



Chapter Leader Talking Points July 2012

Monthly theme: *From Sex Slave to Empowered Girl*

“Transitional Living Center” – Transitions Global

The Dream Home Program will serve 28 young Cambodian and Vietnamese teenage girls ages 13-18 rescued from sex trafficking. In a 3-phased program the girls will learn vital adult life skills, engage in specialized individual and group therapy, receive vital medical and dental care, participate in educational, cultural, and social activities. The STAR House is a 12-month social-work monitored program that will give girls who have graduated from the Dream Home the benefit of 'practicing' their adult life skills in a safe environment.

Grant requested: \$50,000

*Net donations over \$50,000 will be reserved to ensure we fund in full all future selected program grant requests, and to offer a \$25,000 - \$30,000 grant to an organization selected by member voting through the new **Member Choice Program**. Look for more details in upcoming months.*

Meeting Idea: Use the questions below for an icebreaker among members before your presentation (during your social time, dinner, etc).

1. Sex trafficking, especially of young girls, is a growing “industry” in the United States. What do you think we can do to slow or stop this egregious exploitation of girls and young women?
2. Can sex slavery be beneficial within societies where unemployment and starvation are endemic?
3. What are promising approaches/strategies to combating sex trafficking? Helping survivors? And what do you see as barriers to achieve this?
4. What can you do, personally, to make a difference?

2012 Program Totals

\$47,177 to **Nepal Youth Foundation** in January *
\$47,382 to **Starfish One by One** in February *
\$60,158 to **Women's Earth Alliance** in March *
\$67,952 to **Afghan Friends Network** in April
\$51,238 to **Children of Vietnam** in May
\$21,617 to **June Programs** in June
* - final grant amount

363 Active Chapters (115 new chapters since 2/12)

Additional Monthly Program Materials Available

We are so pleased to make available additional education materials to enrich your meetings. Please pass this message on to your members and upcoming program presenters. See each program webpage for access to the materials.

DFW Cookbook to Celebrate 10 years of DFW

Recipes are due August 13th! A Greenville chapter is publishing a cookbook to celebrate a decade of dinners empowering women and girls and hopes to raise \$20,000. Cookbooks will be available next spring for \$20 a piece. See our DFW website for more information. Link: www.diningforwomen.org/Cookbook

Next month's featured program: *“Academy for Conscious Change” - Global Grassroots, Rwanda*

Global Grassroots' *Academy for Conscious Change* is an 18-month incubator program that launches social change ventures designed by and for under-served women, combining trauma healing, non-profit management skills, leadership training, seed grants, and high-engagement support to enable vulnerable women. Teams address myriad issues including water access, gender violence, reproductive health, economic independence, and girls' education.