

WOMEN MOVING MILLIONS

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Welcome to the May Monthly Bulletin!

MAY DONOR PROFILE: Getting to know Deborah Lindholm!



Fifteen years ago Deborah Lindholm started her own foundation. "The Foundation for Women (FFW) is committed to ending global poverty through microcredit. More than 70% of those living at the most dire level of poverty are women and children. I don't believe people are poor because they are stupid or lazy. People are poor because they don't have access to financial resources."

In response, Deborah's FFW is a micro-lending institution focused on building financial literacy. "We expect the loans to be paid back, on a weekly basis, with interest and an additional payment which we put into a savings fund for the women." So when the loan is paid off, women have money they saved themselves to continue building their businesses.

It is amazing to think about what women can do with the amount of money you'd spend on a mocha-latte at Starbucks. "I met a woman who borrowed \$4. Before this loan, she'd never seen \$4 in her life. With it she bought a comb, a pair of scissors and a mirror, and put her husband in business as a barber. Now she has a home and her children are in school. Within a year, that \$4 changed the entire fortune of her family."

This example inspires the work of FFW and is the reason why Deborah is committed to focused philanthropy. "It took me a while to find my niche. Now I feel as though I've found a lynchpin for global transformation. Focused philanthropy is the best way to make social change happen."

"One of the things I find so incredible about Women Moving Millions is that we're a tribe of women committed to creating systemic social change through the empowerment of women and girls." Deborah would have made the commitment without WMM, "but it's such a joy to be able to make this commitment and give at this level knowing I'm part of a community of women (and Josh - hopefully there will be more men soon!) doing this. Real social change happens when a lot of people stand up and say they want something to be different."

Whether Deborah is traveling around Africa working with women who are radically changing their own lives for what a cup of coffee costs in the U.S. or spending time with her sister-donors of Women Moving Millions, the feeling is the same: "women together = miracles!"

REMINDER

**TUNE IN NEXT WEEK TO HEAR FROM TRACY GARY, LAURIE
EMRICH, JACKI ZEHNER & OTHERS
SOME FANTASTIC NEWS ABOUT WMM!**

With the help of over 20 women serving in leadership positions, Women Moving Millions is preparing for a global launch in 2012. We have **lots** to share with you, so please join us for this exciting 60 minute WMM community update, news and time for Q & A.

Wednesday, June 7th at 1:00pm EST

Tel: 1-866-316-1519

For International Callers: 1-847-944-7661

Passcode: 9366495#

We are hoping for 100% participation on the call so *please join us.*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Some great readings, reports & invitations recommended by our community

(Read something great? Infuriating? Inspiring?)

Email amanda@womenmovingmillions.com so we can share it with the community.)

Judgement Day is Still Coming

By Jacki Zehner

Click here to read the latest from WMM's own Co-chair!

(http://womenadvisorforum.ning.com/profiles/blogs/judgment-day-is-still-coming?xg_source=msg_appr_blogpost)

NoVo Foundation Commits \$80 million Over 10 years Towards Ending Violence Against Girls and Women in the US

Move to End Violence

will Strengthen the National Movement to Address Root Causes of Violence against Girls and Women in US. [Click here to read the press release!](#)

An Invitation from the Social Impact Exchange: "Scaling Impact" Featuring Helen LaKelly Hunt!

Please join a two-day conference featuring Helen LaKelly Hunt on **June 15 & 16 in New York City**.

The Social Impact Exchange [2011 Conference on Scaling Impact](#) is by invitation only for funders interested in learning about innovative methods to support high-impact nonprofits that are growing. The conference includes presentations from foundation CEOs and nonprofit leaders, as well as knowledge sessions and peer networking opportunities. The Social Impact Exchange will extend a 50% registration discount (\$595, instead of the full cost of \$1,190). To receive the discount, indicate that you were invited by "Women's Funding Network" when prompted by the online registration website. For registration details and more information, please [click here](#). Space is limited, so we encourage you to register soon. Any questions should be emailed to conference@growthphilanthropy.org, or call (212) 551-1148.

Global Report on the Status of Women & Girls in the Media

The findings presented in [this report](#) conducted over a two-year period (and commissioned in part by The Loreen Arbus Foundation) offer the most complete picture to date of women's status globally in news media ownership, publishing, governance, reporting, editing, photojournalism, broadcast production and other media jobs.

Sex Trafficking of Americans: The Girls Next Door

By Amy Fine Collins

Human trafficking is much closer to home than you think; victims, younger than ever, are just as likely to be the homegrown American girl next door as illegally imported foreigners. Having gained access to victims, law-enforcement officials, and a convicted trafficker, Collins follows a major case that put to the test the federal government's Trafficking Victims Protection

Act. <http://www.vanityfair.com/politics/features/2011/05/sex-trafficking-201105>

WGAW's 2011 Hollywood Writers Report by Nikki Finke

The Writers Guild of America, West (WGAW) has released the Executive Summary of the 2011 Hollywood Writers Report: Recession and Regression. The study examines writers' employment and earnings by ethnicity, gender, and age from 2008 through 2009 in the motion picture and television industry. As in previous years, diverse writers face significant obstacles to employment in Hollywood.

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/wgaws-2011-hollywood-writers-report/>

Beyonce "Runs the World"? Not so much...

This is a MUST WATCH vlog response to Beyonce's latest.

<http://feministing.com/2011/05/23/beyonces-run-the-world-not-so-much/>

Untapped Potential: European Foundation Funding for Women and Girls

([Click here](#) for highlights from this report commissioned by Mama Cash and co-authored by the Foundation Center and Weisblatt & associés, in cooperation with the European Foundation Centre.)

Save The Date For our Annual Fall Retreat!

In addition to June 7th, please mark your calendar now for **Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25** for the WMM Annual Fall Retreat in Dallas, TX.

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