

One of the most difficult parts of any Executive Director's job is asking for money. No matter how often you do it, and no matter how successful you are at it - asking for help is never easy.

NWABR recently learned that the Dean Witter Foundation is giving a \$25,000 challenge grant to support our work with school students. A challenge grant is one where we only receive this money after we raise the matching funds. So I have had to move out of my comfort zone and ask my staff, and my Board and you all - our broadest set of stakeholders - to help us to meet this challenge.

You can imagine my delight, therefore, when I was contacted by Karin Davies to see how she can help us meet this challenge. Karin does not work in biomedical research herself, but she came as a guest to our Gala earlier in the year when her daughter was among the students honored in our high school contest. Karin was excited about the challenge grant, immediately made a further donation to help us reach our goal, and then asked for permission to pass on this challenge to her friends and associates in biomedical research and education.

Karin is doing this because she supports our work of engaging young people with science. She thought that with the riches that exist in our town that NWABR should have met the \$25,000 challenge in a few hours. She said to me, "we have so many biomedical research businesses in the Seattle area. I hope they will help match this impressive grant."

Richard is also a donor in support of NWABR's educational work. Richard gave us an incredibly generous \$500. Richard's employer Zymogenetics has matched this gift for a total of \$1,000. With matching money from Dean Witter, Richard's gift will turn into \$2,000.

With Karin's, Richard's and YOUR generosity, today we've raised nearly \$10,500 toward our goal. When together we reach our \$25,000 target, the Witter Foundation will double it to \$50,000!

If you also want to help NWABR make the most of this generous challenge grant by the end of the year, [please follow this link to NWABR's donation page](#). All gifts to NWABR are tax deductible and this is a rare opportunity for you to double, and sometimes triple, the value of your gift.