



Dining for Women



Annual Report 2010



Changing the world one dinner at a time



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Luc Moyen, Board Director,
DFW Technology Advisor



"Joining Dining for Women as a board member, couples chapter member, and a volunteer was a great way for me to give back after working almost 30 years in the corporate world. I had a marvelous role model in my mother who always gave more than she received, worried about people all over the world, and helped the less fortunate every chance she had. With the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG) clearly aligned with DFW's strategic plans and goals, I realized how much there is to do. There is a sense of urgency for our organization to expand its positive impact globally by providing women education, financial stability, and a healthier environment in which to raise their families. DFW's members across the world are what is required to address these major challenges."

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.

Vision

Dining for Women's 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.

Founding Values

- ♀ All women deserve to be self-sufficient
- ♀ Education transforms the giver and the receiver
- ♀ Connections are the engine that power giving
- ♀ Transparency and integrity will mark our work
- ♀ To reach all, we must believe we can

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President & Founder
Dining for Women



Changing the world one dinner at a time

— From the President

Marsha Wallace



The world is awakening to the fact that lasting peace, security and economic stability is not possible without the full participation of women and girls. Collaboration is vital; it takes a network of people to impact the complex problems facing the world. If we are to contribute significantly to real change, our role must extend beyond financial support. We must also extend our hearts and minds, educating ourselves about the issues and the challenges that we and our global sisters face. What affects one, affects us all. Compassion is demonstrated in our desire to give, but also to learn, so that we can know better how to give. In this way, we, too, benefit. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without also helping himself."

For Dining for Women (DFW), 2010 can be characterized by one word: impact. Your collective donations have contributed to lasting social change. Here are just a few examples:

- DFW funded a Women's Center in Darfur, directly impacting 305 women (Darfur Peace and Development Organization)
- 298 community healthcare workers received training and delivered services to 6,000 women and infants (INMED, Peru)

Jennifer Judd, a widowed mother of eight shares: "It has lifted me up—I feel confident and can stand on my own and do the jobs of a man. I have the assurance that I can feed and support my children; the fear is gone." Jennifer received a seed capital grant from Village Enterprise Fund, Uganda.

Our desire to see greater impact of DFW in the lives of those we serve has propelled us to focus on excellence in all areas: internal systems, program selection, monitoring and evaluation, and chapter growth and sustainability. For example, in the last year we have:

- Launched a new website
- Instituted new donor management software system
- Implemented an online chapter leader training module
- Traveled to Kenya and Uganda to meet some of the women we have served

Dedicated volunteers provided thousands of dollars of in-kind services and resources pro bono, demonstrating the passion and belief they have in DFW and our mission. There are now more than 250 chapters meeting in the US, and in five other countries. Highlights include the launch of a high school chapter in Charleston, SC, as well as the incorporation of DFW into religious studies class at a prestigious women's college.

Gail Smith Peay joined DFW as Executive Director in October 2010. Under her leadership, DFW continues to build an infrastructure that will efficiently and effectively support the organization in years to come.

We are all connected—inspired by the synergy that is created from like-minded people working to create a world where women are respected, dignified, valued members of their communities, countries, and nations. Thank you for being part of DFW and for sharing our mission of empowerment, education, and collective giving.

Marsha

Marsha Wallace
Founder & President

Dining for Women

2010 Featured Programs

Our 2010 collaborative donations to 12 international programs totaled \$316,317, an increase of almost \$32,000 from the previous year.

What Dining for Women's Donations Provided

January: Darfur Peace & Development, Sudan **\$27,479**

Funded literacy classes and basket weaving materials for two women's centers, providing women with opportunities to generate income for their households, and directly supporting 305 women and 13 staff, including teachers.

February: Unitus, India **\$24,283**

Supported a microfinance program to provide small loans and other financial tools for self-empowerment in one of the poorest, most remote, and hardest to serve states in India.

