

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Dear SNA Friend,

In 2012, an exciting event took place in our Association. The School Nutrition Foundation Board of Directors approved the request of past presidents to establish the **Josephine Martin National Policy Fellow Endowment Fund**.

The purpose of the Fund is to support the development of leadership and advocacy skills in School Nutrition Association (SNA) members. It also honors Josephine Martin's extraordinary contribution to child nutrition since 1950, and to recognize her impact on the field of child nutrition and the professionals who feed millions of students each day.

The fund enables a School Nutrition Association (SNA) member to attend the annual Legislative Action Conference (LAC) in Washington, DC, for the first time. The recipient is known as the **Josephine Martin National Policy Fellow**. Sandi Walter, SNS from Maryville City, TN was introduced as the first Fellow at the 2013 LAC. Ms. Walter has 20 years of school nutrition experience and is the cafeteria manager of Coulter Grove Intermediate School in Maryville. She is a certified SNA trainer and has served as the president of the Maryville Chapter of the Tennessee School Nutrition Association.

Janet Dunmyer was selected as the 2014 **Josephine Martin National Policy Fellow**. She has been an active member of SNA and the Indiana School Nutrition Association (ISNA) for the past ten years. She currently sits on the Executive Board of the ISNA and has served on the Indiana Public Policy and Legislation Committee.

The goal of the past presidents is to make it possible for local and state leaders to attend the LAC and receive the knowledge and training that will help them provide effective leadership as they continue to offer service to local, state, and national school nutrition associations.

It is now time for us to complete the task of raising the funds needed to reach our financial goal of \$75,000. With the Josephine Martin Fund balance at \$75,000, the Fund will become self-sustaining with the interest each year funding the award. We hope you are prepared to help. We all know that "many

hands make light work". The same is true with fundraising. If each local and state association made a contribution, large or small, we could reach the goal in a short time. Child nutrition professionals are very creative when a challenge is placed before them.

In order to help you get started, we are sending a few suggestions for fundraising that others have shared with us. We hope you will add some more to our list.

Of course, time is a consideration, because we will be starting the 2015 application process in the near future. (Be sure to encourage SNA members to apply for the award.) Therefore, we would appreciate your completing the attached "sign up" form and returning it as soon as your membership has had the time to make a decision regarding participation.

Thank you very much for sharing your time and energy with us. It is such an exciting dream!

Sincerely,

Past Presidents Committee for **Josephine Martin Fund**

- Anne Gennings
- Mary Nix
- Shirley Watkins
- Jane Wynn

P.S. Please share this letter with your chapters and encourage them to participate!

FUNDRAISING SUGGESTIONS for State Associations and Chapters

1. 50 – 50
2. Pass the Hat
3. Raffle
4. Bake Sale
5. Jelly Bean Count
6. Bingo
7. Pancake Breakfast
8. Spaghetti Supper