

## **Making Change Happen—December 2009, Recommendations from Inspired Legacies:**

We make a deep bow for this edition to six of our partners and/or clients for they represent a wonderful mix of courage and smarts in bringing results and justice to life. Please remember to stretch...not for some item that really you and your friends do not need but to fill the giving baskets of these and other gems.

Stretch here and see *lights* as pathways to *hope* for miles.

Our Nonprofit Portfolio: Not sure where to give this year? Trust us. Give here:

**1. The Women's Foundation of California** celebrates 30 years in Southern and Northern California. Simply the best leadership and commitment to women and girls in Northern California. Remarkable and visionary work and team.

(Left to raise \$240,000 by 12/31/09)

[http://www.womensfoundca.org/site/c.aqKGLROAIrH/b.963905/k.30B3/Homepage\\_Womens\\_Foundation\\_of\\_California.htm](http://www.womensfoundca.org/site/c.aqKGLROAIrH/b.963905/k.30B3/Homepage_Womens_Foundation_of_California.htm)

**2. The Seasons Fund for Social Transformation**, a 3 year old fund, is stabilizing social justice organizations through contemplative practices! See their grants and strategy and be inspired. Goal to raise by June 30, 2010 \$1 million more for grants and capacity for this justice making sector, any amount welcomed!

[www.seasonsfund.org](http://www.seasonsfund.org)

**3. Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues** is planning a new initiative on legacy gifts for the GLBT community. Seeking \$200,000 for it's first of five year campaign to raise millions. \$25k needed by mid-January.

<http://www.lgbtfunders.org/>

**4. Women Moving Millions and the Women's Funding Network** is raising and leveraging multi-millions for women's foundations and funds. \$200,000 by 12/31/09 for the mothership, and lead catalyst organization, the Women's Funding Network, [www.wfnet.org](http://www.wfnet.org)

See [www.womenmovingmillions.org](http://www.womenmovingmillions.org)

**5. Bolder Giving** wants you to step up to your giving potential! Take the Bolder Giving Challenge and give to Bolder Giving's year end, to assure that good donors have support for expanding their capacities. Help them raise \$50,000 more by 12/31/09 and beyond to leverage hundreds or millions. Just a little has remarkable impact here.

<http://boldergiving.org/site/index.php/donate/>



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**6. Criterion Ventures** is "incubating and scaling ventures that create a better world." Help us help them launch through Calvert Foundation (<https://secure.groundspring.org/dn/index.php?aid=12682> - label for "**Women Effect Investments**") with donations of ideally \$5,000-\$10,000. Seed funders, for just about \$65,000 more will help e women's investment options and viability for their R and D phase. This will enable them to expand the availability of options for retail and institutional investors to invest in women and generate financial returns using a gender lens to create social impact.  
<http://www.criterionventures.com/>

**7.** And don't forget to give to **Inspired Legacies**. We grow great donors and their leadership and build the field of donor and legacy education. We count on you to give your collective bow to our good works, enabling us to help many at year end and throughout the year and to advance our Youth Giving Circle work. Pay it forward and create legacies for social justice. Just \$25,000 on our goal, plus ideally \$40,000 more for our program and adm. reserve.  
[www.inspiredlegacies.org](http://www.inspiredlegacies.org) Checks, stock or hit our donation button on line on or before Dec. 31st.

And a deep bow for Trish Houck and the Dallas Women's Foundation, The Alice K. Reynolds Foundation, and Frontera Foundation for their thoughtful funding of social justice programs throughout Texas.

And please remember as your final gift of this year to invest in the future of our movement, with a gift to Inspired Legacies to do our shared legacy work.

Just hit DONATE NOW here (<https://secure.groundspring.org/dn/index.php?aid=10866>), or call Tracy at 415-377-9447 or email and we will email you, [tracy@inspiredlegacies.org](mailto:tracy@inspiredlegacies.org)

Thank you for all you do for the world.