March: INMED, Peru **\$22,790**

Helped fund an ongoing project, Healthy Babies: Improving Mother and Child Health to reduce maternal and infant mortality by providing easily accessible emergency obstetrical and maternal health care in remote communities of the Peruvian Amazon.

April: Lending Promise, Nepal **\$26,293**

Ensured 200 impoverished women in Jumla, Nepal would become financially independent by funding microcredit for businesses, and training in literacy and business skills.

May: Longitude, Ghana **\$24,667**

Funded need-based scholarships to PROFESA, a nonprofit vocational training center in Abeka, Ghana, and a full-time job placement program, which will strengthen women's viability in Ghana's competitive job market.

June: Nest, Morocco **\$23,483**

Provided business-training curriculum in three Moroccan villages and a loan to a cooperative of women.

July: Mohammed Bazar Backward Class Dev. Society, India **\$19,508**

Empowered women in impoverished villages by funding vocational and business training for tribal women.

August: Bead for Life, Uganda **\$20,855**

Supported the Shea Nut Retail Project, which provides impoverished women with opportunities to lift their families out of poverty by connecting high-quality products to international buyers.

September: Somaly Mam, Cambodia **\$32,307**

Funded scholarships, education, and training for victims of sex trafficking in primary, secondary and higher education.

October: 13 Threads, Guatemala **\$27,770**

Supported the Young Mayan Women Internship Program, the Women's Literacy Fund, candle-making and rug-making workshops, community facilitator training, leadership development workshops for women's groups, an annual leadership assembly, and a new cultural center.

November: Rubia Handwork, Afghanistan **\$36,416**

Funded the development and implementation of Threads of Change, an integrated program in literacy, health, human rights, civics and handwork impacting over 600 women in Nangtahr, Afghanistan, and mentoring emerging leaders to continue and expand the program.

December: The BOMA Fund, Kenya **\$30,466**

DFW funded the economic empowerment of 125 women through an innovative micro-finance program completely led by local residents in the nomadic and settled villages of northern Kenya.

Darfur



INMED



Lending Promise



Bead for Life



Somaly Mam



Rubia Handiwork



— A Few Words from our Programs

Dear Dining for Women advocates and members,

Nest



I want to write with the deepest appreciation. I am the executive director of Nest, a nonprofit agency that you collectively funded last June. As you know, Nest uses a unique combination of interest-free microfinance loans, mentoring from established designers, as well as a market in which to sell their craft to help women artisans in developing countries to create successful small businesses. Nest instills pride of ownership, preserves ancient artistic traditions and successfully moves women from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Your support funded 3 cooperatives in Morocco. I thought I would share information about one of these groups so that you have a taste of what your generosity has brought! We operate in a tiny village called Tigmiijou. The village has no running water and only added electricity in 2005. Reliant on farming and basket weaving, the weaving process is family-oriented and is done in a workshop each family has in their home using water-reeds. Water-reeds are then woven together with braided water-grass, which is produced by the older generation in town. The process is entirely green and environmentally sustainable. Through your support, the women in this group will get access to Nest's 12 course craft and business education program, a new community center and the chance to increase their export market further. Their lives will be changed.

Thank you from these women and from all of us at Nest!

Warmly,

Unitus



Rebecca Kousky
Executive Director, Nest

We wanted to again say thank you to Dining for Women since, in addition to the support that was raised for Unitus, your website was the #1 top referring site of people visiting the Unitus website! Thank you for raising awareness of how financial services can empower women in poverty.

--Unitus

On behalf of the women of the PROFESA Academy, I want to thank you for your incredible fundraising efforts these past two months. The check that we received in the mail this week was awesome. I have no better word to describe it.

