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Message from the Foundation Chair: Karen Robinson



As we close out the Biennium, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the incredible support shown at the District Conferences. While we are still in the process of receiving final contributions from some Districts, many have met —or even exceeded—their fundraising goals. Your generosity provides the vital resources we need to fund grants and offer assistance to individuals facing disasters and extreme hardships. A special thank you goes to our dedicated District Liaisons for their tireless efforts!

The Foundation Board and staff have been hard at work funding grants and preparing for Convention. Our most recent grant cycle was especially productive, and we eagerly anticipate seeing these inspiring projects come to life. Throughout the year, we continue to award Disaster Relief grants. Most recently, we provided support to military families impacted by the tragic plane crash in Murphy Canyon Military Housing. We are deeply proud of our ability to respond swiftly to those in urgent need.

I hope to see many of you at Convention in Quebec City, and especially at the special Donor Recognition event on Thursday evening. Convention is our opportunity to connect and personally thank those who have supported the Foundation throughout the Biennium. We look forward to seeing you there!

Convention is also a time of transition. We will bid farewell to three outstanding women who have served the Foundation with dedication and vision: Leslie Johnson, Immediate Past Chair; Marie Pike, Immediate Past Finance Chair; and Phyllis Corman, Trustee. Your leadership and commitment have left a lasting impact, and you will be greatly missed.

In this issue of Impact, you'll find information about the three exceptional candidates seeking to serve as International Foundation Trustees. We are thrilled to have such qualified and passionate nominees.

Wishing you a joyful and safe summer—and I look forward to seeing you in Quebec City!

Warm regards, Karen

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Meet the International Foundation Board Nominees



Sherral Nelson District Two Altrusa of Tidewater, VA

"Sherral Nelson has been a dedicated member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Tidewater, Virginia, since 1991. Over the years, she has demonstrated unwavering commitment and leadership within the organization. She was elected Club President for three terms, serving from 1994–1996, 2006–2008, and most recently from 2022–2024. She served as District Two Parliamentarian from 2021 to 2023 and was most recently elected to the District Two Board of Directors as a Director for the 2025–2027 biennium.

Sherral was elected to the Altrusa International Foundation Board of Trustees in 2017, serving until 2019. During her tenure, she also held the role of Grants Chair from 2018 to 2019. She continues to support the Foundation's mission as a Reader for the Grants Committee.

Professionally, Sherral retired from Dominion Energy in August 2019 after a successful 31-year career. On a personal note, she and her husband Kenneth have been married for 53 years. They are the proud parents of two daughters and doting grandparents to four grandchildren."



Connie Stoker District Eight Altrusa of Lawrence, KS

Altrusa member since 2019 District Eight Treasurer, 2023-2025 Lawrence, KS Club Treasurer, 2021-2023 Lawrence, KS Club Secretary, 2020-2021

"It has been my pleasure and honor to serve in multiple capacities to further the mission of Altrusa in our Lawrence community and in District Eight. My commitment to service has defined my adult life from school volunteer to Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), to serving on a city action committee that established an after-school care program for elementary students. At various times I've held leadership positions in American Association of University Women, served on the St. Mary's County of Maryland Library Board, and in PTA/PTO. The goal to advance literacy and to strengthen communities was one of the reasons I joined Altrusa when I moved to Lawrence, KS. The work of the Foundation Board to build, maintain and safeguard the Foundation funds that are used to aid the Altrusa volunteers in their service projects is an important part of the talent, time and treasurer donations that improve our communities. I look forward to participating in the Foundation committees, to helping promote the Altrusa Foundation and continuing the work of protecting and expanding the Foundation assets."

Meet the International Foundation Board Nominees (cont.)



