

NASP
CHILDREN'S
FUND, INC.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS
Enhancing the mental health and educational competence of all children.

NASP CHILDREN'S FUND
ANNUAL REPORT
2009-10

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ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S FUND

The NASP Children's Fund, Inc., was founded in 1986 as a tax-exempt, non-profit, independent 501©3 charity that is affiliated with the National Association of School Psychologists. The Fund accepts and disburses monies for charitable purposes that are consistent with the Fund's priorities. Information about the Fund can be obtained through any of the Trustees on the Board or through the NASP office.

The Children's Fund home page can also be accessed at:
www.nasponline.org/about_nasp/childfund.html, or by linking through the NASP homepage.

ORGANIZATION

Membership is open to members of NASP. Current dues are \$10 and must be specifically noted as membership dues. Any donations as well as entrance to the annual action and purchases at the auction are separate from membership. The Board of Trustees directs all Fund activities and is a separate entity from the NASP Board.

BECOMING A TRUSTEE

There are presently two Trustees from each of the four geographical regions of NASP, plus two At-Large Trustees. Any Fund member may nominate any Fund member (including self) for a position on the Board. Following nomination process, the full Delegate Assembly elects the At-Large positions, while the regional Trustees are elected by the delegates from the region they represent. Elections are held during the Spring Delegate Assembly. Trustee terms are four years in length and begin July 1. Trustees elect CF officers on an annual basis.

OBJECTIVES AND GIVING POLICIES

The purpose of the Children's Fund, Inc. shall be to:

- Advocate for the essential rights and welfare of all children and youth
- Promote learning environments that facilitate optimal development
- Research effective interventions that address distressing circumstances of children and youth
- Embrace individual differences in children and youth

Historically, the Fund supported collaborative research into promising programs through competitive grants. More recently the Fund has broadened its scope to include requests for service projects and proposals for assistance with the aftermath of disasters. The Fund presently also distributes a number of TinyGrants, Youth Empowerment Grants, and Mental Health Grants designed to quickly fund important activities. All grant application forms and procedures can be downloaded on the website.

CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD STRUCTURE AND TERMS - July 1, 2010

Mission: To promote the welfare of children through the specialty of school psychology, accomplished by receiving gifts and donations, investing the assets of the corporation, and awarding funds for projects specifically related to children.

Board of Trustees

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Duties:

Officers – see above

Auction Coordinators – Fulvia Franco and Joe Gerard

Service Projects Coordinator – Mark Roth

Tiny Grants Coordinator – Juliette Madigan

Bylaws, Operations Review – Mark Roth

Youth Empowerment Grants Coordinator – Beverly Winter

Nominations and Elections Coordinator – Beverly Winter

Updating the Web Page – Jeanne Pound and Janet Friedman

NASP Office Liaisons – Susan Gorin and Joe Janela

The CF Board would like to thank and recognize Delores Terry (SE) and Shelley Oswood (W) for their time, wisdom, and service during the past several years as trustees! Their contributions and dedication have been much appreciated.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR NASP CHILDREN'S FUND, INC.
2009-10

Income	Approved	June 23, 2010
Auction	18,000	19,376.76
Pearson Gift	12,000	12,000.00
Dues	5,000	2,671.00
Contributions	20,000	21,219.00
Com. Rec. Pro.- 1,429		
Disaster Relief- 3,759		
Donations/Mem.-15,736		
Lapel Pins- 195		
Disaster relief-local Haiti- 100		
Misc. from reserves	32,450	
Total	\$87,450	\$55,266.76

Expenses

Meetings	11,000	6,893.81
Auction	15,000	12,032.86
Food&Bev.-9627.58		
Misc. -2,405.28		
Allocations	55,500	
Service Projects	8,000	3,380.40
MH Practitioner	0	500.00
Disaster Relief	5,000	3,759.00
Com. Rec. Pro.	20,000	5,040.00
I Like Me!	0	
Youth Empowerment	1,500	
Tiny Grants	21,000	
(Basic Needs 9,000.00)		4,513.67
(Mental Health 12,000.00)		8,589.97
Audit	2,000	2,700.00
Organizational Expenses	300	300.00
Membership	50	900.00
Elections	50	
Recognitions/Honorariums	200	36.41
Bank Expenses	50	74.40
Brochure	3,000	2,163.20
Misc.	300	1,641.00
Total	\$87,450	\$52,524.72

Membership category is over budget due to the consulting fee to redesign membership data through NASP.

The Miscellaneous category is over budget due to lapel pin design and shipping costs.

CHILDREN'S FUND SUMMARY REPORT, 2009-10

Projects supported by the NASP Children's Fund, Inc. this year included funding for the band program at the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in Chicago, Service Projects, Tiny Grants for Basic Needs or Mental Health Needs, and Haiti Disaster Relief.

SERVICE GRANTS

Two Service Grant Proposals have been approved and funded for this fiscal year with two more carried over from the previous year.

