



Featured Program

StoveTeam International – Oaxaca Stove Project

In Mexico open-fire cooking is common, and cooking kills.

Smoke from indoor cooking fires is a leading cause of death in children under age five. One of the most dangerous activities a woman can undertake in the developing world is cooking for her family.

Nancy Sanford Hughes, a volunteer on a medical mission to Guatemala, met women and children there who had suffered debilitating burns from open cooking fires, and babies who died because their throats were so coated with creosote that they could not be intubated. She decided she had to do something to prevent such tragedies from occurring.

Hughes founded StoveTeam International. She worked with the inventor of the 'Rocket Stove' in Oregon to adapt his design. The result is the *Ecocina* – a portable stove approximately the size of a five-gallon bucket that is easily produced with predominantly local materials, does not require a chimney, is cool to the touch, and uses half as much wood as a traditional cooking fire. Hughes has worked with local entrepreneurs to establish six factories in five Latin American countries that, to date, have sold over 37,000 stoves.

A \$42,312 grant from DFW will help establish StoveTeam's first factory that is solely owned by a woman, and will employ a network of women advocates who will educate and sell stoves to communities in Oaxaca, the poorest state in Mexico.

We're so glad you asked! *(Questions submitted on Meeting Evaluation Forms may be answered here.)*

"A question that always arises at our meetings is - Where do the men stand with all of this? A comment about how the husbands and fathers feel about seeing their women become empowered would be very engaging also."

Some programs we fund do explain the men's role and occasionally men are included in the program when their role is key and the culture is changing. For example, some men were included in the Jungle Mamas training by Pachamama Alliance in Ecuador. Sometimes they are mentioned in the video, as when a young girl talks about how proud her father is of her for attending school. When male input is available and offered by the organization, we do include it in our educational materials. However, the programs we support often have minimal staff and we already require so much information from them. That said, your suggestion is excellent and we will see how we can work it into the conversation more intentionally without creating any burden on the grantee.

"One item that our chapter keeps asking is we like to know what of the in-country staff is indigenous for each program. Maybe that can be added to the program materials each month."

The presence of local staff in the programs we fund is paramount. We not only look for local leadership, we also highly esteem local female leadership. Both are important considerations in our program evaluations. We don't provide specific numbers, as numbers can change on any given day, but we can certainly comment on current staff in our educational materials.

Cookbook Reorder!

Our 10th anniversary cookbook was a huge success. So much so that we've had to schedule a second printing to handle the demand from those of you who passed on the opportunity the first time. Chapter Leaders can take orders until August 31st. Details and instructions are available at www.diningforwomen.org/cookbook

Meeting Ideas – Take it and Make it your own

(You can share YOUR ideas through the Online Meeting Evaluation Form on each Program page, and you can adapt any of these ideas to suit your chapter's needs and interests.)

- Babs Sullivan, presenter in Nicki Maxwell's Eugene Downtown chapter says, "We also provide a larger map so attendees can see better where the program is located."
- Sally Dutko of the Ithaca, NY chapter always has some of her members read the quotations from the women we are supporting. "At the end of my presentation, and before the dinner affirmation, I had three different members read the quotes from the women. It's a very effective way to end the presentation."
- At Lisa Maas and Lynn McClenahan's chapter in SW Portland, the presenting task is shared by having one member present the month's program and another present information about the country.

More Meeting Ideas - Secret Sauce for Successful Chapters

Check out this presentation from our 10th Anniversary Celebration for great tips on how to keep your meetings interesting, encourage members to be more engaged and keep yourself fueled and inspired - <http://www.diningforwomen.org/chapter-refresh>

Chapter Leader Resources page

Have you visited the Chapter Resources page lately? We've reorganized it to present all the information you need in clear categories. Visit soon to reacquaint yourself with all the resources available -

<http://www.diningforwomen.org/chapter-leader-resources>

2012 Program Grants - Grand Total - \$685,266

2013 Program Grant Totals

\$50,000 to **Heshima Kenya** – January Featured (over 2 years)

\$15,000 to **The Boma Project** – January Sustained

\$50,000 to **Midwives for Haiti** – February Featured

\$15,000 to **Matrichaya** – February Sustained

\$15,000 to **Friendship Bridge** – March Sustained

Grants are awarded after all donations for the month have been received and processed which takes 90-120 days.

Chapter leaders can help reduce this processing time!
Please mail your donations within five days of your meeting.

427 Active Chapters

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.