Applying for a \$15,000 grant and then receiving close to \$25,000 is mind blowing for a small non-profit like ourselves. It allows us to finally tackle some of the programmatic requests that don't seem like a lot when they come in from Ghana, but it never seems that we have the extra money to get them done. For example, for the past year and a half, the PROFESA students have been writing and taking notes in class on their laps because Longitude has not had the extra capital to pay for actual desks and chairs for the classrooms. An entire classroom can be outfitted with desks and chairs for as little as \$1,225, but we have struggled to find that money until now. I sent the extra money with this month's budget to the school on Monday and Meshach informed me that the students were dancing in the classroom upon hearing that they would finally get their desks.

Thank you so much for all you do!

Shawn Rubin
Longitude

DFW Chapters/Leadership Summit

Dining for Women Chapters

Dining for Women has continued its tremendous growth in 2010, with more than 200 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Belgium, United Kingdom, and China.

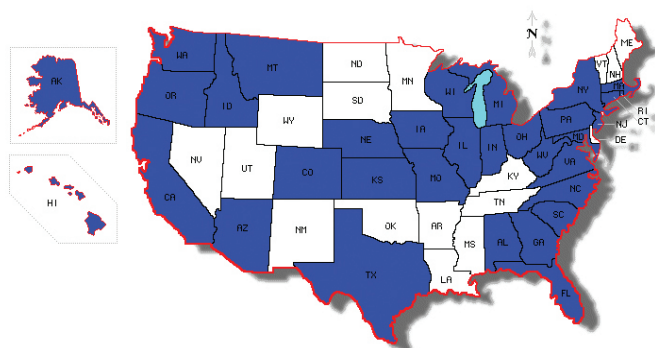
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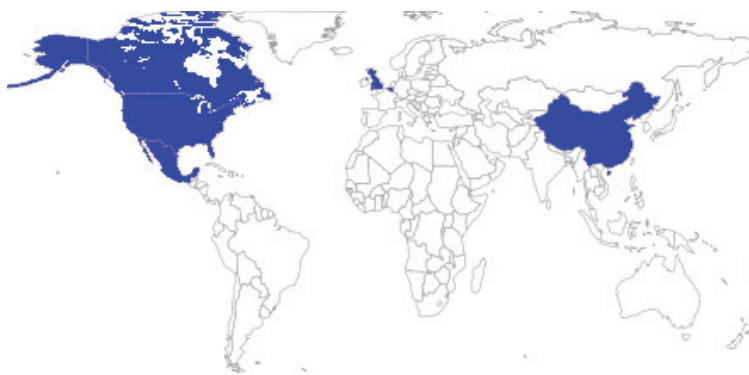
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US DFW Chapters



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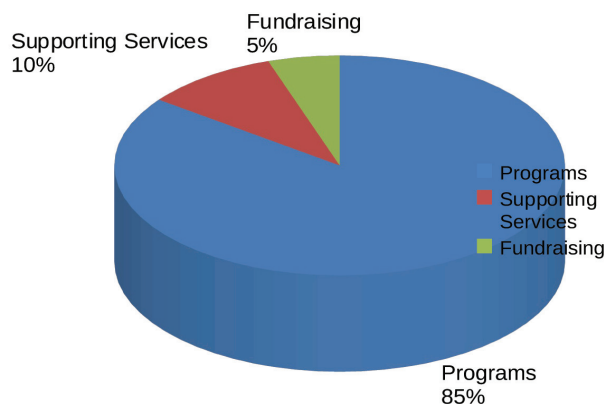
Leadership Summit Atlanta

Dining for Women's Third Annual Summit was held September 23-26, 2010, in Atlanta. The theme for the conference this year was "Leading From the Inside Out—Claiming DFW as Your Own." I think that is what is most unique about DFW. It's the secret sauce that sets this organization apart and makes it different. As leaders, we have the support but also the autonomy to run our meetings in a way that suits our own unique membership. This allows leaders to unleash their creativity and encourages members to step up and stake their own claim in DFW. From attending meetings, to spreading the word and telling their friends about DFW, to volunteering for service projects, to hosting and presenting, you make DFW your own.

