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Welcome to DFW’s 15th Anniversary National Conference: Knowledge is Power

We welcome you to Washington, DC and the U.S. Institute of Peace for an exciting, informative, and energizing experience. DFW’s commitment to global citizenship has never been stronger, and this conference provides yet another way for DFW to inspire passion for change.

This conference promises to bring you opportunities for stimulating dialogue on the important women’s issues that we are all committed to solving. We thank our conference partner, the U.S. Institute of Peace, for hosting us and for providing expert speakers on gender and conflict. We are so pleased to have some of our impressive DFW grantees here who will share their expertise and perspectives with us. We are grateful to our members for continuing to push us to raise the bar on what we can achieve together.

In the past 15 years, we have seen tremendous momentum growing for the health and empowerment of girls and women worldwide. DFW also has a momentum that was ignited with our 2020 Vision. This year we have launched our Advocacy Program, renewed our Travel Program, and continued our Partnership Program. We are focused on increasing the number of chapters we have throughout the U.S. and are well on our way to achieving our goals for growth.

We have accomplished much, but there is still so much to do. This conference will help prepare us for the work ahead. On the first day of the conference, we will examine the impact on gender and from gender in conflict and peace. On the second day, we will highlight DFW grantees and DFW programs. Many of our grantees are presenting twice so that you will not miss the opportunity to meet and hear from them.

We hope you will find the Knowledge is Power conference to be a place where you can share, learn, reconnect, and be inspired. We encourage you to take the information you learn this weekend back to your community and share your passion and knowledge.

Your commitment to equality for all girls and women around the world is powerful!

Beth Ellen Holimon
President

Susan Stall
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

8:00 am - 9:00 am Great Hall
Registration and light refreshments

9:00 am - 9:45 am Great Hall
Welcoming Remarks
Beth Ellen Holimon, President, DFW
Nancy Lindborg, President, USIP

A History and Education of America’s Commitment to Peace
Dr. Mike Yaffe, Vice President, Middle East and Africa, USIP

10:00 am – 11:30 am — Concurrent Sessions
The Impact of Violent Extremism on Women and Girls
Panel moderated by Dr. Kathleen Kuehnast, Director, Gender Policy and Strategy, USIP
Belquis Ahmad, Senior Program Officer, USIP
Palwasha Kakar, Senior Program Officer, Religion and Inclusive Societies, USIP
Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini, Co-Founder and Executive Director, International Civil Society Action Network
Oge Onubogu, Senior Program Officer, Africa Programs, USIP

Engaging the American Public: The Peace Trail and Beyond
Megan Chabalowski, Program Officer, Public Education, USIP
Ann-Louise Colgan, Director, Public Education, USIP

Engaging Men in Advancing Gender Equality
Ambassador Steven S. Stein, Gender Advisor, USIP
Fazel Rahim, Gender & Training Specialist, EnCompass
Hodei Sultan, Senior Program Manager for the Asia Center, USIP

Women’s Role in Nonviolent Movements
Rosarie Tucci, Director, Inclusive Societies, USIP
Dr. Maria Stephan, Senior Advisor, USIP
Dr. Marie Berry, Assistant Professor, International Comparative Politics, University of Denver

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Great Hall
Luncheon and Keynote Address
Bringing Women’s Voices to the Forefront: A Conversation with Filmmaker Abigail Disney
Abigail Disney, CEO and President, Fork Films

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Great Hall
Closing Plenary Session
Ambassadors’ Panel Discussion
Ambassador Hamdullah Mohib, Afghan Ambassador to the United States
Ambassador Vlora Çitaku, Embassy of the Republic of Kosovo
Dr. Richard C. Eichenberg, Associate Professor, Tufts University

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Solomon Roof Terrace
Founders’ Circle and Leadership Reception
(by invitation)

As an independent, nonpartisan national thought leader with more than 30 years of experience, the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) convenes people from various sides of an issue and facilitates constructive solutions to prevent and reduce violent conflict around the world. Its events help shape public policy and priorities to advance peaceful solutions to conflict and strengthen international security.

DFW is proud to partner with the USIP on the Knowledge is Power conference. In addition to hosting the conference, the USIP has also provided all of Friday’s programming.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

8:00 am - 9:00 am
Light refreshments

9:00 am - 10:15 am
Women’s Rights are Human Rights
Panel moderated by Elizabeth Scott Osborne, DFW Grant Selection Committee
Airokhsh Faiz Qaisary, Fellow Advisor, Sahar Education
Kate Flatley, Executive Director and Founder, Women’s Justice Initiative

10:30 am – 11:45 am — Concurrent Sessions
Raising Our Voices for Women and Girls
Panel moderated by Diane Smock, inaugral Co-Chair of DFW’s Advocacy Committee
Carey Campbell, National Outreach Director, U.S. Global Leadership Coalition
Grace Choi, Associate Director for Global Gender Policy & Advocacy, Save the Children USA
Jonathan Pearson, Advocacy Director, National Peace Corps Association
Betsy Teutsch, Author, and DFW Chapter Leader

DFW’s Grant Selection Process
Lynn O’Connell, Chair, DFW’s Grant Selection Committee
Dr. Veena Khandke, Director of Grants and Partnerships, DFW

Chapter Leader Exchange
An interactive session for Chapter Leaders or anyone who helps run a DFW chapter, led by
Peggy Smith, Volunteer Regional Co-Leader, DFW’s Mid-Atlantic Region

