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Bringing women policymakers together to work across party lines

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Dear Friends:

As 2015 comes to an end, Women's Policy, Inc. is grateful to so many supporters and friends who have helped make this year one to remember. We are pleased to provide you with this update of our activities this past year.

As we look forward to 2016, we thank each of you for your support! We hope you will join us for our gala on **Wednesday, February 24, 2016**, attend our briefings, and enjoy our resources on our website at www.womenspolicy.org. Please also stay in touch with us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Thank you for your continued support!

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2015: A Year to Remember

Women Members – WPI serves as a resource for the women Members of Congress and their staff, as well as other congressional offices and the public, on women's issues in Congress and the history of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. WPI sponsors a number of meetings and receptions each year open only to women Members of Congress in an effort to strengthen the Caucus. Among our events in 2015, we sponsored our biennial gavel-passing ceremony celebrating the new leadership of the Caucus and welcome reception for the new women Members, our annual Take Our Daughters to Work Day with Girls Inc., at which girls shadow the women Members of Congress, and several meetings focused on legislative issues of interest featuring guest speakers.



Group photo of women Members at reception for new women Members



Passing of the gavel from 113th Congress co-chairs, Reps. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA) and Donna Edwards (D-MD) to new co-chairs, Reps. Kristi Noem (R-SD) and Doris Matsui (D-CA) and vice-chairs, Reps. Susan Brooks (R-IN) and Lois Frankel (D-FL)

[Congressional Staff Briefings](#) – WPI hosts congressional staff briefings on key women’s issues most months Congress is in session, with three briefing series: women’s health, international issues, and 21st century workforce issues. Briefings in 2015 have included: the role of sports in improving girls’ health, our annual STEM Fair, celebration of the 25th anniversary of the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women’s Health, the silent epidemic of Hepatitis C on women and their families in the U.S. and abroad, women veterans’ health issues, and the impact of workplace wellness programs on women’s health. We are grateful for the financial support for our briefings from the foundation, corporate, and labor communities.



STEM Fair 2015



Girls participate in STEM projects at STEM Fair (left); Girl Scout and NASA astronaut Cady Coleman (right)



Senator Barbara Mikulski, NIH Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) Dr. Janine Clayton, Ambassador Connie Morella, Rep. Nita Lowey (at podium), and Cindy Hall, WPI President, at September 29 briefing celebrating the 25th anniversary of the NIH ORWH.



Panelists at the June 14 briefing on the importance of sports for girls' health

[Fellows Program](#) – Beginning in January, 2014, WPI became the new home for the Congressional Fellows on Women and Public Policy program. The fellowships are extended each year to a select number of graduate students with a proven commitment to equity for women. Fellows gain practical policymaking experience and graduate credit as they work from January to August in congressional offices. Fellows receive stipends for living expenses. The Class of 2015 included five fellows who worked in House, Senate, and committee offices. WPI celebrated the Class of

2015, their congressional sponsors, and past fellows from the program in June. We are grateful for the support of the fellowships by foundation, corporate, academic, and individual sponsors.



Group photo of past and current fellows taken at June reception honoring the Class of 2015 WPI Fellows

[Weekly News Report](#) – WPI publishes a weekly online news report, free to the public, which reports on legislative actions affecting women and their families. We also publish [special reports](#), including the At-A-Glance at year’s end, a summary of congressional actions taken affecting women and their families, and an appropriations summary.

[Annual Gala](#) – In 2015, our annual gala celebrated the record number of women in Congress and new leadership of the Congressional Caucus for Women’s Issues. In spite of an imminent snowstorm, we were pleased to host almost 400 attendees, including 18 Members of Congress, high-ranking federal agency and administration officials, corporate and labor supporters, senior congressional staff, women’s group leaders, and the media. The event provides our core financial support for the year, and we are once again very thankful for the support of so many companies, labor unions, foundations, advocacy organizations, and individuals.

