



Chapter Leader Talking Points September 2011

Featured Program: The Fistula Foundation, Ethiopia

- **Project:** DFW's donations will fund life-changing fistula repair surgery and post-operative care for 66 Ethiopian women.
- **Our Goal:** \$31,404.39
- **Monthly Theme:** Improving Maternal Health Through Eradicating Fistula in the Developing World
- **UN Millennium Development Goal Focus: #5 IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH**
- **Discussion Question:** Fistula was virtually eliminated in Europe and the United States more than century ago. What are some reasons it is still prevalent in developing countries?
- **Ice Breaker (For chapter members to discuss):** What was the pregnancy and birth experience like for you--or someone close to you? How do you think the childbirth experience would differ for a poverty-stricken woman in the developing world?

2011 Net Program Donations

- January, **Matrichaya: \$34,293**
- February, **PINCC: \$36,698**
- March, **Village Enterprise Fund: \$38,893**
- April, **Lotus Outreach: \$39,761**
- May, **Mujeres Aliadas: \$42,263**
- June, **Shining Hope: \$36,288**
- Emerge Global **\$22,291** (as of 8/27)

Total Net donations . . . **\$250,487**

News & Reminders

- **Media mentions:** 8/1/2011, "Online Partnering for Sudan," *Mercy Without Borders blog*; 8/15/2011, "Networking," *Musings4Women*, by Carol Green, Contributing Editor; 8/29/2011, "ONANCOCK: Africa famine benefit concert set for September," *Tasley Eastern Shore News*, Onancock, VA.
- **Chapter Leaders: Please identify any members in your chapter who have attended a DFW summit and ask them to share their experiences with the group.**
- **Mark Your Calendar:**
 - **DFW Summit "Catalyst for Change"** : San Jose, California, **October 13-16, 2011.** See the DFW website for details: <http://diningforwomen.org/2011Summit>
- DFW's "**Welcome Friends**" Campaign, to introduce our mission and the power of collective giving to our circle of friends, continues **through the end of September.**
- Next month's featured program: **Mercado Global, Guatemala**

New Chapters That Have Met

SC, **Greenville-8**, Bill Stephenson
NY, **Hartsdale-1**, Diana SantaMaria-Clay
CA, **Los Altos-1**, Yumi Ando
CA, **Diamond Springs-1**, Patty Wilson
SC, **Florence-1**, Nancy Nelson

New Chapter Registrations

PA, **Lancaster**-Bernice Stadler
WY, **Laramie**-Elizabeth Spaulding
OH, **Medina**-Debbie Brock
LA, **New Orleans**-Rebecca Thomas
OR, **Portland**-Joan Driver
NY, **Croton on Hudson**-Marie Considine
SC, **Greenville**-Bill Stephenson
PA, **Kennett Square**-Sharon Hake
OR, **Portland**-Deirdre Nauman
CA, **Santa Barbara**-Peggy Welik
FL, **Coral Springs**-Joan Fiebrandt
WA, **Seattle**-Abbie Schindler
CA, **Oakland**-Rachel McQueen
AL, **Decatur**-Christy Lamb
TX, **Dallas**-Dorothy Shain
SC, **Columbia**-Susan DuPlessis