

Washington Mutual Alumni Funds (WMAF) June 2010 Second Annual Report

A year ago we presented our first report to you, our donors and friends. Debris was still falling from the bank's demise and we were trying to figure out how we could best help our people. We have learned much, we have helped a lot of people and this report will bring you up to date.

We start with Lou's brief letter to our founding donors and then get to the details of our accomplishments.

Dear Donors:

The WMAF Committee is pleased to report substantial progress in the affairs of the Funds.

The ultimate question in any endeavor is: "What good did you do?" In our case, the Scholarship Fund has given 14 multi-year scholarships, through The Seattle Foundation, committing \$170,000 to that effort to help our people and their children to pursue higher education. As of June 30, 2010 we have also helped 255 people in five states with emergency assistance through Wellspring Family Services, formerly known as Family Services. We have awarded fourteen "Re-training Grants" to former employees to enable them to pursue other avenues of employment.

We received contributions from donors like you of approximately \$190,000 and that made us the logical charity to receive the balance remaining in the WMI PAC of about \$415,000. Fay got that for us and also tracked down the balance in the WMSB Foundation and received approximately \$145,000 from that source. The total from all sources is close to \$750,000. (See attached financial statement.) In effect we quadrupled your contributions and it is all being put to good use.

Please congratulate yourselves for having furnished the means to do far more good than any of us ever thought was possible. Thank you.

-Lou-

We turned our initial dissatisfaction into action and are pleased to publish our second report to donors, friends and alumni. With the generosity of many alumni, we have awarded Emergency Assistance Program grants, two rounds of scholarships for the academic year beginning 2010 and numerous Re-Training grants. Our scholarship applications and assistance fund requests confirm the principals that the WM Family takes care of our own.

Our last report was June 2009, and since then a lot has been happening. As we explained last year, the funds were originally kept in a non interest bearing account with The Seattle Foundation as we did not want to invest any of the donations for fear of losing capital due to market volatility. We recently moved the funds that are already committed to scholarships into a newly established medium term fund which we anticipate will earn enough to cover our costs at The Seattle Foundation.

The Committee found ready support and assistance from alumni who have given time and resources to establish, host and operate our web site and provide communication assistance and operating expertise. The Emergency Assistance Program, in partnership with Wellspring Family Services, aided many former employees nationwide who lost their jobs. We put the word out on every networking site we could think of to announce the Program. As Christmas 2009 rolled around, we had assisted approximately 70 people and still had plenty of money in the fund. So we sent a Safeway gift card to those we had already helped to make their holidays a little brighter. Here are some of the comments we received as a result of this holiday gift:

“The Safeway gift card and Christmas card made me cry because of the thoughtfulness.” (Washington)

“Just a note of thanks for the \$50 Safeway gift card. What a pleasant surprise!! Xmas dinner was very delicious.” (Washington)

“I had to write to thank you for the surprise Christmas gift....I could not figure out who would be sending me a card or anything from Seattle. As I prepared to open the envelope, I said in my mind that I hope it's money, (really joking to myself), and wow, it actually was and enough to purchase my Christmas meal as well as other needed items.Receiving the gift card from you was so encouraging. Thank you again.” (California)

We anticipated that more requests would come in the spring of 2010 after the headquarters was shuttered, final systems were put in the grave and people's severance ran out. Sure enough they did, and in one day we received 30 applications. Many of those requesting assistance were long-time employees, with the record held by one who had been with WM for thirty years.

With unemployment still high in April of this year we decided that second requests would be honored from those still unemployed six months after their separation date. Thus far, we have approved 106 of these second requests. The total dollars awarded through the Emergency Assistance Program reached \$189,500 by June 30th.

We also decided there was a need to assist those still unemployed who wanted training to sharpen their skills or prepare themselves to find a job in a different field or a different industry. We began offering Re-Training grants through our Assistance Program. These are grants of up to \$1,000 to pay for tuition at any educational institution of their choice, and they are open to former employees nationwide. To date we have approved 14 grants in this program – for alternatives as diverse as an MBA program and a truck driving school, and equally diverse in geography – from Washington to Florida.

We have had many expressions of gratitude for our emergency aid:








"I am so deeply grateful for you being there to provide this kind assistance and will pray for continued blessings for the commendable endeavor you all are taking. God Bless!"

"Thank you so much. I'm in the San Joaquin Valley and the economy here is just not turning around yet."

"Thank you and the other dedicated Wamu Alums for this needed financial help while my job hunt continues! This fund is certainly helping me and I know many other folks too and you all should feel good about the work you continue to do. ...Continued success and again...a BIG THANK YOU!!!."

"Thank You so very much.....WaMu was the Employer I valued and for this reason!! Thanks again. It's greatly needed and appreciated..."

This spring we once again granted seven new scholarships under our original scholarship program and renewed those that were granted in 2009. Our new recipients are:

Terra Compton Western Washington University Renewable for three years		Camille Marie Journey Eastern Washington University Renewable for four years	
Connor Ryason Moseley University of Washington Renewable for four years		Dominic Salinger Pearson Western Washington University Renewable for two years	
Amar Shah Washington State University Renewable for two years		Greg Wisdom Central Washington University and Everett Community College Renewable for two years	
Debra Ann Yuasa Central Washington University			

Since our establishment in October 2008, donations of \$728,918.43 were made to The Seattle Foundation for our benefit. We have committed \$370,500 on grants and scholarships. Fees of \$36,264.33 were paid to The Seattle Foundation and Wellspring Family Services. All other expenses have been paid by the committee or other helpful alumni. Some of the scholarships granted were for more than one year contingent on the student maintaining certain grades. When the latest report to us was made, the scholarship renewal cycle was not completed so we do not have final information on the balances available in the funds at this time.

We've had several gatherings of our WM Family. In early 2009 we had a "Last Hurrah" party and auction celebrating our camaraderie and accomplishments. It was a chance to share memories and collect contact information to stay in touch with friends who are WM family. Over 270 employees attended and raised \$2,500 for the Alumni scholarship fund. In August we had a potluck, recognizing our scholarship winners and reconnecting with friends and co-workers. We plan another August potluck this year.

As a committee we continue to meet when it is necessary and also enjoy each other's company at potlucks and lunches. We continue to update the website (Washington-Mutual-Alumni-Funds.com) as events unfold. Thank you to our volunteers for all your help. Lastly, the Washington Mutual Alumni Funds would not be available if not for the kind generosity of our donors and we are grateful beyond words.

Sincerely,

The WMAF Steering Committee

Lou Pepper, Fay Chapman, Lindy Friedlander, Lee Lannoye, Lynn Ryder, Liane Wilson