Shannon Schell District Three Altrusa of Lake County, FL

"I was invited to join Altrusa in 1999 and spent the first few years getting my "Altrusa Legs". Almost immediately I was on the Board and joining different committees to learn the ropes. I found being Treasurer for 6 years very fulfilling, then it was on to Vice President, followed by two terms, 2012-2014, as President of Altrusa of Lake County, FL. I have been a two term District Three Finance Chair, 2011-2013 and 2015-2017, completed 6 vears, 2012-2017 as the District Three Foundation Treasurer, Next, I served as District Treasurer 2017-2019. These positions have given me much insight into a wide range of the financial needs and duties of Altrusa at multiple levels. I then served on the International Membership Committee assigned to lead Group Tally in 2019-2021, while I was Governor-Elect, during which time I helped to update the International Districts Treasurers Guide and presented the Group Tally Workshop at the Reno Convention. I designed PowerPoints for both Presidents and Treasurers Presentations at the request of the International President to share with other districts. In 2021 I created and gathered funds for an ASTRA Grant Fund for our local District Three ASTRA Clubs to honor our outgoing Governor. Being Governor of District Three 2021-2023 was both humbling and enlightening, as well as highly rewarding and a complete honor. Currently I am serving as Club Treasurer and on the 2023-2025 International Leadership Committee. I would be honored to offer my skills to serve our International Foundation.

My formal degree is in Graphic Art and Design, starting my first business in 1975 and have been CEO in 6 corporations to date. I held a Real Estate License for more than 20 years, built, bought and sold a few companies in Florida. Managing these companies has taught me many financial, leadership and team building skills. Slowing down the work aspect of my life has freed more time for family, friends, golfing, community service and my passion for Altrusa.

Family will always be important to me. I am blessed with a son and a daughter who have given me 4 beautiful grandchildren between the ages of 4 and 15 keeping life fun and full of surprises. I am retired in The Villages, cruising in my golf cart with "Toby" my little 4-legged fur-baby and spending more time with my totally adorable grand kiddos."

Exciting International Convention News

Support the International Foundation's Fundraising Silent Auction

The Silent Auction at the 2025 International Convention is a vital fundraiser that powers the mission of the Altrusa International Foundation—supporting service projects, grants, and scholarships that uplift communities around the world. By contributing, Altrusans help advance literacy, community development, and disaster relief aid globally.

We invite all Clubs and members to donate meaningful, portable items (that are TSA-compliant) that reflect your District, culture, or personal creativity—such as handcrafted goods, regional treats, artwork, or unique souvenirs. These donations celebrate our global diversity and enrich the auction experience.

To participate, please submit a description and photo of your item **by July 15 by email to foundation@altrusa.org**. Items will not be needed until the Convention. Your support ensures the Foundation can continue to create lasting, positive impact. Let's come together to make this year's auction a success!

Foundation Workshops: Fundamentals to Funding-Foundation Grant Success Made Simple

Join us for two dynamic grants workshops on Thursday, July 24 and Saturday, July 26 at the International Convention! Fundamentals to Funding is designed to equip you with practical tools and strategies to craft strong, successful grant applications.

These interactive sessions will cover how to:

- Write compelling project narratives
- Build realistic, goal-driven timelines
- Develop effective grant budgets that earn top scores

Perfect for both beginners and experienced grant writers, the workshops will conclude with a Q&A to address your specific questions.

Can't attend in person? The sessions will be posted online on the Foundation website following the Convention. Don't miss this opportunity to boost your grant success!

There is Still Time to Become a Charter Corporate Sponsor at the Convention

Act now to secure your place as a Charter Corporate Sponsor—don't miss this exclusive opportunity to be recognized for your support and make a lasting impact before time runs out.

Our corporate sponsorship program offers four levels:

Diamond Level (Title Sponsor): \$10,000

- Exclusive recognition on our website, Impact newsletter, event program, and social media.
- 1/2 page ad in the event program.
- Direct link to your company on the Foundation website for one year.

Sapphire Level: \$5,000

- 1/4 page ad in the event program.
- Increased recognition on our website, social media platforms, Impact newsletter and event program.
- Promotional product placement during the event.

Ruby Level: \$2,500

- 1/8 page ad in the event program.
- Company logo on the Foundation website, social media, event program, and Impact newsletter.

Amethyst Level: \$500

• Company name on the Foundation website and donor recognition wall.

To learn more, please email Kantrice R. Rose, PhD, Executive Director, at foundation@altrusa.org.