Link Crew/Leaders Transition Program for 9th graders

Proposal leader: Kathryn Crane, school psychologist in Pittsford, New York
Amount Granted: \$ 1900.00

Social Emotional Learning through Adventure

Proposal leader: Susan Hougue, school psychologist in Gloucester, Massachusetts.
Amount Granted: \$ 2200.00

T.E.A.M. - A self-esteem building class that not only focuses on a healthy “you”, but also fosters a healthy team building relationship with peers

Proposal leaders: Shannon Kishel, school psychologist, Kathy L'Heureux, counselor, and Violet Gerlach, third grade teacher of Sarah Milner Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado
Carry Over Amount: \$ 420.00

Additionally, a service grant written by Dr. Jamilia Blake, Texas A& M University, was completed.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT GRANTS

No applications for Youth Empowerment Grants were received this year.

TINY GRANTS

Tiny Grants: A Children's Fund project to provide small grants – up to \$200 – directly to NASP members to help meet children's welfare, educational, or mental health needs. Tiny Grants began in 2003 and have become very popular.

Basic Needs Tiny Grants – Items to help meet basic needs of children. Examples: clothing, eyeglasses, book bags, school supplies, etc.

Mental Health Tiny Grants - These are intended to encourage school psychologists to enhance their own capabilities to provide mental health services within their schools. Acceptable purchases include therapeutic video tapes and games, relaxation tapes, classroom guidance materials, group counseling resources, books for bibliotherapy, etc.

Budget: For 2009-2010, \$12,000 was budgeted for mental health grants and \$9000 was budgeted for basic needs.

Total number of grants approved	105
Regular members	77
Student members	27
Other Members	1

Number of mental health grants 60
Number of basic needs grants 45
Unfortunately not all grant recipients sent in receipts to be reimbursed.

Sampling of comments from this year's recipients of Tiny Grants:

“With my grant money, I was able to purchase 11 winter coats for students. With the harsh winters in Wisconsin, these students, who all receive free lunch, were able to have appropriate coats. THANK YOU!”

“I gave out school supplies to 20 students today, in a gift bag, with a note that they were from the National Association of School Psychologists. The note said: These supplies were provided by a grant from NASP, to help you to succeed in school. See the possibilities in you – We do!”

“The purchase of the Why Try materials (along with the PBS initiative in two of the school buildings) has spurred on the Mason City school district to send two staff members to the Why Try training in the Des Moines and purchase two additional Why Try kits. I have used some of the Why Try lessons in an Anger Management group. The guidance counselor has started to discuss how to implement Why Try in our building with PBS team members, looking ahead to the next school year.”

“Thank you so much for the funding from Tiny Grants. It has helped to create a therapeutic atmosphere in our elementary school for students who have issues with anger management and controlling emotions. I now have many of the tools I need to work with these students, and as an added bonus, many of the adults in the school are more aware of this issue and how it affects students in the classroom.”

These are only a few examples of the comments received regarding the funded Tiny Grants. This grant program continues to be highly valued by the NASP membership, as evidenced by the number of applicants.

DISASTER RELIEF

Approximately \$3700 was sent to the Red Cross to assist in Haiti following the devastating earthquake. Supplemental funds were collected at the Children's Fund booth at the Chicago convention.

LOCAL CONVENTION SITE SERVICE PROJECT

Each year, in conjunction with the convention, NASP Children's Fund supports a local service project to promote the education and well-being of children in our host city. The goals are to make a tangible difference and to highlight the needs of children in order to make an impact on healthy learning and development. This year the NASP Children's Fund provided the band department of the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School with \$5000 to purchase a much desired and needed instrument for the development of the band program. Several CF Trustees and other CF members were able to spend several hours at the school visiting with staff and students. The dedicated band director was overcome emotionally with the contribution that will enhance the learning and performance of his students.

OTHER CHILDREN'S FUND MATTERS

Auction - The Children's Fund Auction continues to be a highlight of the NASP convention. State associations, publishers, and many individuals contribute items for both the live and silent auctions. The Chicago Auction was a gala event. The Trustees wish to thank all who contributed items, to those who volunteered time and talents, to those who attended, and to those who purchased items.

Lapel Pins – The debut of the Children's Fund lapel pins was made at the convention and were available at the booth. They sport the new CF logo.

Brochures – The new Children's Fund brochure was finalized and printed during this year. A special thanks to Linda Morgan for her contribution in making these become a remarkable reality!

Thank you - NASP Children's Fund trustees want to thank Pearson Publications for their generous continued support of the Children's Fund auction at the NASP annual convention. Their contribution to this enjoyable event adds to the resources available for various projects of the Children's Fund. Several state associations sent financial contributions to NASP Children's Fund, Inc., in addition to providing items for the auction. Financial contributions were received from the Rhode Island, Missouri and Minnesota state associations of school psychologists.

The trustees want to thank the NASP Executive Council for their support and financial contributions. A special thanks to President Patti Harrison for her support this year!

The CF trustees also wish to express sincere appreciation to the NASP Staff, who individually and collectively are always very supportive and helpful.

Membership - The NASP CF is continuing to work on establishing consistent procedures for membership. CF membership now coincides with the start of the NASP membership. Thus, the Children's Fund Membership year is from July 1st to June 30th. Trustees will continue to recruit CF members and strongly encourage all delegates to join. The \$10 membership fee enables the CF to fund more grants for our children! Please see a trustee from your region today to join!