



Partners for Women's Equality

pairs volunteers with grassroots organizations worldwide to advance human rights for women

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Bridge to Change for Indigenous Women

Aligning the strengths, assets and power of women who come from different regions, cultures and backgrounds, Bridge to Change for Indigenous Women is an organizational capacity building program designed to inspire, influence, increase leadership ability, and support effective actions that improve the well-being of Indigenous women and children.

Based on visions of Indigenous women leading the efforts to create change in their own communities, the Bridge to Change program is unique because it teaches women how to build change across gender and cultures to make a difference in their lives, organizations, and communities.

Using a two-dimensional approach, the program consists of Bridge Partners (Indigenous women leaders), and Bridge Builders (leadership and capacity building coaches). In this approach, Bridge Builders support Bridge Partners through a year-long personal development process – beginning with a retreat in March of 2009 in Minnesota.

During the retreat, twenty-five women from indigenous communities around the world will spend a week together establishing relationships, learning from each other, and working on specific personal and leadership development objectives. To ensure that skills learned during the retreat are enhanced, Bridge

Builders (personal development coaches) will remain connected for continued support over the course of the year.

An event will be held at the end of 2009 to recognize the accomplishments and mark a closing. U.S. Native women and Indigenous women from around the world are invited to participate in the program.



Maureen White Eagle with potential Bridge Partner from Northern Thailand

Volunteer as a Bridge Builder

Volunteer as a Bridge Builder for our new program, Bridge to Change for Indigenous women. Help leaders from around the world make education, health, safety and liberty a reality for women and young girls across the street, across the nation, and across the globe. As a Bridge Builder you will receive

training on personal development, communication and mentoring and be paired with a Bridge Partner. Formal relationships are maintained for one year. Bridge Partners will travel to Minnesota for a retreat and training and return home to their jobs in human rights and women's issues. As Bridge Partners work to improve their communities, Bridge

Builders are personal coaches for Bridge Partners, supporting and inspiring them as they improve their skills. Bridge Builders must attend a day long training on January 10th, 2009 and be willing to be a personal coach for one or two Bridge partners. Interested Builders should contact Maureen White Eagle at (651) 686-5492 or info@partnersforwomensequality.org by Nov. 30th.

For more information on volunteering:

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