

**Featured Program Monthly Theme:**

*From Exploitation to Empowerment: Providing Alternatives to Prostitution*

*"designing change, stitch by stitch" - Anchal, India*



Anchal's mission is to merge design, business, and education to empower marginalized and exploited women living in India.

This is a life-changing program for **Commercial Sex Workers (CSW)** in India, and this is the first time DFW has supported such a program. By offering an alternative to the otherwise demeaning and dangerous work performed by CSWs, this program helps women rediscover their self-worth, their potential and creativity, and helps them become role models and providers for their families and communities.

**Grant requested: \$49,337**

**Sustained Program Funding**

"Oxlajuj B'atz' (Thirteen Threads), Guatemala

The *Pathways to Sustainability* project for 2012-2014 will 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 current, and initiate new, income generating activities securing their financial future and to lift themselves out of poverty.

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

**Meeting Ideas**

- Suggest books, films and music to your chapter members
- Present program briefly using the PowerPoint presentation. Can show presentation file or just use for your own notes!
- Expand further on the issues women face using the Food for Thought.
- Contact Anchal and arrange a speaker or request a speaker through Skype for your chapter meeting. Check out speaker list in Dropbox.
- Announce the October *Sustained Funding Program* and a brief summary- see sustained funding program links on the DFW webpage.

**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 **Massai Girls Education Fund** - June (over 2 years)  
 \$32,718 to **Huru International** - June  
 \$50,000 to **Transitions Global**- July

**382 Active Chapters**

See link to Dropbox folder on *Anchal Featured Program webpage* for access to much of this information.

## Monthly Program Materials

Additional education materials are available to enrich your meetings. Please make sure your members and upcoming program presenters are aware of this. See the monthly featured program webpage for access to the materials where you will also find a list of speaker contacts. Link to *Sustained Funding Programs* information can be found on the Program page, <http://www.diningforwomen.org/ProgramsPanelPage>.

*Note: At this time we are using Dropbox to simplify the availability and publishing of our program materials due to our limited volunteer and paid staff resources. Dropbox also allows us to make available large files, which are limited using web links.*

*We recognize that Dropbox printing is not a one step process. To print a file, it must first be downloaded and printed from your own desktop. We will continue to work to improve the availability of educational resources while balancing the ease of access for our members and effective use of our DFW resources.*

## DFW's Impact

Read about our impact in the follow-up reports from our featured programs. Recently posted is Matrichaya's report. <http://www.diningforwomen.org/programs/followup>

## 100% Participation – We Need Your Help

This year our goal is to have **100% participation** in **The Thirteenth Month Campaign** and **we need your help as Chapter Leaders**. Please join us in affirming the importance of Dining for Women's work in changing our world for women and girls by making your gift to **The Thirteenth Month Campaign**, and by encouraging your chapter members to do the same. We have made available a video to view during your chapter meeting. You will find it in the October Dropbox folder: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ns05qzpdkaijul/xzklIVeDa>

Or on Youtube. [Link](#).

We believe your members will follow your lead. Thank you!!

Every day, Dining for Women works to empower women and girls living in extreme poverty in less-developed countries. We challenge ourselves to be engaged world citizens and effective catalysts for change by coming together - to engage our minds, inspire our curiosity, and provide the resources that make a lasting difference for those who can benefit most from our support. Our Thirteenth Month Campaign provides important resources to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of Dining for Women.

Your investment will support:

- People and systems that are critical in achieving our mission
- Educational materials, support, and communications that engage and inspire our 8,000-plus members to support monthly programs
- Governance, excellence in oversight, and accountability

Please join us in affirming the importance of Dining for Women's work in changing our world for women and girls by making your gift to The Thirteenth Month Campaign. Imagine the impact we can make with **100% participation** from our entire membership, now 8,000 strong!

Ways to give:

**At your October Chapter Meeting**

**Online:** [www.diningforwomen.org/donate/main](http://www.diningforwomen.org/donate/main)

**By Mail:** Dining for Women  
PO Box 25633

Greenville, SC 29616-0633

### **Grant Cycle Opens October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Dining for Women's next grant application cycle, for grants to be distributed starting in late 2013, will be open from **October 1 - 15, 2012**. If you know of an organization that meets our criteria, please encourage them to apply.

### **Cookbook to Celebrate 10 years of DFW**

Recipes are due October 31st! 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](http://www.diningforwomen.org/Cookbook)

### **Next month's featured program: "Jungle Mamas" – The Pachamama Alliance**

The mission of Jungle Mamas, a project of The Pachamama Alliance, is to empower the indigenous women and communities of the Ecuadorian rainforest to ensure safe birthing and the health and well being of the Achuar people. The primary focus of this program is to assure the health of mothers and babies, and promote community and family health, as well as access to drinking water and basic sanitation.

#### ***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.*