



# CHILDREN'S FUND, INC.

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

***ANNUAL REPORT***

***2010-11***

*Presented to NASP Delegate Assembly, July 2011*

## ***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](http://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 nominations) for a position on the Board. Following the 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 Tiny Grants, 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, 2011***

**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***

**President:** ***Mark Roth*** (NE; 2009-2013)  
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### ***Present Duties***

*Officers – see above*

*Auction Coordinators – Fulvia Franco and Joe Gerard*

*Allocations Coordinator – Abby Gottsegen*

*Service Projects Coordinator – Mark Roth*

*Tiny Grants Coordinator – Joelene Goodover*

*Bylaws, Operations Review – Joelene Goodover*

*Youth Empowerment Grants Coordinator – Beverly Winter*

*Disaster Relief – Sally Baas*

*Nominations and Elections Coordinator – Beverly Winter*

*Web Liaisons with NASP Office – Jeanne Pound and Janet Friedman*

*NASP Office Liaison – Susan Gorin*

## ***SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION***

***The CF Board would like to thank and recognize Judy Martin (C) for her time, wisdom, and service during the past twelve years as trustee and treasurer! Her contributions and dedication have been outstanding and much appreciated.***

## ***FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR NASP CHILDREN'S FUND, INC. 2010-2011***

Although the economy has been less than positive, school psychologists and friends of NASP combined to make the 2011 Children's Fund auction in San Francisco a success. The absence of food did not hamper the bidding or the selection of beautiful items with the auction raising over \$16,000. The Board of Trustees thank state, DC, and Puerto Rico associations as well as individuals for their continued support of the Children's Fund. The expenses for the auction event were \$2,400.00 which included printing and shipping of materials as well as phone connections for the processing of credit cards. The profits generated from the auction and convention activities support the grant programs sponsored by the Children's Fund.

The NASP Children's Fund continues to provide several grant opportunities for school psychologists to help children. Probably the best known and most popular grants are the \$200 Tiny Grants for basic needs or mental health needs of children. Local school psychologists were reimbursed over \$8,000.00 under the Tiny Grant program. In addition to the Tiny Grants, \$3,950 was awarded to three Service Projects and \$2,000.00 was given for student generated projects under the Youth Empowerment Grants.

The Children's Fund trustees selected the Larkin Street Youth Services agency as the NASP convention Host City project in San Francisco. In addition to having the opportunity to volunteer at the service center by putting together newly purchased furniture, organizing personal item kits for youth, and cooking a meal following graduation, NASP members and supporters generously donated over \$10,800.00 to support the Larkin Street services to the youth of San Francisco.

NASP members and supporters raised over \$7,000.00 for the Red Cross efforts in addressing the needs of the people of Haiti. Donations continue to be made toward meeting the needs of tornado victims across the United States. The NASP Children's Fund has increased their allocation of funds for the coming year to meet the needs of school psychologists and children in coping with disasters.

The NASP Children's Fund would like to thank the many state associations and individuals who made financial contributions. Several state associations had auctions at their state conventions and sent funds to support the various grant programs.

The actual budget items of the NASP Children's Fund include:

**Income**

Auction revenue	\$16,547.11
General Contributions	21,385.51 (including \$7,500.00 from Pearson Publishing)
Specific Contributions	9,470.00
Interest Income	1,005.85
Membership Dues	2,200.00

**Expenses**

Auction expenses	2,379.10
Board meeting	16,555.00*
Host City project	10,876.00
Red Cross-Haiti	7,167.00
Tornado fund	1,829.00
Service Project	3,950.00
Tiny Grants-basic needs	1,140.45
Audit expense	2,390.00
Tiny Grants-mental health	6,894.61
Youth Empowerment grants	2,000.00
Quickbooks program	301.97
Misc.	459.00 (i.e.shipping of material to new officers)

\*Note: The increased cost in the Board meeting category was due to the trustees meeting three times in the fiscal year rather than twice because of scheduling conflicts (the summer meeting was held in June rather than in July, thereby adding to meeting expenses for the fiscal year 2011-11). There will only be one meeting in the upcoming fiscal year.

***CHILDREN'S FUND SUMMARY REPORT, 2010-11***

Projects supported by the NASP Children's Fund, Inc. this year have included funding for the Larkin Street Youth Organization in San Francisco, Service Projects, Tiny Grants for Basic Needs or Mental Health resources as well as Haiti and US Tornado 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.

