Thank you Zontians for raising record funds in 2012-2014 Biennium

Thanks to the generous support of Zonta districts, clubs and individual members, the Zonta International Foundation achieved the highest fundraising total in its history during the 2012-2014 Biennium, totaling US$5,101,925. This total was the result of 22,171 donations from 7,553 club and individual donors.

During the 2012-2014 Biennium:

Letter from Foundation Development Chairman
Dolly Dastoor
Please read this letter from Zonta International Foundation Development Committee Chairman, Dolly Dastoor.

Photo above:
The young woman in the photograph is from Niger, where Zonta is supporting efforts to reduce early marriage and early pregnancy. Her smile is a reminder to us all of how our contributions to the Zonta International Foundation are empowering women every day.

5,886 individual donors (20 percent of Zonta members) made gifts totaling US$1,130,457. This total represented a 6 percent increase in individual giving over the 2010-2012 Biennium.

- A total of 1,063 clubs (90 percent of clubs) donated US$3,971,467. This was a 4 percent increase in club giving over the 2010-2012 Biennium.
- More than 430 individual donors achieved giving levels of US$1,000 or more. Of these donors, 94 achieved lifetime giving levels of US$5,000 or more, and 45 achieved lifetime giving levels of US$10,000 or more.
- 3,436 individuals and clubs made their first gift to the Zonta International Foundation during the 2012-2014 Biennium.

Because of your generosity, Zonta International will continue its mission of empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy by supporting projects and programs focusing on Preventing Root Causes through Education during the 2014-2016 Biennium.

Update on Liberia Fistula Project
In light of the ongoing Ebola crisis in Liberia, many Zontians have expressed concern about the people of Liberia, especially the fistula survivors and the medical staff caring for them in the health centers supported by Zonta International. At this time, all activities related to the Zonta-supported Liberia Fistula Project have been suspended to allow the medical staff to focus on responding to the Ebola crisis. Zonta International, however, remains committed to the Liberia Fistula Project and has granted an extension to UNFPA to resume project activities once the Ebola crisis is under control. UNFPA has agreed to update Zonta regularly on the status of the situation in Liberia, and we will inform the membership whenever we receive an update. Please direct any questions related to the project to Megan Radavich, Director of Programs and Advocacy, at mradavich@zonta.org.

Voices Against Violence
Guidelines for Zonta District & Club Participation
During the 2014-2016 Biennium, Zonta International is partnering with UN Women to support Voices against Violence: a non-formal education curriculum for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on
ending violence against women
and girls.

With 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 145 countries across the
world, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is
the largest voluntary movement
dedicated to girls and young women in the world and can be found in many
of the 67 countries where Zonta International has clubs.

The Zonta International project will run in the following 12 countries: Japan,
Korea, Philippines, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso, Rwanda,
Nigeria, Malawi, Zambia, Canada, USA, and Brazil.

For more information on how your district or club can get involved, please read
the guidelines.

Respecting the Rights and Responding to the Needs of
Adolescent Girls in Niger

During the 2014-2016 Biennium, "Respecting the Rights and
Responding to the Needs of
Adolescent Girls in Niger" is being supported by the ZISVAW Fund in
partnership with the United Nations Population Fund. The goal of this
project is to reduce early marriage and early pregnancy in a
critical mass of communities and
departments in four regions of Niger.

Read the full project description.

UNFPA, Zonta's partner in Niger, released a startling video showing the struggles
of child marriage in Niger.

First Quarter Donors

We extend our most sincere thanks to the individuals and clubs who made
donations to the Zonta International Foundation during the first quarter of the
2014-2016 Biennium (1 June - 31 August 2014). Your contribution plays a major
role in building a better world for women.

View the club first quarter donor list.
Every Member, Every November Campaign

On 8 November, Zonta International marked its 95th year as an organization dedicated to improving the status of women around the world. To celebrate this anniversary, we invite members to demonstrate their personal support for Zonta's international programs by making an annual, individual contribution to the Foundation.

We also want to celebrate our member's generosity and commitment to the projects and programs supported by the Zonta International Foundation. We invite you to share your photo, along with a 50 word statement about why you choose to donate to the Foundation. We'll feature members' stories and photos on the Foundation pages of the Zonta International website and on Facebook throughout the month of November.

Please email your photo and statement to contributions@zonta.org.

Announcements

Capital One credit card replaced with Capital One Quicksilver credit card

As of 4 November, the Zonta International Foundation credit card issued by Capital One is discontinued. If you had a Zonta International credit card, you will receive a Capital One Quicksilver card in its place. Capital One did not consult Zonta about discontinuing the card.

With the new Capital One Quicksilver card, a percentage of the charges on the card will not be automatically donated to the Zonta International Foundation. Use the link to Capital One's "No Hassle Giving Site" to donate your cash back reward to ZIF. You can make the same type of charitable donation with most other credit cards too.

Support the Zonta International Foundation by shopping at AmazonSmile

Shopping on smile.amazon.com is the same as shopping on amazon.com but with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Zonta International Foundation. When you visit smile.amazon.com, use the same account information as you would if you were shopping on amazon.com. Then, select Zonta International Foundation as the charity of your choice.

Return unused donor pins to Zonta International Headquarters

The Zonta International Foundation staff appreciates when members return their unused donor pins. During the 2012-2014 Biennium, the Foundation mailed more than 5,000 pins to donors. Recycling
pins helps reduce overall costs. Please consider making this a club project by designating a meeting when members can bring in all their unused pins and the pins can be sent back to the Foundation in one package - efficient and economical! Thank you!

Please return unused pins to:
Zonta International Foundation
1211 W. 22nd Street, Suite 900
Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA

**Zonta International Foundation**

Zonta International Foundation (ZIF), the official charitable foundation of Zonta International, advances and sustains Zonta’s global service and advocacy programs. Every biennium, ZIF provides more than US$4 million for programs and projects that benefit thousands of women around the world. Through the Foundation, Zonta International helps women and girls overcome gender barriers to educational and professional advancement; provides opportunities for women to earn higher wages and achieve economic independence; ensures that women and children have access to quality, affordable health care; and strives to end violence against women help survivors rebuild their lives.

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