

### Featured Program

#### The Unforgotten – Pune (Pu-Nay), India

- *“The name ‘The Unforgotten’ is intended to have a double meaning. In one sense, we aim to help the poor that have not been forgotten. In another sense, we are concerned that the UN has been forgotten, as it has not been given the resources needed to address the multiple dimensions of global poverty. We partner with UN agencies when possible.” - Amit Kapadia, Founder*
- **More than a million people work as waste pickers in India. Most are single mothers** – divorced, widowed, or escaped from abusive marriages. For most of them, the dump is not only their neighborhood - it is their supermarket, their department store, their restaurant, and their home. They construct hovels made of plastic bags and scraps of metal where they live with their children. Waste picking becomes a family business. Mothers and children pick through the trash for scraps of food to eat and for items that they can sell for a few rupees. With luck, they may eat one meal a day.
- **DFW’s grant to The Unforgotten (\$41,100 over two years)** will support 50 mothers presently living in the Pune dump with counseling, microloans, and training so they can leave the dump and live independently with their children. Our grant also covers school fees and tutoring for 100 girls.

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

### Sustained Program – Thirteen Threads, Guatemala

We are in the second year of a three-year, \$15,000 annual grant that will help develop the Fair Trade and Women’s Cultural Center into a Maya-women, member-owned and operated social enterprise. The objectives of this program are to train the members and implement a plan for member ownership, and develop income generating activities to secure their financial future and to lift themselves out of poverty

Learn more about Thirteen Threads at <http://diningforwomen.org/node/2833>

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

1. **How is the Featured Program funding distributed - monthly allocation? As targets are achieved?** The total grant check is distributed to the program three to four months after the month it is featured. We collect the support for each featured program for 90 days (i.e. June program is collected in June, July and August). So, a June program check would typically be cut in mid-September. Additionally, we must ensure that the organization has met the grant funding agreement requirements before we provide the funding. In a first year funding situation, this is our reassurance that nothing about the program or budget has changed. For two-year grants, half is distributed the first year and half the second year, on the anniversary of the first check, provided interim reports have been received and all funding agreement terms have been met.
2. **If members give cash for the 13<sup>th</sup> Month Campaign can I send along a list with my check so that the members will be counted towards the 100% member donations?** There’s no way to credit individual members for cash contributions, but our 100 percent participation this year will be counted by percentage of chapters donating rather than members.

## Travel Opportunities – Deadline to apply is October 31

DFW's trip to Vietnam and Cambodia in February of 2014 still has room for a few travelers. To learn about the trip, visit [www.diningforwomen.org/upcoming-trips](http://www.diningforwomen.org/upcoming-trips).

## 13<sup>th</sup> Month Campaign – Consider a Fundraiser

Many chapters have an annual fundraiser during the Campaign. Our [Fundraising Toolkit](#) has just been updated and offers some great suggestions in addition to guidelines. You'll always find it linked from the bottom of the Chapter Resources page.

Our Campaign raises funds to support the operational expenses of Dining for Women. We are counting on our Chapter Leaders to promote 100% participation by our members to help achieve our goal. **Let Marsha Wallace make the appeal to your chapter by sharing her video this month - <http://ow.ly/22TN0I> .**

## Meeting Idea – 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.)*

From the Brainstorming Session at our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - <http://www.diningforwomen.org/chapter-refresh>

- Share a relevant book or movie review. You can ask, ahead of time, for members to view one of our recommended movies or read a recommended book – then share a synopsis with the chapter. You'll find this month's recommendations on the [Shop! Read! Watch! Listen!](#) web page.
- Hold a movie night related to the program/country sometime during the month.
- Ask members to share news of local women's events and invite chapter members to attend as a group, creating a Dining for Women 'presence' in your community.

### 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.*

### 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  
**\$48,369** to **Her Turn, Nepal** - March Featured (over 2 years)  
**\$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.*

*Please mail chapter donations within five days of meeting.*

**419 Chapters**