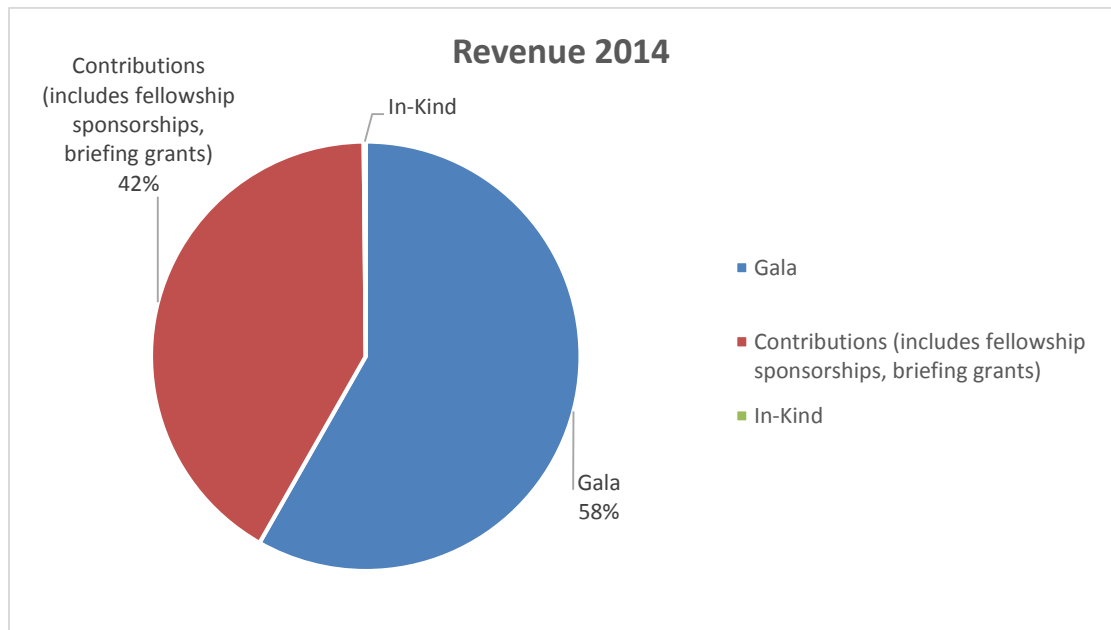


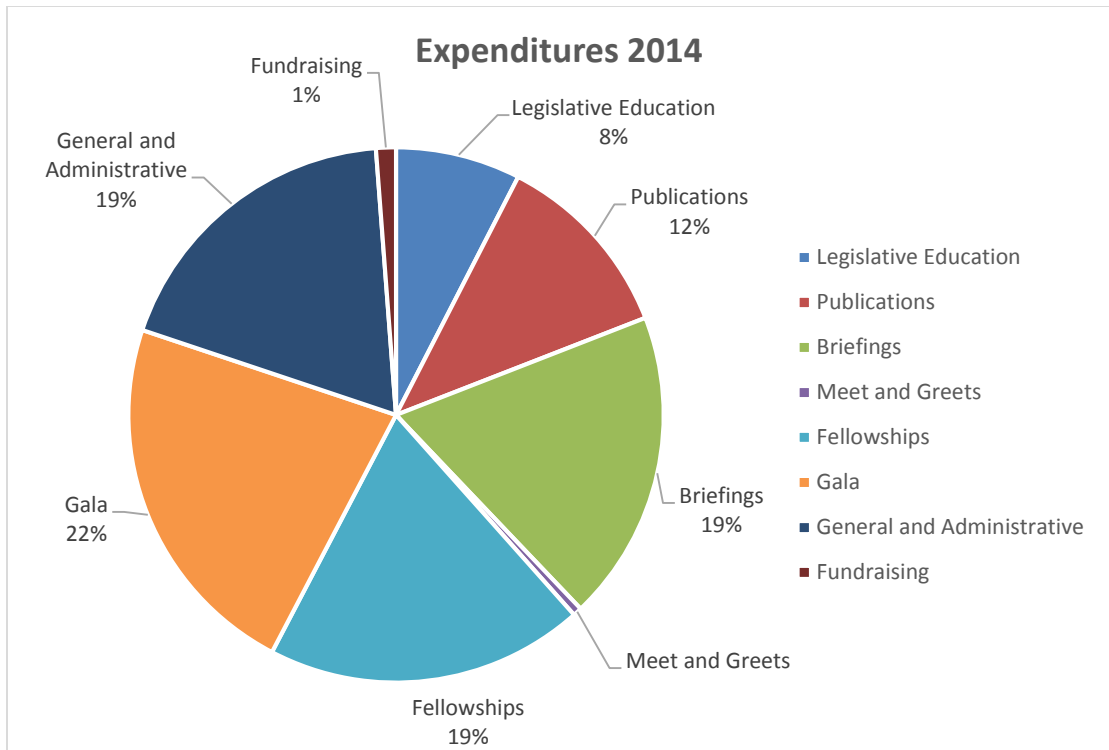
Group shot of women Members of Congress at the 2015 congressional dinner celebrating the record number of women in Congress and the new leadership of the Women’s Caucus



Group shot of new women Members of Congress – 114th Congress
Del. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI), Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), Del. Aumua Amata Radewagen Coleman (R-AS), Reps. Alma Adams (D-NC), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ), and Barbara Comstock (R-VA)

A breakdown of our revenues and expenditures for 2014 appears below. Our 2015 financial report will not be available until early next year.





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