

# **Women's Fund El Dorado awards community grants**

The Women's Fund El Dorado has recently awarded \$50,000 in its fourth year of awarding grants to community organizations that serve some of the most vulnerable groups on the Western Slope of El Dorado County.

The fund established in 2007 by Katy Peek, Madeleine Tammi and Stephanie Kresse operates under the auspices of the El Dorado Community Foundation. Today the foundation boasts 270 donor members.

In its first three years of operation the Women's Fund El Dorado awarded \$97,000, bringing its year-to-date grant total to \$147,000. In addition, the organization's endowment fund currently stands at approximately \$151,000.

The Women's Fund has two tiers for the awarded grants — Focus Grants and Impact Grants.

This year there was \$40,000 available for Focus Grants and \$10,000 available for Impact Grants.

The donor members of Women's Fund El Dorado vote on where the funds are to be dispersed after application requests have been reviewed by a grants sub-committee made up of donor volunteers.

## **Impact grants**

The recipients of this year's Impact Grants are the American River Conservancy in Coloma, the American Association of University Women, Placerville branch, and the El Dorado Arts Council in Placerville.

The American River Conservancy received \$3,333 in the Environmental Community Service Projects by Youth category. The grant will be used in the restoration of Gold Hill Ranch. The restoration is taking place with the help of 400 students from Gold Hill School in Placerville.