Featured Program: Women’s Earth Alliance, Liberia and Sierra Leone

The Project: The WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) Program will introduce planning strategies, appropriate technologies, entrepreneurial, and leadership skills to 15 teams of grassroots women from Liberia and Sierra Leone so they can gain self-sufficiency around and implementation of the water and sanitation projects in their communities.

- **Our Goal:** $40,000
- **Monthly Theme:** Environmental sustainability through women’s empowerment, and women’s empowerment through environmental sustainability
- **UN Millennium Development Goals Focus:** #2 Achieve Universal Primary Education and #7 Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- **Ice Breaker:** We often take our infrastructure and services for granted, so if you had to walk several hours every day, maybe with your children, to fetch and carry heavy water—or live in a makeshift shelter because your home was destroyed by a hurricane--how would you fare? What would you discover about yourself in the process?
- What travel experiences have brought you closest to an understanding of the challenges the women in these regions face?
- How can a fundamental knowledge of their own water and sanitation projects benefit the women and their families?

### 2011 Net Program Donations
- January, Nepal Youth Foundation, $20,600

**Total Net donation:** $20,600 (as of 2/28/12)

### 2011 Annual Appeal - $62,688

**Media Mention:**

*Making a Difference Segment* with Brian Williams on NBC Nightly News,  

Interview with Marsha Wallace on NBC Nightly News,  
http://video.msnbc.msn.com/nightly-news/46318232#46318084

Women Host Pot Luck Dinner to Raise Money to Help Women Around the World,  
Dining for Women makes Ladies’ Home Journal and NBC Nightly News

Skaneateles Woman Featured as “Awesome Woman of the Month” by Ladies’ Home Journal

"Amy Schiek Named 'Awesome Woman of the Month' by Ladies Home Journal! See March issue in your library or on newsstands. No link available.

**Next month’s featured program**
**Afghan Friends Network:** providing programs in education and cultural exchange that promote self-sufficiency and empower women and girls.