

### Featured Program

#### One Heart World-Wide – Implementing a Network of Safety around Mothers and Newborns in Western Nepal

**Every day twelve Nepali women die in childbirth**, nearly half of them needlessly bleeding to death. And even when a new mother does survive, odds are that her baby will not. **Every day, 75 Nepali infants take their final breath**, most of them less than a day after birth.

In the remote rural districts of Baglung and Dolpa, an average 11,000 births occur annually. Almost all (90 percent) babies are born at home. The poorest families have no access to prenatal care or any Skilled Birth Attendant (SBA) to help them through the delivery.

**A \$50,000 grant from DFW will help One Heart World-Wide expand their successful Network of Safety program to these two rural areas.** This successful program includes health provider training, health facility improvements, and community outreach programs to ensure pregnant women and their newborns have access to necessary care. One Heart provides community educational visits, vitamin supplements, birthing kits, and cell phones for emergency labor situations.

One Heart operated their Network of Safety program in Tibet for ten years, saving thousands of mothers' and babies' lives. DFW supported their work through three previous grants, totaling \$31,712 over three years.

<http://www.diningforwomen.org/oneheart2013>

#### A New Development

In January 2013, One Heart World-Wide's founder Arlene Samen visited the Jungle Mamas program (our Featured Program in November 2012) and began a collaboration to share One Heart's Network of Safety model with the Achuar villagers. Jungle Mamas and One Heart will work together to expand their reach and make sure that no woman or baby dies in childbirth. Samen says, "The warrior strength and vision the Achuar people have for protecting their territory in the Amazon Rainforest reminded me of the warrior-like spirit of the Tibetans I worked with." Read more at <http://www.pachamama.org/news/new-partners-for-jungle-mamas-in-2013>

### IMPACT!

The **Final Report** from **Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer (PINCC)** is available on their DFW program page - <http://bit.ly/16OUvWW> . Please share their heart-felt note with your chapter:

*"Because of DFW's generous donors, PINCC has empowered a network of doctors and nurses who were overwhelmed with the task of screening and preventing cervical cancer. By teaching a cost- and time-efficient, single-visit method of finding and eliminating the cancer in its pre-invasive stages, we gave them the tools to save thousands of lives.*

*"We wish each of you could see the relief and gratitude in women's faces as they leave knowing they are safe from this terrible disease. If you could see the pride and joy of the medical staff, who now have the tools to help their communities, you would know how important DFW's contribution is.*

*Your caring has made such a difference for the women and families of El Salvador!"*

**Note:** All of PINCC's employees, the Executive Director, and Development Director reflect the organization's commitment to women's empowerment and diversity, as they are all women, of diverse ethnic origins, ages and sexual orientations. Its Board of Directors is the same, consisting of 10 women and 2 men.

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You'll find a wonderful **Interim Report** from **Children of Vietnam** on their DFW program page - <http://bit.ly/16OUGBQ> . Last May we funded their program to help impoverished single mothers build sustainable lives ("Empowering Foundations for Women and their Children"). Excerpt: An important component of their work is advocacy – making sure the women understand the government benefits to which they are entitled.

*"When invited to have a health check all of the women refused. They worried that if there was any problem they would not have money for treatment. They would rather not know than to have the stress of knowing and not being able to afford appropriate care. We explained that they have free insurance because of their poor status. This fact was completely unknown to them."* - Tram Doung Thi Minh, EFWC Program Coordinator

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

**"Why don't you post the list of speakers for the featured program online anymore?"** Speakers are generally volunteers and board members who do not wish to share their contact information with the public. However, they are willing to be contacted by DFW leaders. Contact lists for speakers are sent to Chapter Leaders through their Regional Leaders as soon as they are available. July through October speaker lists have been distributed to Regional Leaders.

**"When do the members get to select a program?"** Since donations fluctuate from month to month, the DFW Board of Directors has established a Grant Reserve Policy to ensure the stability of DFW's future grant funding obligations and to provide a source of internal funds to meet those obligations (in part or in full) should an unplanned shortage or loss in funding occur for a given program month. In months when donations exceed the grant requests of the Featured and Sustained Programs, the excess funds are deposited into the Grant Reserve Fund. If donations in any given month fall short of our projections, the Grant Reserve Fund may cover the shortfall. The board established a goal for the reserve fund balance, and when that goal is reached we will begin to accumulate the \$25,000 to \$30,000 to fund a Member's Choice program. At present we have accumulated less than a quarter of the reserve fund goal. For more information about our Expanded Funding Model, visit [www.diningforwomen.org/faq#n2839](http://www.diningforwomen.org/faq#n2839)

**Meeting Ideas** – You can share YOUR ideas through the Online Meeting Evaluation Form on each Program page.

- Betty Purkey-Huck, chapter leader in Sedalia, CO posed this question to her members and says that a lively discussion followed - "What is the issue that most inspires you to be involved with DFW?"
- If you don't have access to a speaker from the month's featured program, call an ethnic restaurant or a local college to see whether they know speakers from the country of origin. "You'd be surprised how receptive folks are once you describe the organization and what we are doing. I've had restaurant owners put me in touch with amazing native speakers," says Cari Class, the Santa Cruz chapter leader who shared this idea in her presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

### 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

*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.**

**420 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.*