



Featured Program

MayaWorks - Guatemala

MayaWorks empowers indigenous women artisans to end their cycle of poverty, achieve economic security, and create a brighter future for themselves and their families by providing international markets for their handcrafted products, access to microcredit loans and expanded educational opportunities.

Project - Maya Women's Cross Generational Economic Development

Textiles are an integral part of Mayan culture and weaving is often passed down from mother to daughter. Dining for Women's grant will help expand markets for traditional Guatemalan crafts, provide literacy and leadership training for the artisans and scholarships for their daughters.

DFW's grant of \$50,000 will directly affect 125 women artisans, provide scholarships for 100 of their daughters and indirectly aid 500 others in their communities.

More at diningforwomen.org/guatemala-maya-works

Sustained Program Funding

Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer (PINCC), India

When Dr. Kay Taylor volunteered on a 2003 medical mission to Honduras, she found three cases of invasive cervical cancer - as many as she had seen in 15 years' practice as an OB/GYN doctor at Kaiser. That was a catalyst. She established Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer (PINCC) in 2005 and took early retirement to begin fighting the scourge of cervical cancer among poor women living in under-resourced areas.

Cervical cancer is the number one cancer killer for women in the developing world. Caused by the sexually transmitted human papilloma virus (HPV), it takes 15-20 years to develop into an invasive cancer. Detected early as pre-cancerous cells or dysplasia, it can be easily treated. It is one of the few preventable cancers. Yet every year, nearly 300,000 women world-wide die of this disease.

In 2011, DFW provided \$36,698 to support PINCC's campaign on cervical cancer prevention in El Salvador. DFW also organized service trips to Nicaragua and El Salvador with PINCC in 2012.

With sustained funding of \$45,000 over 3 years from Dining for Women, PINCC's objective in India is to initiate and complete three programs in Bangalore (Karnataka Province), Siliguri (Darjeeling District, West Bengal) and Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh Province). The total impact of the training program over three years is estimated to affect the lives of 12,000 Indian women. It is expected that 10-13 percent of women examined will be found to have pre-cancerous lesions and will be treated, thus **saving about 1,500 women from developing cervical cancer.**

(Grant requested: \$15,000 in 2013; \$15,000 will also be granted in 2014 and in 2015 based on fulfillment of progress reporting requirements.)

More information and a Program Fact Sheet at diningforwomen.org/PINCCSP

Meeting Ideas – Please share YOUR ideas through the Meeting Evaluation Form

- Introduce the Featured Program with an “imagine if” situational thought inspired by the fact sheet.
- Ask several members, in advance, to share the quoted ‘Voices of the Women’ from the fact sheet.
- Recruit a member, in advance, to present the work of this month’s Sustained Program.

Thanks to Chapter Leader Susan Lovell in Martinsburg, WV for all of the ideas above!

Meeting Evaluation Form Online

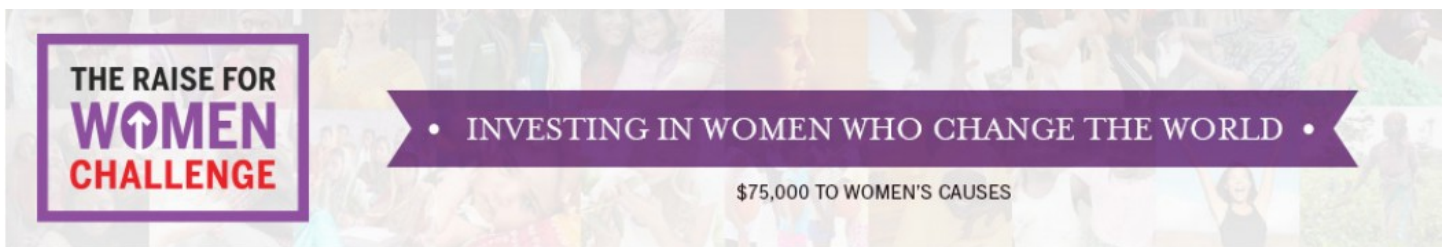
Help us improve our processes and support to you, your members and the organizations we serve. We’d like to hear from Chapter Leaders and/or Presenters every month. Please make it a habit to complete one after your meeting each month. **You may find your great ideas published in a future edition of Chapter Leader Talking Points!** You’ll find a link to the [Meeting Evaluation Form](#) on every Program page and on the Chapter Resources page.

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

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.



Raise for Women Challenge

Please remind your members about this important opportunity to support the work of DFW. The nonprofit organization that raises the most money between April 24th and June 6th will win \$25,000, second place wins \$15,000 and third place wins \$10,000.

We'll need everyone's efforts to help us win! There are prizes for the greatest number of individual donors, so spread the word to friends and family by email, on your Facebook pages, blogs, Twitter posts and word of mouth. Watch Facebook and the website for progress updates.

10th Anniversary Celebration – Our Decade of Dreams

The weekend of June 21-23 offers an exciting opportunity to gather in Greeneville with those who ‘speak DFW’. The weekend will include a full length showing of *Girl Rising*, a groundbreaking film and the centerpiece of the 10x10 global social action campaign. We will have guest speakers from some of our funded programs - Children of Vietnam, Maasai Girls Education Fund and the Anchal Project. We’ll have break-out sessions on Advocacy, Meeting Ideas, and SO much more. Visit diningforwomen.org/10year for the full schedule of events. (Note - Embassy Suites is offering lodging discounts until May 23rd.)

Monthly Program Materials – New Programs Announced in May!

Please make sure your members and upcoming program presenters are aware of the full range of educational materials available on our website. Introductory material for the **programs for July through December 2013 will be available on the Programs page in May**. Visit diningforwomen.org/ProgramsPanelPage, or from the home page menu, click 'Programs', then 'Current & Past'.

Next Month's Featured Program (reminder, there is no Sustained Program in June/July/August)

In June we'll feature Breaking Ground in Cameroon. Their Women's Entrepreneurial Program (WEP) provides instruction to women in farming techniques – helping them create a community organic garden, providing seeds for transplantation into family gardens and instruction on how to include these crops into their diets.

They also provide specific training in other vocational opportunities such as soap making, palm and coconut production and oil processing and pig farming, as well as offering microcredit to help launch new businesses. Women in these programs often become community leaders who oversee the agricultural projects and loan programs.

diningforwomen.org/cameroon-breaking-ground

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.

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!

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