

Featured Program

Breaking Ground - Cameroon

Breaking Ground, through their Women's Entrepreneurial Program, provides instruction to women in suitable business and farming techniques to help them go beyond subsistence levels by:

- Cooperatively creating a community garden to provide education in organic farming and seeds for transplant to individual gardens.
- Providing specific training in agricultural vocation opportunities such as soap making, pig farming, palm and coconut production and oil processing.
- Providing microcredit to help women invest in pig farming or cocoa and palm production.

The Program builds female leadership, encourages entrepreneurship and creates role models for young girls. Women in these programs are prepared to become community leaders who oversee agricultural projects and loan programs.

Dining for Women's \$45,848 grant over two years to Breaking Ground will directly support agricultural training programs for 290 women and provide 48 women with microloans to support entrepreneurial businesses. This grant funds two years of a six-year program that will directly impact 885 women and indirectly impact 4,000 individuals. More at www.diningforwomen.org/cameroon-breaking-ground



Special Offering -Purchasing Earrings Benefits Breaking Ground

Housseini Yaouba, a Cameroonian artisan, creates one-of-a-kind hand-carved and dyed cow horn earrings to sell. All proceeds benefit Breaking Ground.

Since each pair is unique, they are not offered on the organization's website, but you can see pictures of samples on their Flickr page - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/breaking-ground/sets/72157627130696518/detail/>.

If you have arranged for a Breaking Ground volunteer to attend your chapter meeting (Contact List emailed from your Regional Leader), ask if she can bring some earrings with her. Or, you may contact Breaking Ground's director, Alex Moore (alex.moore@breaking-ground.org) for details about what earrings are currently available.

We're so glad you asked!

"What happens to the funds from a microloan program when the loans are repaid to the organization?" The answer reveals a little recognized way we continue to support women in some programs long after the grant cycle is over. When we fund micro-loans, the capital repaid to the organization becomes available for additional microloans to other individual women or groups of women. Thus the original donation has an extended life.

"Why are there no Sustained Funding programs from June to August?" No programs receive Sustained Funding in June, July or August because many chapters do not meet in the summer months. Many of the chapters that do meet have fewer women attending. Thus, donations totals are down and lower amounts are available to fund programs.

When you submit a question on your Meeting Evaluation Form it may be answered in next month's CL Talking Points.

July through December Featured Programs

From Mexico to Thailand, we will be supporting more than 1,450 women directly and countless more indirectly through the granting of more than \$325,000 to six Featured Programs. The programs we are supporting work toward improved health, increased education opportunities, training of healthcare workers to return to rural villages and dental care. You can download a beautiful flyer listing these programs at <http://bit.ly/14SWkBn>.

One Heart World-Wide in Nepal is our featured program for July. The program works to build a network of safety and life-saving support and care for women and their newborns, reducing the high rate of infant and maternal mortality.

StoveTeam International in Mexico manufactures and provides fuel efficient and safe cook stoves. Because cooking shouldn't kill; and yet it does - fumes from indoor cooking fires are the leading cause of death for children under 5 in the developing world. This program will be featured in August.

Foundation Rwanda helps women and children still struggling to cope with the impact of the 1994 genocide and the thousands of children born from rape. The program provides education and support for both children and their mothers who struggle to deal with isolation and loneliness. Foundation Rwanda will be funded in September.

The Unforgotten Fund - In Pune, India, thousands of women and children live in trash dumps. They eat contaminated scraps of food scrounged from the garbage. This program, featured in October, seeks to help women find better ways to support their families with occupational training, education and microloans.

ASSET in Uganda seeks to identify promising young women, mentor them, support them and provide scholarships so they can get an education. Featured in November, this program also runs a program that trains and helps to market artisan beadwork as a method to fund scholarships.

Smiles On Wings in Thailand works to improve the overall health of the rural population in Thai villages through dental care, humanitarian aid and education. To build capacity in these villages, Smiles On Wings identifies young refugee women with the potential to become healthcare providers and educators. It provides scholarships and support to these women, who return to their villages to work after graduation.

Sustained Programs

We have also granted \$60,000 to four programs that receive sustained funding for three years. **INMED in Peru** for a program to improve maternal and neonatal health in remote jungle communities; **Thirteen Threads in Guatemala** helps women and girls develop artisan businesses and bring woven products to market; **Rubia in Afghanistan** works to empower women and girls to greater decision making in their communities; and **Lotus Outreach in Cambodia**, which provides assistance to the victims of human trafficking and rape.

Meeting Ideas - Please share YOUR ideas through the Online Meeting Evaluation Form on the Program page.

- When you share the second half of 2013's Featured and Sustained Programs, ask members to consider helping with upcoming presentations. Have a sign-up sheet available.
- If time allows, have someone read a short folktale from Cameroon – see the book, Sacred Door, on our Shop! Read! Watch! Listen! web page.
- Ask one of the Questions in Food for Thought and allow members time to share their responses.

10th Anniversary Celebration – June 21 – 23

Our Decade of Dreams

We rolled back the conference registration price to the early bird special – only \$245 for the whole weekend. This is an exciting opportunity to gather in Greenville with those who 'speak DFW'.

Visit <http://www.diningforwomen.org/10year> for the full schedule of events and **register before the June 15 deadline** - <http://diningforwomen10year.eventbrite.com>

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 Maasai 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
\$33,000 to Health in Harmony – September Featured
\$15,000 to INMED – September Sustained
\$49,377 to Anchal Project – October Featured
\$15,000 to 13 Threads – October Sustained
\$40,000 to Pachamama Alliance – November Featured
\$15,000 to Rubia – November Sustained
\$50,000 to Girl Determined – December (over 2 years)
\$15,000 to Lotus Outreach – December Sustained
\$685,266 - Grand Total for 2012

2013 Program Grant Totals

\$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.***

406 Active Chapters

By educating members, DFW inspires us to make a difference through the power of collective giving. Please donate to support our programs as we change the world one dinner at a time!

Visit <http://www.diningforwomen.org/donate/program>

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.