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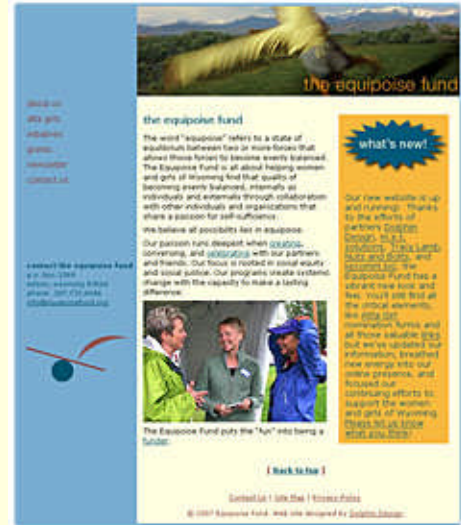
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Hey everybody, check it out! Our new website is up and running! Thanks to the efforts of partners Dolphin Designs, Tracy Lamb, Nuts and Bolts, m.e.t. solutions and kpcomm.biz, the Equipoise Fund has a vibrant new look and feel. Visit us at www.equipoisefund.org.

You'll still find all the critical elements, like Atta Girl nomination forms and all those valuable links, but we've updated our information, breathed new energy into our online presence and focused our continuing efforts to support the women and girls of Wyoming. Please let us know what you think!



Womentum Takes Flight

In addition to establishing our new online look and feel, Womentum has a new website, which you can access from ours, or visit them at www.womentumwyo.org. This transition represents great achievement for The Equipoise Fund, and we hope you'll continue to check in and support the many grassroots efforts that inspire and encourage the women of this state.

Go Run Training

As you know, The White House Project, under the directorship of dynamo Marie C. Wilson, continues to prepare women for service in politics. The most recent outreach effort was held in Denver, Colorado this past May. More than a hundred women attended, with Wyoming gals Angi Harper and Chelsey McManus of Cheyenne, and Katy Brown of Laramie all taking part, thanks to scholarships from the Wyoming Women's Legislative Caucus. Chelsey said that the women she met at the conference were "very inspirational." She wrote about her experience, saying, ". . . I now know that if I want to run, I can do it. I am no longer timid about being too young or too busy with a family and a career."

Faculty at the two-day event included Colorado State Treasurer Cary Kennedy and Colorado's first female Speaker of the House, Lola Spradley. Attendees learned about the elements necessary to run a political campaign, including fundraising, marketing, media management, messaging, volunteer recruitment and community outreach. Go Run Training is non-partisan and designed to support women who choose to make their voices be heard in the political

landscape.

You can find out more about Go Run Training at www.voterunlead.org.

Documentary Film Project

Somewhere in the midst of a film project, there's often a little voice that pipes up and says, "What were we thinking?" Not this time! We're on schedule, and the women who responded to our call for nominations were many (150!) and varied. Women (and men!) from across the state nominated their mothers, neighbors, students, grandmothers and women they admired from afar. From this list we narrowed down our interviews to a total of 32 individuals around Wyoming:

Buffalo	Lander
Cheyenne	Laramie
Cody	Lovell
Dayton	Powell
Dubois	Saratoga
Fort Washakie	Shawnee
Glendo	Thayne
Jackson	

From these interviews, we will craft a one-hour documentary film in which women and girls from across Wyoming can speak their truth about sustaining family, ranch, community and self while living in the state's vast landscapes.

Some highlights

- A 92-year-old who still skis and backpacks into the wilderness. And in her spare time, she fights for social justice
- A country doctor who still makes house calls, no matter how far she has to drive
- A young Arapaho woman who is carving her own inspiring path
- A single mother who moved her family out of poverty and now works in the cutting-edge field of wind energy development
- A high school student who addressed the United Nations
- A scientist who discovered the remains of the largest land animal to ever walk the Earth
- A cowgirl poet

And more! They will record their stories against a backdrop of the Wyoming landscape that shapes their lives. Together, they tell tales of challenge, survival, generational change and personal pride – the story of women in Wyoming.

Equality Initiatives

This statewide awareness campaign, designed to highlight the challenges and successes of Wyoming women, has just hired its first program director, Sarah Mikesell Growney. She is busy preparing for a statewide media campaign, launching Spring 2008, that will concentrate on informing the media and citizens of Wyoming, that "What's good for Wyoming's women and children, is good for

Wyoming communities.”

Equality Initiatives will first study the wage gap in Wyoming, worst in the nation, and related topic areas, such as childcare, healthcare and economic opportunity for women in our state. Sarah reports that Equality Initiatives looks forward to building grassroots partnerships to address these vital issues affecting women and girls. In addition, Equality Initiatives will support and pursue policy decisions that benefit Wyoming’s communities.

If you would like to help in this effort, or to find out more about Equality Initiatives, check out their website at www.equalityinitiatives.org. Sarah can be contacted by email at sarah@equalityinitiatives.org or by telephone at 307.587.6146.

Quirky Grants Deadline Nears

If you’re in a quirky mood, with a quirky project you want to fund, you have until June 30th to get us your application for this quarter. Visit the [Grants](#) section on our website for more information on how to apply.

Gone Fishin'

Please note that Equipoise Fund offices will be closed for the months of July and August. Although we will collect mail and messages, for the most part we’ll be sitting on the deck, feet up, hats over our faces, listening to the grass sing. Of course, we’ll resume full operations in September . . . won’t we?