A Woman’s Path to Philanthropy
Cheryl Holland, CFP, President and Founder, Abacus Planning Group
DFW member of SC, Columbia-2 chapter

Luncheon and Keynote Address
Great Hall
Luncheon Keynote Speaker
Anucha Browne is Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer for UNICEF USA. Anucha oversees the implementation and integration of the organization’s current and future strategic plans and develops and implements a comprehensive engagement strategy to involve the American public in UNICEF’s lifesaving work for children around the world. Prior to joining UNICEF USA, Anucha served as the Vice President of Women’s Basketball Championships with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Anucha’s address will focus on the importance of partnerships with multiple stakeholders and how our collective voices are critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, especially for women and girls globally.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Luncheon and Keynote Address
Building Sustainable Impact: The Importance of Partnerships in Empowering Women and Girls
Anucha Browne, Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer, UNICEF USA

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm — Concurrent Sessions
Social Entrepreneurship: Innovation and Transformations
Panel moderated by Cathy Caldwell, DFW’s Grant Selection Committee
Jay Jaldev, Asia Initiatives
Connie Levin, Director of Strategy, Sustainable Health Enterprises (SHE)
Dr. Laly Lichtenfeld, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, African People & Wildlife
Dr. Geeta Mehta, Founder and President, Asia Initiatives

Delivery of Services at the Last Mile: Challenges & Opportunities
Panel moderated by Lynn O’Connell, Chair of DFW’s Grant Selection Committee
Diana Bowie, President and Co-Founder, DB Peru
Jennifer Schecter, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Hope Through Health
Tina Sciacab, Executive Director, READ Global

Learning Journeys: Dining for Women’s Travel Program
Katherine Redington, Director of Donor Travel, Elevate Destinations
Wendy Frattolin, Communications & Membership Director, DFW

Empowering Girls, Transforming Communities:
My Journey to Live a Bold Vision for Change
Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya, Founder and President, Kakenya’s Dream
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm — Concurrent Sessions

Girls Empowerment: Voices of the Future
Carlucci Auditorium
Panel moderated by Jada Tullos-Anderson, DFW's Grant Selection Committee
Nikita Devkota, Graduate and Mentor, Little Sisters Fund
Stephanie Lord, Executive Director, Batonga Foundation
Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya, Founder and President, Kakenya's Dream
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Trevor Patzer, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Little Sisters Fund

Community Health Workers:
At the Intersection of Health, Gender Equity and Economic Empowerment
Kathwari Amphitheater
Jennifer Schechter, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Hope Through Health

Empowering Women and Girls in Africa:
Advancing Community-Driven Conservation Via Economic Development and Gender Equality
Room B203/B204
Dr. Laly Lichtenfeld, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, African People & Wildlife

DFW: The Next Chapter
Room B214/215
An interactive discussion envisioning the future of DFW led by:
Barbara Collins, Co-Founder, DFW
Cynthia Radford, DFW Board Member

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Wine Bar

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Dinner and Keynote Address
“No More a Girl for the Kitchen and a Boy for the Classroom”: A Call to Action for Girls Education and Empowerment
Carrie Hessler-Radelet, President & CEO, Project Concern International

Evening Keynote Speaker
Carrie Hessler-Radelet is President & CEO of Project Concern International (PCI), a global development organization working with families and communities to enhance health, end hunger, and overcome hardship in 16 countries. Prior to PCI, Hessler-Radelet served as Director of the Peace Corps (2012-2017) and Deputy Director (2012-2015), leading America’s iconic international volunteer service organization with programs in over 65 countries. Carrie’s keynote address will explore the barriers and opportunities to girls’ education and empowerment with stories from the field, ending with an inspiring call to action originally raised by Dorcas, the 14-year-old Ghanaian author of the poem from which this session draws its name.

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Barb Collins, DFW Co-Founder

15 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

From a small group of friends who got together for a birthday celebration in Greenville, SC came the powerful but simple idea that is Dining for Women. Fifteen years later, Dining for Women is the world’s largest educational giving circle dedicated to ensuring gender equality and eradicating global poverty. We are recognized as a highly professional grantmaker and an innovative network of global citizens and educated philanthropists.

OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, WE HAVE:

- Educated more than 30,000 global citizens across the U.S.
- Invested more than $6 million in grants and partnerships
- Awarded 235 grants to 151 different grassroots organizations in more than 40 countries
- Transformed the lives of hundreds of thousands of women and girls, their families, and their communities.

In the last three years alone (2015-2017), our grants directly impacted nearly 115,000 women and girls and indirectly impacted well over half a million family and community members.

Our organization has evolved over the years to increase our impact and help even more women and girls. In recent years, our ‘2020 Vision’ has guided our activities and resulted in the following achievements:

- Our first-ever partnership grant to the Peace Corps’ Let Girls Learn Fund to increase educational opportunities for girls around the world;
- The re-launch of our Travel Program, allowing our members to connect face-to-face with our grantees and the women and girls we serve;
- The introduction of our Advocacy Program that provides our members with the education and tools to raise their voices for U.S. policies and funding that empowers women and girls;
- Our partnership with UNICEF USA that is providing support for some of the most vulnerable and forgotten groups in our world today: Syrian refugee women in Jordan and internally displaced women and girls in South Sudan.
- Committee established to encourage and support diversity and inclusion across the DFW organization.

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