Take on the challenge to help us end child marriage

Each year, 12 million girls are married before the age of 18. Child marriage violates girls’ rights to health and education, exposes them to a lifetime of violence and traps them in a cycle of poverty. If current trends continue, 150 million more girls will be married in childhood by 2030, with devastating consequences for the whole world.

To help end this appalling practice, we will collect donations through our Charity Challenge page on the CrowdRise platform. The donations will go to our fund to end violence against women, which will support our major project to end child marriage.

Participation in this challenge provides a chance to win prize donations and elevate Zonta’s presence as a leading philanthropic organization for women and girls. Our goal is to raise the most money so that we can take your donation even further by winning the US$100,000 grand prize.

The challenge runs from 12 p.m. EST on 26 November through 1:59:59 p.m. EST on 2 January 2019.

Some important notes about the Charity Challenge:
- You do not need to be a U.S. resident to make a donation.
- All donations will be added to your total Zonta giving.
- The minimum eligible donation is US$10.
- For the duration of the challenge, all donations received will have a per transaction fee of 5 percent. There will be an additional payment processing fee of 2.9 percent of the donation plus US$0.30 per transaction. We encounter similar fees when donations are made through our regular online donation form. Donors will have the option to cover both the transaction and payment processing fees and if they choose to do so, 100 percent of their initial donation will go straight to Zonta International Foundation.

Please join us as we compete to win US$100,000. Make a donation to Zonta International Foundation through the challenge and make a difference for women and girls.

Go to Charity Challenge

Watch and listen: Zonta Talk – Child Marriage

If you were not able to join us on 20 October for the Zonta Talk on child marriage, please watch and listen by visiting the Zonta Talks.
We collected questions during registration and while on the Talk, and will be sharing answers to these questions on the above page in the very near future.

The second Zonta Talk will focus on membership and will be held 2 p.m. CST (HQ/Chicago time) on 1 December.

Each member is invited to participate, share their point of view or ask a question.

Register now to save the date and submit a question about membership.

New Women in Technology Scholarship

Eligibility requirements for the new Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship have been published on the Zonta International website.

The application and accompanying scholarship materials will be available in December; however, in the meantime, you can familiarize yourself with the eligibility requirements and ask questions using the feedback form on the Women in Technology web page.

Leave a legacy gift through the Mary E. Jenkins 1919 Society

The Mary E. Jenkins 1919 Society honors individuals who have entrusted their legacy to the Zonta International Foundation through a planned gift. We are pleased to present this new brochure to support the Mary E. Jenkins 1919 Society.

Charitable legacy planning allows you to ensure the future of the Zonta International Foundation and support its life changing programs at the same time that you achieve your financial goals. Add your name to the growing list of Zontians who have already designated part of their estate to the Foundation.

This brochure offers details of the program and includes a form to allow you to inform the Zonta International Foundation of your intent to include us in your legacy. We hope this brochure helps us meet our biennial goal to add at least 150 new Society members. Foundation Headquarters staff will be happy to answer any further questions.

Click the button below to view our Resource Library and download the brochure.

Investing in the future

Support the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign by donating to the Endowment Fund. This will strengthen Zonta's ability to empower women in the decades to come. Click here to learn more.

Dates to remember
● 25 November: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
● 25 November–10 December: 16 Days of Activism: Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women
● 26 November–2 January: CrowdRise Charity Challenge
● December: Women in Technology Scholarship materials will be released
● 1 December: Zonta Talks–Membership (2 p.m. CST)
● 10 December: Human Rights Day
● 31 December: Last day for gifts to be counted in the 2018 calendar year

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