Donor Recognition Reception (by invitation only)

The International Foundation will celebrate our donors who contributed \$500 USD or more during the biennium, through one of the following ways:

- Making a Lamplighter-level gift of \$500 or more between June 1, 2023 May 31, 2024 or June 1, 2024
 May 31, 2025, or
- Participating in the Intentional Acts of Kindness Campaign at the Builder, Sustainer, Champion, or Hero level between January 1, 2024 May 31, 2025.

Eligible donors will receive an email invitation by July 7 to attend a special Donor Recognition Cocktail Hour on Thursday, July 24, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

Recognizing our Charter Corporate Sponsors

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Celebrating Lamplighter Donors *June 1, 2023-May 31, 2025

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Anne Condran

Della D. Gregory

Jane Hart

Debbie Mabry

Carolyn Rash

Judy Tharp

Hofmeister Lamplighters

LaVone Arthur Christine DeVlieger Colleen Duris Martha Hardwick Hofmeister

Lucente Lamplighters

Linda Barb Margaret Beaman Mary Black Pearson Catherine Boone Phyllis Corman Michelle DiGaetano Diane Eberhard

Lamplighters

Kim Abmeyer Carmen Agosto-Serrano Melinda Aguirre Gillian Allen Anita Andrews Vicky Apps Marvynne Ashley Sheila Athearn Tamara Bader Allison Baker Kav Bales Betty Baran Mary Barnes D'Anna Bates **Catherine Baybutt** Angela Beck Michelle Bell Dr. Lori Bents Angela Blair Ronda Blaklev Dorothy Bowen Tammy Boyd Lorraine Brewer Melissa Broughton Karen Brunson Mary Louise Buck Mary Burford

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Sarah Johnson Christine Johnson Cynthia (Cindy) Jolly Linda K. Ring Randi Kahl **Courtney Kallergis** Ilona Kerby Kimberly D. Kierce Hope LaGrone Jill Lillie Julie Livingston Louise Hilda Livingstone Becky Lorenzo Beth Lorenzo **Cindy Mansfield** Ashley Mason Ginger Mayo Debbie McBee Danae McConnel Cathy McConnell Marty Beth McLemore Rebecca Mercier

Lamplighters (cont.)

Arlene Miele Amy Miller Beth Miller Karen Mills Patricia Moore Robyn Moore Jill Morris Maria E Negron Perez Nancy Norris Jan Nuss **Dimple Overstreet** Ileana Pacheco Morales **Cheryl Page Kimberly Painter** Shirley Pearsall Sandra Pfefferkorn Marie Pike Donna Polcz Susan Porazzo **Yvette Pue** Alejandra Ramos Iris Ramos-Cofresi

Tammy Ramseth Anne Reed Elle Reese Danielle Robello Elizabeth Robertson Karen Robinson Ronda Robinson Deborah Roe Rachelle Rogers Julie Ruiz Carol Ruszkowski Betty Sainz Anne Sargent Bettina Schempf Chris Scherer Joan Schoonover Lee Scruggs Andrea Shallcross Emily Shugarman Sylvia Silverman Mary Anne Skawinski Helyn Sloan Kathleen Smith

Celebrating Lamplighter Donors *June 1, 2023-May 31, 2025

> Catherine Stewart Connie Stoker Shauna Stokes Penny Storms Rita Strandholm Julie Stratos Tina Szarenski Brenda Taylor Antoinette Thorburn Laura Toledo Laura Trainor-Collins Sharon Tramonte Kristi Trumo Kathy Ulincy Chervl Underhill Courtney Vogt Susan Volbrecht Germaine Vonderhaar Sarah Wagner Katy Walton Sharon Walzel (Tomlinson) Anne Wells

Carol White Brenda Williamson Rebecca Wood Patricia Woodward Cynda L. Wright Patricia Young Sylvia Zamora

Clubs and Districts

Altrusa International of Anaheim, CA Altrusa International of Appleton, WI Altrusa International of Carroll County, NH Foundation Altrusa International of Columbus, OH Foundation Altrusa International of District Fourteen Altrusa International of District Nine Altrusa International of District Six Altrusa International of Downtown Dallas, TX Altrusa International of Green Way, WI Foundation Altrusa International of Greenville, TX Altrusa International of Mansfield, OH Altrusa International of Marion, OH Altrusa International of Montrose, CO Altrusa International of Oak Ridge, TN Foundation Altrusa International of Oshkosh, WI Foundation Altrusa International of Oxnard, CA Altrusa International of Pampa, TX Altrusa International of Pendleton, OR Altrusa International of Prince George's County, MD Altrusa International of Reading-Berks, PA Foundation Altrusa International of Richardson, TX Altrusa International of San Diego, CA Foundation

