



**Featured Program – Gentle Safe Free Childbirth at Bumi Sehat, Bali - \$45,000 grant**

**Sustained Program – Thirteen Threads, Guatemala - \$15,000 – third and final year of sustained funding**

### Bumi Sehat

- Bumi Sehat means Healthy Earth Mother. This month's featured organization believes that access to quality healthcare, especially reproductive healthcare, is a human right. They believe that each individual is an essential societal component of peace, and that by supporting women with dignity and respect in the process of childbirth, a foundation for peace is built, one woman, one child at a time.
- "Birth is not only about making babies. Birth is about making mothers – strong, competent, capable mothers who trust themselves and know their inner strength."  
- Barbara Katz Rothman, Professor of Sociology, City University of New York
- Dining for Women's \$45,000 grant will support the salaries of 11 midwives and the birthing supplies and medications to care for approximately 480 women over the course of a year. All at a cost of less than \$100 per woman.

### **Key Points**

- Poor and rural women in Bali often do not seek adequate reproductive health services for a number of reasons - economic, cultural, limited access due to lack of transportation, and fear of abuse in medical settings.
- The Bumi Sehat model of compassionate, culturally appropriate, gentle, kind, free, Woman-to- Woman, Midwife-to-Mother care, including free transport to and from the clinic any time of day or night if needed, 24/7 365 day each year; solves the problems women face when seeking reproductive healthcare.

### **Sustained Program – Thirteen Threads, Guatemala**

Indigenous women are the most marginalized and under-educated segment of Guatemalan society. Dining for Women provided a grant to Thirteen Threads in 2010 to help train women in enhanced self-esteem, human relations and leadership development, and capacity-building. A focus of their work was the development of a new cultural center. In poor communities, Mayan women who are marginalized and scarred by war have learned artisan skills and basic business skills (such as identifying markets and products, developing a business plan, identifying assets and defining costs) and obtained the confidence needed to be successful in running a business.

This is the final year of a three-year grant. With sustained funding of \$45,000 over 3 years, Dining for Women will have supported *The Pathways to Sustainability* project for 2012-2014. This program is developing 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.

**Meeting Ideas** - Please share YOUR ideas through the [Online Meeting Evaluation Form](#) on each Program page.)

**Questions?** - Remember that you can always send a question to [Education@DiningForWomen.org](mailto:Education@DiningForWomen.org).

**Thirteenth Month Campaign** – Each October we begin our 13<sup>th</sup> Month Campaign – a fundraising effort that calls on our members and donors to look at the operations side of a non-profit organization.

**Success has always been a combination of inspiration, courage and skill.**

- The inspiration to see a better world
- The courage to overcome the obstacles set before us
- The skill to make that vision a reality

Dining for Women is an organization built on the inspired idea that all of us working together can change the world. Your generous donations fund the inspiration. But our monthly donations can only take us so far. There must be strong, professional operations to execute our members' transformative vision.

The 15 percent of each donation allocated to operations funds less than a third of our costs.

During our 13th month campaign we ask you to support the skill as much as you value the inspiration by making just one additional contribution before the end of 2014

DFW is all in — helping our members realize their vision of a better world for women and girls.

**Are you all in for DFW?**

Check your Chapter Leader Newsletter  
for upcoming Google Hangouts!

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Please mail chapter donations within  
five days of meeting.

Note: Grants are awarded after all donations for  
the month have been received and processed  
which takes 90-120 days.

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Please remember to complete your Meeting Evaluation  
Form. It doesn't have to be completed by  
the Chapter Leader. Each month's Presenter can  
complete the form.

### ***Our Vision***

*We envision a world where millions of people's lives  
have been transformed and extreme poverty has  
been reduced because Dining for Women connected  
people in creative, powerful ways that assure gender  
equality.*

### ***Our Mission***

*Through collective giving, Dining for Women  
inspires, educates, and engages people to invest in  
programs that make a meaningful difference for  
women and girls living in extreme poverty*

### ***Our Culture***

*In all we do, we model our deep belief in  
collaboration, education, inspiration, and  
transformation.*