***Social Emotional Learning through Adventure***

Proposal written by Susan Hoague, 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 in Loveland, CO

Carry Over Amount: \$ 420.00

### ***Link Crew/Leaders Transition Program for 9thb Graders***

Kathryn Crane, Pittsford School Department, Pittsford, New York: \$550: teaching leadership skills to students who will present information to other high school students on character education.

### ***Global Vision***

Hannah Franz, Fort Mill, SC; “assisting Global Vision International in a mutual effort to develop and implement an early intervention program for orphaned children in Cape Town, South Africa.”

Additionally, a service grant written by Jamilla Blake, Texas was completed.

### **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT GRANTS**

Four applications were received and approved for \$500 each for a total of \$2000. Several of the projects addressed bullying.

### **TINYGRANTS**

TinyGrants: 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. TinyGrants began in 2003 and have continued to be very popular.

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

Mental Health TinyGrants: 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.

For the 2010-11 year, \$15,000 was budgeted for Tiny Grant distribution with \$6,000 for Basic Needs Grants and \$9,000 for Mental Health grants. Many were interested in these grants, especially the Mental Health grants. However, not all those that requested grants returned receipts for them.

There were 18 grants requested for basic needs and all were approved (\$1540). There were more than 90 grants requested for mental health purposes, the first 50 were approved. However, receipts weren't received for 15 of those grants so only \$6,700 was paid out.

We also allocated additional \$2,000 for basic needs to be used for disaster relief, but those dollars were not used despite advertisement of the funds through the NASP offices and through direct contact with NASP delegates.

Tiny Grants provide small grants of up to \$200 directly to NASP members to help meet children's education or mental health needs or to address their general welfare. Acceptable items that help meet basic needs of children at school include clothing, eyeglasses, book bags, and school supplies. Mental Health Tiny Grants 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, and books.

This year our basic needs funds helped provide glasses, book bags, underwear, coats and jackets for students. Our mental health funds helped provide bullying prevention supplies, autism information, behavior monitoring supplies for school psychologists.

One outstanding program provides basic supplies (underwear, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.) to grandparents who are receiving custody of their grand children as part of the "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" program. Another outstanding program provided paper supplies to a high school class of students with multiple disabilities. The class, as a pre vocational project, makes and sells greeting cards for sale at the school.

We found that these grants were so useful to NASP members that the Children's Fund's allocation for the 2011-12 year has increased to \$20,000 (Basic Needs - \$8,000, Mental Health \$12,000.)

Juliette Madigan NCSP  
Children's Fund Trustee

### **DISASTER RELIEF**

NASP members and supporters raised over \$7,000.00 for the Red Cross efforts in addressing the needs of the people of Haiti. Donations are also coming in to meet the needs of tornado victims across the US. NASP Children's Fund has increased their allocation of funds for the coming year to meet the needs of school psychologists and children in coping with their disaster.

### **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 in the lives of children 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

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### **OTHER CHILDREN'S FUND MATTERS**

**Auction** - The Children's Fund Auction continues to be a highlight of the NASP convention with state associations, publishers, and many individuals contributing items for both the live and silent auctions. The San Francisco 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 Children's Fund lapel pins continue to be available at the convention booth displaying the CF logo.

**Brochures** – The Children's Fund brochures completed last year continue to be available.

**Thank you** ---NASP Children's Fund, Inc., trustees want to thank **Pearson Publications** for their generous continued support of the Children's Fund projects. Several state associations have sent financial contributions to the NASP Children's Fund, Inc. in addition to providing items for the auction. This year, financial contributions were received from state associations from Rhode Island, Missouri and Minnesota.

The trustees also want to thank the **NASP Executive Board** for their support and financial contributions. A special thanks to **President Kathy Memke** for her support this year!

The trustees sincerely appreciate the **NASP Staff** who individually and collectively are always very supportive and helpful.

**Membership**---The NASP-CF continues to work to establish consistent procedures for membership. CF membership now coincides with the start of the NASP membership year - from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Trustees continue to recruit CF members and strongly encourage all delegates to join. The \$10 declared membership fee enables the CF to fund more grants for our children! Please see a trustee from your region today to join!

