

**Featured Program Monthly Theme:***Empower Girls, Empower Countries***"Colorful Girls Circles"** – Girl Determined, Burma/Myanmar

The mission of Colorful Girls Circles, a project of Girl Determined, is to spark a movement of girls with leadership skills to advocate for their own rights and a future that does not re-create the risks they now face. Girl Determined seeks to produce real empowerment - creating opportunities for girls to better cope with their difficulties, envision alternatives, and take leadership into their own hands.

**Grant requested: \$50,000 over 2 years****Sustained Program Funding****"Lotus Outreach"** - Cambodia

The DFW grant of \$39,761 in April 2011 funded a program that provides trauma counseling and reintegration assistance to victims of human trafficking, rape, and domestic violence residing at a safe-shelter in the border region of Banteay Meanchey, Cambodia. Our donations funded the salaries of two shelter-based counselors and two social workers, travel and incidentals for repatriated victims, the cost of establishing five local women's support groups, and financial assistance/small business grants for 70 re-integrated victims. Our grant will continue to sustain this program.



**Grant requested: \$15,000; \$15,000 will also be granted in 2013 and in 2014 based on fulfillment of progress reporting requirements.**

**100% Participation – We Need Your Help**

This year our goal is to have **100% participation** from our 8,000 members in **The Thirteenth Month Campaign** by December 31<sup>st</sup> and **we need your help as Chapter Leaders**. As of 11/30/12, we have reached 72.4% of our dollar goal, with 10.4% of our members participating. We are making tremendous progress!

Please join us in affirming the importance of Dining for Women's work in changing our world for women and girls by making your gift to **The Thirteenth Month Campaign**, and by encouraging your chapter members to do the same.

We believe your members will follow your lead. Thank you!!

Ways to give to **The Thirteenth Month Campaign:**  
**At your December Chapter Meeting**

**Online:** [www.diningforwomen.org/donate/main](http://www.diningforwomen.org/donate/main)

**By Mail:** Dining for Women  
PO Box 25633  
Cressville, SC 29616-0633

## Follow-up Report

We've received an Interim Report from the recipient of our September 2011 donations. The Fistula Foundation received \$57,106.45 from DFW in December 2011 to provide transformative surgery for 124 women at the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. So far this year, 67 fistula surgeries have been performed.

A note from the Fistula Foundation: *"Perhaps the most wonderful thing about fistula surgery treatment is that the cost to restore a woman's body and spirit is so little. A little does so much. Fistula surgery literally transforms her life forever. Putting an end to her enormous physical and psychological suffering is indeed a priceless, lifelong gift. She benefits. Her family and children benefit. Many lives are touched and changed forever."*

To read the full report, click here - <http://bit.ly/Sz4dqa>



**Please remind your members** to take a look at the follow-up reports, as it truly is rewarding to learn about the women whose lives have been changed by our collective giving. We try to post follow-up reports as soon as we get them, and we continue to work with the organizations throughout the year. Interim reports are due 6 months after funds have been disbursed (which takes 3 months after each program is featured). Final reports are due after the organization expends all funding.

## Next Month's Featured Program "Girls Empowerment Project" – Nairobi, Kenya

The Girls Empowerment Project (GEP) is Heshima Kenya's informal education program designed for young refugee women and girls, aged 13-23 years. It provides opportunities for basic education, livelihood options, and human rights education while cultivating leadership skills within a safe and supportive community. The grant amount requested is \$50,000 over 2 years to support 150 girls who would otherwise be ignored or relegated to the sidelines.

## Meeting Ideas

- Suggest books, films and music to your chapter members
- Present program briefly using the PowerPoint presentation. Can show presentation file or just use for your own notes!
- Expand further on the issues women face using the **Food for Thought**, including the discussion questions.
- Announce the December *Sustained Program Funding* and a brief summary- see links on the DFW webpage.

### 2012 Program Grant Totals

\$47,177 to **Nepal Youth Foundation** - January  
\$47,382 to **Starfish One by One** - February  
\$60,158 to **Women's Earth Alliance** - March  
\$72,638 to **Afghan Friends Network** - April (over 2 years)  
\$60,098 to **Children of Vietnam** - May (over 2 years)  
\$32,718 to **Massai Girls Education Fund** - June (over 2 years)  
\$32,718 to **Huru International** - June  
\$50,000 to **Transitions Global**- July  
\$50,000 to **Global Grassroots** – August

398 Active Chapters

Download these information files from the Girl Determined *Featured Program webpage*.

## Monthly Program Materials

Additional education materials are available to enrich your meetings. Please make sure your members and upcoming program presenters aware of this. See the monthly featured program webpage for access

to the materials where you will also find a list of speaker contacts. Link Sustained *Program Funding* information can be found the on the Program page, <http://www.diningforwomen.org/ProgramsPanelPage>.

*Note: We are now using Dropbox only to provide access to the current month's video file. At the end of each month we'll replace it with the next month's video file. All other files are available on the current month's Program page.*

***Our Mission***

*Dining for Women's mission is to empower women and girls living in extreme poverty by funding programs that foster good health, education, and economic self-sufficiency and to cultivate educational giving circles that inspire individuals to make a positive difference through the power of collective giving.*

***Our Vision***

*Our vision is to create a new paradigm for giving – collective giving on an immense scale while maintaining the intimacy of small groups with a focus on education and engaged giving.*