Celebrating Intentional Acts of Giving Campaign Donors *January 1, 2024-May 31, 2025

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Champion

Colleen Duris Altrusa International of Clarksville, TN Altrusa International of Downtown Dallas, TX

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> Altrusa International of Anderson County, TX Altrusa International of District Four Altrusa International of District One Altrusa International of District Seven Altrusa International of District Two Altrusa International of Greenville, TX Altrusa International of Green Bay, WI Altrusa International of Montrose, CO Altrusa International of North San Antonio, TX Altrusa International of Pendleton, OR Altrusa International of Reading-Berks, PA Altrusa International of San Antonio, TX Altrusa International of Temple, TX Altrusa International of Temple, TX

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Sarah Johnson Cynthia Jolly **Courtney Kallergis** Ilona Kerby Constance Larsen Ramona Leber Jill Lillie Julie Livingston Marcia Lucas **Cindy Mansfield** Cathy McConnell Larry McDough Janet McDough-Csary Phyllis Meyerson Amy R. Miller Beth Miller Linda Moore Marla Navlor Nancy Norris Ileana Pacheco Morales Kimberly Painter Shirley Pearsall Donna Polcz Anne Reed

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Katy Walton

Ann Whitt

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Altrusa International of Portland, ME Altrusa International of Prince George's County, MD Altrusa International of Quincy, MA Altrusa International of Red Oak, IA Altrusa International of Oak Ridge, TN Altrusa International of Roseburg, OR Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC Altrusa International of Sedalia, MO Altrusa International of Taieri, NZ Altrusa International of Tauranga, NZ Altrusa International of Texarkana, TX Altrusa International of The Brazos-Waco, TX Altrusa International of Warsaw, IN Altrusa International of Waco, TX Foundation Altrusa International of Youngtown, OH Altrusa International of Youngstown, OH Foundation

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Cycle Two Grant Program Awardees

District Two

• Tidewater, VA - Thank you for Your Service: A Sensory Garden for Veterans with Alzheimers

District Four

- Greenwood, MS Art Place Summer Supplies
- Thibodaux, LA Explore and Discover

District Five

- Columbus, OH Books and Essential Supplies for Homeless Youth
- Youngstown, OH Teacher Shower

District Six

• Lexington, KY – Crystal Lynn Burton

District Seven

- Duluth, MN Altrusa SPIN Water Filter Project
- Fargo, ND Building Bookcases to Improve Literacy

District Eight

- Lawrence, KS Free Children's Books from Lawrence Public Library and Bookmobile
- Washington County, AR Parent Up
- Poplar Bluff, MO Swinging into Healing

District Nine

- Arlington, TX Friends of Cupid
- Dallas, TX SPAN Holiday Bags for Seniors and Their Pets
- Lake Cities, TX Growing with Grace

District Eleven

- Eastern Sierra, CA Backpack Fridays
- Golden Valley, CA Expanding Rural Literacy Horizons
- San Diego, CA Helping Girls in Southern Ethiopia Finish Their Education
- Tucson, AZ Outreach via Advertising for Young Authors Contest

District Twelve

- Spokane, WA Literacy in Spokane 2024-2025
- Eugene, OR School Kits for Children Fleeing From Disaster
- Nanaimo, BC CANADA Altrusa Audiobook Library

District Fourteen

• San Sebastian, PR – Fifty Years of Altrusa

District Fifteen

- Hamilton, NZ Careers Weekend
- Hawera, NZ Magic Mums 2025
- Ohariu, NZ Books for Bright Futures

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Cycle Two Club 21 Grant Program Awardees

Sherwood Forest, St. Louis, Missouri

2025 Quest Program

Baylor Scott & White Foundation, Temple, Texas

Camp Dreamcatcher at McLane's Children's Medical Center

Cavett Kids Foundation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 2025 Camp Cavett

Camp Dreamcatcher Inc., Kennett Square, Pennsylvania Therapeutic & Educational Camp Session for HIV/AIDS Impacted Youth

Kainga Aroha Society, Inc., Te Awamutu, New Zealand

Kainga Aroha Society Kids Summer Camp

Disaster Relief Aid is Available Now



This quarter, the International Foundation awarded \$2,500 in disaster relief aid to the Support the Enlisted Project (STEP) which provided relief to victims of the plane crash at the Murphy Canyon military housing in San Diego, CA.

