



Partners for Women's Equality

Providing leadership development, organizational support and a nourishing network of colleagues to equip women worldwide in their journey toward fairness and equality.

November, 2010

Don't forget...our annual benefit is coming up soon!

Join us on **Sunday, November 14, 2010** at Bombay Bistro for a fun evening at our annual fundraising benefit.

Enjoy Brazilian, African, and Native American music and dance. Browse the silent auction and start your holiday shopping early with our selection of gift cards to trendy restaurants, as well as items from around the world.

Savor a wonderful East Indian meal while learning about our programs:

Wisdom Exchange Brazil - Afya Holistic Healing Center

This education opportunity provides US citizens with new skills and ideas for holistic healing.

Wisdom Exchange Guatemala

This is a partnership with Native Americans and Pop No'J to develop resources to respond to violence against Mayan women and children.

Bridge to Change

This program unites Native American and other global indigenous women who work to eliminate violence against women and children in their communities.

Kenya Girl Friends

This dual purpose program provides education for Masai girls and teaches US girls about the issues faced by their counterparts living in Africa.

BENEFIT INFO:

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Bombay Bistro

\$50 per person

**5:30pm: Silent Auction,
Music, and Dancing**

6:30pm: Dinner

**7:30pm: Presentation and
Live Auction**

**RSVP before Nov. 12 ,
2010**

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**Give to the Max Day is
November 16!**

Visit <http://www.givemn.org>
to make a donation to
**Partners for Women's
Equality**

Wisdom Exchange, Brazil:
“Holistic Healing Approach to Life”
With Eupharasia Nyaki

This educational program will unite body, mind, and spirit to focus on finding the healer within you. Classes are designed to help you discover your inner knowing and develop it through practical application. Instructors will discuss the importance of prevention and the healing of illnesses through natural and holistic methods.



Eupharasia Nyaki, or Efu, is a teacher and holistic healer. She holds diplomas in Education, Theology, and multiple certificates in healing modalities & counseling.

Tuition of \$2,250 includes:
| 6 days of training
| 7 midday meals
| 8 nights of lodging & breakfast
Local transportation, orientation, and language skills workshop prior to departure

**Helen's "Loose
Change Club"**

Starting with pennies, dimes, and quarters leads to the educational support of three girls in a Maasai village in Kenya.

Helen Foughty, the 86 year old mother of PWE's founder, Maureen White Eagle, was moved by the stories of Maasai girls in Kenya who were required to enter marriages with much older men and abandon their education. Even Maasai families who wanted to educate their girls couldn't afford the fees charged in Kenya to attend boarding school.

Primary school is often taught under a tree, reflecting the pastoral Maasai community mores, but for a child to enter secondary school, she first needs to go to boarding school.

Historically preference is given to the boy in the family, as it is his role to stay with the family while the girls will marry and become part of another family. It is not unusual for a girl to be married at 12-14 years of age, and sometimes much younger for a bride's price.

PWE's offer to pay a girl's tuition and provide additional expenses focuses on changing this tradition and increasing the number of girls in Maasai villages who complete high school. Helen

Registration deadline: 1/15/2011

Price does not include your transportation to and from João Pessoa.

Group size is limited to 15 participants.

Register online at:

www.partnersforwomensequality.org

Wisdom Exchange – Guatemala

Submitted by Lisa Kleingarn, Program Coordinator

PWE has partnered with an organization of indigenous (Maya) Guatemalans, Asociación Pop N'oj, to assist them in developing culturally specific support services for Mayan women who have been victims of Gender Based Violence.

At the request of Virginia Ajxup, of Asociación Pop No'j, Maureen White Eagle spent two weeks in Guatemala in November of 2009, during which she presented on the subject of culturally specific programs available for U.S. Native American women who have experienced domestic violence.

In addition to her presentations, Maureen participated in multiple "exchanges" with Mayan women who spoke about the violence (domestic, sexual) they had been subjected to. Both Maureen and the Mayan women noted many similarities in their respective cultures, from the conditions resulting from colonization and oppression, to the violence against women that is so pervasive.

The training being developed will bring several U.S. Native American experts to work with twenty Mayan women who will become Women's Advocates within their communities, developing direct services to women which incorporate practices specific to the Mayan population. The training will take place in the latter half of 2011.

decided that people in her community of Devils Lake might not be able to afford to pay the \$750 needed to fund one girl per year, but if she asked for their loose change, together they might support a girl or two.

So far this year, Helen's "Loose Change Club" has raised \$2500. They are currently supporting three girls.



Catherine Mututua, Helen Foughty, and Ann Tome

In May, PWE's Maasai Coordinators, Catherine Mututua and Ann Tome went to Devils Lake and spoke to two different groups of people, all of whom had become participants in Helen's Loose Change Club. Helen has also organized a few of the churches in the small town of Devils Lake, as well as the American Association of University Women, among other groups.

After Catherine and Ann spoke in Devils Lake, Maureen White Eagle asked how they thought things went. Catherine had tears in her eyes when she said, "I just can't believe the big, strong hearts of these people, caring so much about our girls." If anyone is interested in starting a "Loose Change Club" for PWE in their church, organization, or town and want information on how to start, contact us at info@partnersforwomensequality.org want information on how to start, contact us at info@partnersforwomensequality.org and we will put you in contact with Helen.

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