



Dear Member:

Over the past day or so, you may have seen news reports about the Let Girls Learn Program and are wondering what this means for Dining for Women and [our grant](#). Recent news reports about the future of the Let Girls Learn Program are concerning to all of us who believe strongly in educating and empowering girls and women. The Let Girls Learn brand brought much-needed attention and awareness to this issue and to the millions of girls around the world who are not in school.

In recent months, we have been communicating closely with our Peace Corps contacts in order to understand the situation with Let Girls Learn. Many questions remain unanswered at this time. Based on recent discussions, it is our understanding that, while the Let Girls Learn **brand** is uncertain, girls' empowerment and education projects will continue to be funded through the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP). We continue to talk with the Peace Corps about how we can ensure that girls' education remains a priority. DFW's Advocacy Committee is also monitoring this issue closely along with the National Peace Corps Association.

We are very proud of our partnership with the Peace Corps' Let Girls Learn Program and the impact it has had. Just last week, I received one of many emails from enthusiastic Peace Corps Volunteers who have done excellent work addressing barriers to girls' education and improving the quality of that education.

The Peace Corps submitted [quarterly reports](#) to us that we have shared with all our members. Last month, we were informed that **all of the DFW funds have now been spent. In total, your donations funded 35 individual projects in 21 different countries around the world.** We will receive our final report from the Peace Corps shortly and will share it with all members.

Girls' education has always been a primary focus area for DFW, and it will continue to be one of our top priorities. We know that when a girl is educated, she is more likely to earn a viable living, delay marriage, have fewer and healthier children, and improve the quality of life for herself, her family, and her community.

Now, more than ever, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to ensure that all girls receive the education they deserve.

Thank you so much for sharing our belief that empowering women and girls is the key to ending global poverty and ensuring a safer, more equitable world.

Warmly,

Beth Ellen Holimon
President