



## Chapter Leader Talking Points September 2012

**Featured Program Monthly theme:** *Building a Sustainable Future by Creating a Culture of Inclusion*

**“Goats for Widows” – Health in Harmony, Indonesia**

Widows in rural areas of Borneo suffer from economic deprivation and low social status. Goats for Widows program provides each widow with a pair of goats, plus training and assistance. In return, the widow will pay back one kid goat and two bags of manure for the organic farms and reforestation. The women can sell the future offspring, milk and manure which provide income giving women a higher social standing in the communities.

**Grant requested: \$33,000**

### Sustained Program Funding

**“Healthy Babies Program – Phase II” – INMED, Peru**

This program is a continuation of the program supported by DFW with a grant for \$22,790 in **March 2010**.

The program will continue to strengthen local capacity to improve maternal and neonatal health in three remote Amazon jungle communities in the Ucayali region of Peru, with special focus on indigenous populations. Recommended by the DFW Peru travel group, we will fund the purchase of a generator.

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

### Meeting Ideas

- View interview with Michelle Bussard , Managing Director, Health in Harmony. See Health in Harmony program webpage – Dropbox folder.
- Suggest books, films and music from Indonesia
- Present program using the Powerpoint presentation
- Contact Health in Harmony and arrange a speaker or request a speaker through Skype for your chapter meeting
- Announce the September Sustained Funding Program – INMED. See program information on the DFW webpage.

### 2012 Program Totals (as of 7/27/12; look for update information next month! )

\$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\*  
\$72,638 to **Afghan Friends Network** in April  
(over 2 years)\*  
\$60,098 to **Children of Vietnam** in May  
(over 2 years)\*  
\$31,952 to **Massai Girls Education Fund** in June  
\$31,952 to **Huru International** in June  
\$32,914 to **Transitions Global** in July  
\* final grant amount

**371 Active Chapters**

### Monthly Program Materials

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. You will also find a list of speaker contacts.

*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.*

## Expanded Program Funding Model

Please explain the new program funding model. If you have questions, you may refer to the Program Update eBlast and also the FAQs: <http://www.diningforwomen.org/faq#n2839>.

Sustained Funding Programs for 2012

September – INMED, Peru

October – Oxlajuj B'atz' (Thirteen Threads), Guatemala

November – Rubia, Afghanistan

December – Lotus Outreach, Cambodia

Also, As of September 1, 2012, Dining for Women will designate 15% of program donations to fund general management and administrative costs that are critical to processing donations and effectively supporting of all of our programs.

## DFW's Impact

Read about our impact in the follow-up reports from our featured programs. We have gotten wonderful responses from many organizations and will post the follow-up reports once they have been read and evaluated. Check out Follow-up Reports for programs supported in 2011.

<http://www.diningforwomen.org/programs/followup>

## Half the Sky

Coming October 1 and 2 to PBS stations nationwide – be sure to watch! **Half the Sky** is a four-hour PBS primetime documentary film and national broadcast event inspired by *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, the widely acclaimed book by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

## 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: "Designing Change, Stitch by Stitch" – Anchal

Anchal merges design, business, and education to empower commercial sex workers (CSW) in India. CSWs have limited options to improve their lives. Anchal offers an income-generating option, training in regional kantha quilt making. Anchal provides seed funding, design guidance including an annual, on-site design workshop in narrative textiles, and access to U.S. markets.

See **Summer 2012 DFW News** eBlast for additional information to pass on to your members.

### **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**