

WGC UPDATE

Second Quarter | 2017 | April-June

Girls Leadership/Women's Economic Development (WED)

- To benefit girl students in developing leadership skills, the Tanzania Immersion trip team held 3 workshops for teachers at Hekima Secondary School to further cultivate relationships and teaching skills. They surveyed the damages from last fall's earthquake and observed repairs.
- The Tanzania immersion trip team conducted capacity building with BUWEA women on business, nutrition, and child development topics.

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

- The Peru immersion trip team gave a workshop for pre-school teachers regarding several methods in improving the health and educational opportunities for the children of Chimbote, collaborative learning, and reusing waste in creative ways (more than 50 came despite expectations of 15-20). The team painted a mural at a pre-school on the outskirts of town, and visited the hospice clinic to evaluate the patients and educate them in regards to their nutritional needs.

Presentations

- The women who attended the Commission on the Status of Women "Women's Empowerment through Local Leadership" discussed how leadership opportunities can combat inequality and gender gaps on local and global levels. The recap and dinner were on the 6th of April. The collaborative included Family Violence Prevention Services CEO Marta B. Peláez; WGC Executive Director Dr. Lisa Uribe; and Sr. Martha Ann Kirk, UIW professor of religious studies.

Emergency Microloan Fund

- New loans in 2nd quarter: 9
- Paid off loans: 1



Left: Tere Dresner with *Opportunity for Women* group after a workshop in Tanzania. **Right:** Mural painted by Peru 2017 Immersion Trip Team, led by Nicole Foy & Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI.

Immersion Trips

- **Chimbote, Peru**
May 15–30 11 Travelers
 Gabriela Bogran, UIW Alumna
 Nicole Foy, Associate WGC Associate Director of Communications and Development
 Monica Hernandez, UIW Doctoral Candidate
 Sr. Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI, UIW Faculty
 Yasmine Lainez, UIW Undergraduate
 Dr. Brian McBurnett, UIW Faculty
 Stephanie Mitchell, UIW Faculty
 Karissa Rangel, UIW Alumna
 Mariel Sanchez, UIW Undergraduate
 Cristina Sanchez, UTSA Undergraduate
 Elena Valenzuela, UIW Doctoral Candidate
- **Bukoba, Tanzania**
July 12–25 2 Travelers
 Faith Myers, Computer Specialist
 Tere Dresner Salinas, HR Director

2017 Gala

Join us the 12th of October for our annual gala and check out some of the Peruvian and Tanzanian artisan items featured in the raffle and silent auction! Continuing the theme of this year's Commission on the Status of Women at the UN conference, our theme is Women in the Changing World of Work. Get your ticket or table at: <http://bit.ly/2o8t1i2>



**Women in the Changing World of Work
GALA 2017**

SAVE THE DATE!
6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 12, 2017
UIW Rosenberg Skyroom
Individual Tickets - \$75 Tables of 8 - \$600
Purchase tickets or tables online at:
<http://bit.ly/2o8t1i2>

Want to be a sponsor? Have questions?
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Regina Visits!

We look forward to Regina (pictured to the right), founder of BUWEA, who is coming to San Antonio for our annual gala. She'll share the story of our successful partnership with her Tanzanian women's collective and microloan fund.

May 4th Big Give

We thank all of our donors for their support during this year's Big Give! The PR/Development Committee had set a goal of \$5,000 raised from 60 donors. We were in turn greeted with almost \$6,000 from 67 donors! Many thanks and blessings to our supporters! All proceeds will go to our Girls Leadership / Education program.



Incarnate Word Missionaries

Total Missionary placements to date: 4 in Chimbote, Peru (Juan Piña, Selena Mitchell, Mark and Dianne Tribo)
IWM inquiries: 10
Applicants: 5
Accepted: 5
Position openings for upcoming year: 0

IWM Program Presently on Hold for 2017-2018 Term

Grant Update

Submitted in 2017
San Antonio Area Foundation Strengthening Non-Profits Phase II - WGC fundraising and professional development
Weyerhaeuser Foundation – Peru Women's Economic Development Project
St. Pierre – Program execution and expansion
NoVo Foundation - Actualizing GLSA program

In Memory of Sister Neomi

Sr. Neomi Hayes, our WGC cofounder, peacefully entered eternal life the 30th of April. She entered the congregation in 1951 and took her final vows in 1960. With her "holy common sense" and noble intentions, Sr. Neomi and Sr. Yolanda Tarango, from CCVI, established Visitation House in 1985. Though it began as an emergency center, it is now a transitional housing program for women and children. She then went on to create Women's Global Connection in the early 2000s with Sr. Dorothy Ettling. Neomi has joined her close friend and fellow WGC cofounder, Sr. Dot Ettling, now in heaven. Their vocations have brightened the lives of countless people and will continue to do so thanks to their legacy.

