming true. Together, this is the difference we have made.

Thank you. I invite you to join me again this year in helping all of Atlanta's women and girls lead lives of dignity, hope and possibility.

Barbara J. Mosacchio
CEO

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power, and **magic** in it.

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Heading one of over 39,000 households in Atlanta where a grandparent has custodial care of their grandchildren, Gigi is raising three teenage grandchildren in her home. If you met them, you'd agree that she is doing an outstanding job. Her hope is that all children live lives of dignity, hope and possibility. With the help of AWF grantee partner, **Project Healthy Grandparents**, Gigi receives the boost she needs through social work and health services, support groups, legal assistance referrals and improved access to community resources.

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Ten years ago Emily Ellison and Brooke Weinmann had a dream – a dream that girls in Atlanta would have an opportunity for single gender education. That dream came true with the establishment of the Atlanta Girls' School. Dedicated to meeting the needs of women and girls today, AWF agreed to serve as the school's initial fiscal agent. Today, the Atlanta Girls' School serves a diverse group of young women creating a better community for us all.



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Nicholas Kristof's stories of women and girls living in poverty around the world have brought attention to the critical and practical role women must play in future peace and prosperity. The Pulitzer Prize winner and NY Times columnist challenged the 1,400 attendees at AWF's **Numbers Too Big To Ignore** fundraising luncheon in November with stories from his book *Half The Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. Kristof's travels around the world inspired him to co-author the book with his wife Sheryl WuDunn.

The Storyteller



Innovative Services

A Future. Not a Past. was the first integrated program designed to end commercial sexual exploitation of young women in Georgia. By working with law enforcement, legislators, social service agencies, the hospitality industry and the justice system, AFNAP is making progress in curbing this problem and in giving its victims the help they deserve. Established with a grant from The Atlanta Women's Foundation through the generosity of the Harold and Kayrita Anderson Family Foundation, this innovative service is now a national model for cities wanting to address this important issue.

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Emily-May Richards has just completed her eighth year on the AWF Board of Directors and her second as Chair. She believes in the power of women and in their important role in creating better communities for all of us. Emily-May was originally introduced to AWF through the **Women on Board™** program which provides high level training for women interested in nonprofit board service. Over 1,500 women have been trained through Women on Board. They are serving capably in nonprofit organizations around Atlanta – including The Atlanta Women’s Foundation and many of our grantee partners.

Improving Lives

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2009

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,270,938
Investments	3,161,233
Unconditional promises to give	906,284
Other assets	36,456

Total Assets **\$5,374,911**

Liabilities	\$1,130,240
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	1,833,556
Temporarily restricted	508,468
Permanently restricted	1,902,647

Total Net Assets **\$4,244,671**

Total Liabilities & Net Assets **\$5,374,911**

Statement of Activities

for the year ended June 30, 2009

Support and Revenue	
Contributions	\$739,591
Events	127,989
Investment Loss	(329,917)
Other Income	37,190

Total Support and Revenue **\$574,853**

Expenses	
Grants and programs	\$1,148,328
Fundraising expenses	465,905
Operating expenses	206,748

Total Expenses **\$1,820,981**

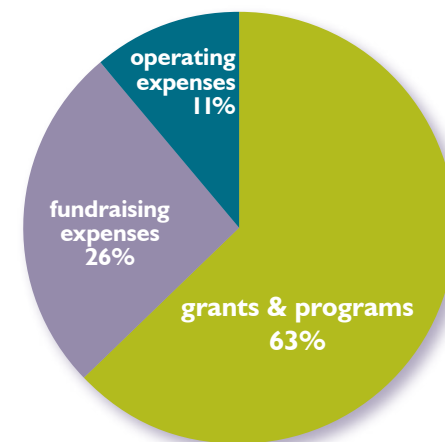
Decrease in net assets	(1,246,128)
Net assets at beginning of year	5,490,799
Net assets at end of year	\$4,244,671

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