Cari Class, Santa Cruz, CA Chapter Leader

Finances/Annual Appeal

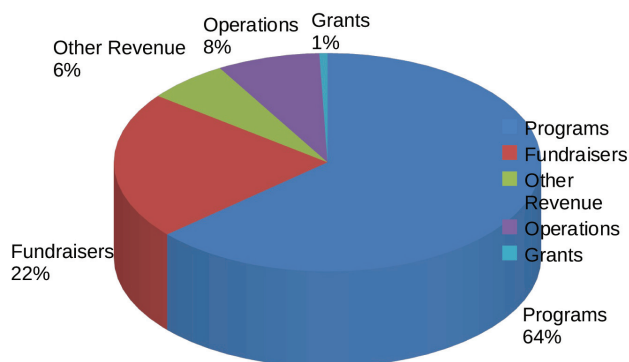
Expenses 2010*



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| Programs | \$ 360,823 |
| Supporting Services | \$ 40,999 |
| Fundraising | \$ 21,768 |

Total Expenses \$423,590

Revenue 2010*

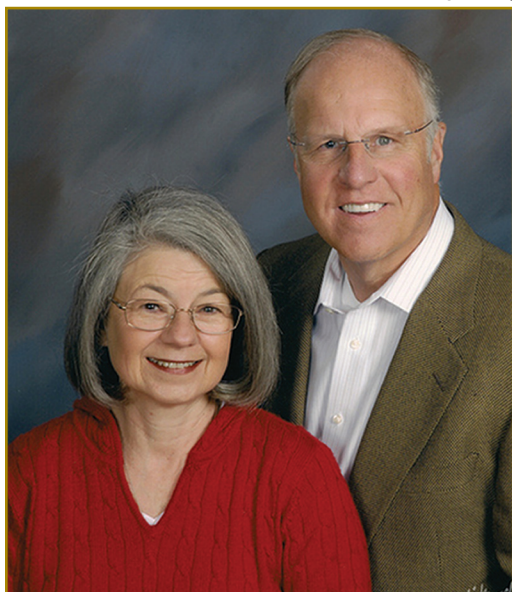


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| Programs | \$ 311,563 |
| Fundraisers | \$ 107,388 |
| Other Revenues | \$ 30,351 |
| Contributions to Operations | \$ 38,296 |
| Grants | \$ 3,000 |

Total Revenue \$ 490,598

*DFW is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is committed to using every donation in the most effective way possible.

Jack and Cindy Plating



Annual Appeal

"We have been grateful for the opportunity to support DFW since it began eight years ago. The plight of women around the world has always been an issue of concern for us as we consider our many blessings. We are confident and pleased that the support we give actually reaches and helps women internationally grow with knowledge, independence and confidence. If women are made stronger, there is hope for the world's next generation!"

Cindy Plating

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"I have been a part of Dining for Women for almost four years and I feel I have immensely benefitted from the experience. The Vision and Mission of Dining for Women has improved my perspective on life and has helped me gain insight into the tragic problems faced by women and children all over the world. I have forged meaningful relationships with like-minded women and I truly feel like a part of a larger family. I love what I do and am eager to help others learn about Dining for Women. The most important thing is that it has become for me a life time cause dedicated to Women's Empowerment. Thank you, Marsha, for your vision."

Shashi Khanna, Chapter Leader, NC, Greensboro - 5

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"Being a part of DFW as a volunteer and chapter leader has given me the opportunity to learn and understand more about the impact grassroots organizations have on those they serve. I am so proud and honored to be a part of such a well-managed organization which carries out its mission and objectives with transparency, professionalism, inclusiveness, creativity and, most importantly, compassion. I clearly see DFW's continued commitment to serve impoverished women and girls, but as importantly educate and inspire its own members. Through this education and inspiration we continue our support not only through our DFW programs, but beyond and outside of DFW. We are empowering individuals to go out and be the agents of change needed in the world today."

**Karen Frederick, Chapter Leader, CA, San Jose -1,
 Chairperson of the Executive Committee**

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