The Altrusa International Foundation continues to offer disaster relief aid to support communities impacted by natural disasters. Aid is available to assist first responders and recovery efforts. The Foundation Chair may immediately approve requests up to \$2,500. Requests exceeding \$2,500 require Board approval; however, the review process is swift to ensure timely support.

We encourage you to request assistance based on the specific needs of the disaster. Support remains available even for previous disasters, recognizing the ongoing nature of cleanup and victim recovery.

Guidelines and application materials are available at: <u>https://foundation.altrusa.org/grants-programs-and-awards/</u>

ASK DOROTHY Dorothy Bowen, Grants Committee Chair, answers your grant-related questions.

We just chartered an Altrusa Club. Can we apply for grant funding to support our new Club? Yes. Newly chartered (chartered less than 12-months from application date) Altrusa Clubs are eligible for a one-time grant in the amount of \$2,000 to support a service project. New ASTRA Clubs are eligible for a one-time grant in the amount of \$1,000. Grants can be submitted at any time within 12-months of the Club's charter date.

Is disaster relief aid still available even if the disaster occurred a few months ago but help for victims is still needed? Yes. Support remains available even for previous disasters, recognizing the ongoing nature of cleanup and victim recovery. We encourage you to request assistance based on the specific needs of the disaster.

Is disaster relief aid only available up to \$2,500? No. Requests for disaster relief aid up to \$2,500 can be approved by the Foundation Chair. However, requests greater than \$2,500 require Board approval, which occurs rather quickly once all pertinent materials are received (please see guidelines on the website). Please request what is needed to provide adequate assistance to victims of natural disasters.

Mark Your Calendars



- July 23-26 2025 International Convention, Quebec City, Quebec
 - July 24 and 26 Foundation Grant Workshops
 - July 24 Donor Recognition Reception at 6:00 pm; by invitation only
 - July 25 Foundation Luncheon at 12:00 pm
- Group Tally Updates Please update your personal, Club, and District contact information in Group Tally.

Ways to Give to the International Foundation

Support the Altrusa International Foundation in Meaningful Ways

Did you know there are smart and impactful ways to support the Altrusa International Foundation beyond writing a check? You can help strengthen our mission through:

- Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your retirement accounts
- Gifts of appreciated stock
- Legacy gifts by joining the Donor Roundtable

These giving options can provide lasting benefits to both you and the communities we serve around the world.

To learn more about how you can give, visit: <u>https://foundation.altrusa.org/donate/</u> Together, we can continue leading to a better community.



Redesigned Lamplighter Donor Recognition Icons

This year, the Foundation unveiled the newly redesigned Lamplighter donor recognition icons for the Hofmeister and Albin levels, bringing a refreshed look to honor the generosity of our Altrusan community. The Lamplighter recognition program now includes four distinct levels: Lamplighter, Lucente Lamplighter, Hofmeister Lamplighter, and Albin Lamplighter.

Donors who contribute \$500 USD—whether in a single gift or cumulatively within the fiscal year—will receive an added stone to their Lamplighter icon at their current level. As contributors reach the donation threshold for each level, they will be awarded either an enhanced icon or a new one to reflect their milestone.

Importantly, there is no longer a requirement to earmark donations specifically for Lamplighter recognition. All contributions to the Altrusa International Foundation, excluding gifts designated to Club 21, will be automatically applied toward an Altrusan's Lamplighter recognition level. When a Lamplighter gift is made in honor of another individual, the contribution will be credited solely toward the honoree's Lamplighter status and not the donor's.

For more details on the Lamplighter program and to view the newly designed icons, please visit the website: <u>https://foundation.altrusa.org/donor-recognition-programs/.</u>