

# WGC UPDATE

Third Quarter | 2017 | July-September

## Girls Leadership

- Our 2017-2018 WGC Girls Leadership Interns have been selected. These ten motivated high school girls yield from the San Antonio Metropolitan Area and the internship culminates with the team designing, directing and executing the WGC Girls Global Summit in the spring.



WGC staff with students at the 2017 Fulbright Symposium

## Early Childhood Education (ECE)

- The Center built by the BUWEA leaders, which offers child care services to community members, is one of the few childcare centers in the region. The responsibility of Child rearing is beginning to change as people move away from family members, and older siblings attend school. The maximum amount has been met: 35 children in the center.

## Presentations

- Women's Global Connection participated in the 2017 Southwest Fulbright Symposium to discuss our local initiative, Girls Leadership San Antonio. Dr. Claudia Guzman Garcia and Tamarra Mencey presented to a standing room round-table. WGC relayed our robust leadership development program to create empowered girl, global citizens.
- Future Presentation: Peace Month Presentation on October 25th

## Development

- This August, Women's Global Connection bid farewell to Monica Cruz. She has led the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership (ECCL) at the University of the Incarnate Word, our longtime partner in service work.

## Women's Economic Development

Pushaq Warmi Chimbote continued to collaborate with their neighbors in Cambio Puente to further share knowledge and to further encourage economic development and independence. The women came together to also partake in lunch with different dishes typical of the region, incorporated games and team building exercises, and closed their activity with a group dance.



WGC is excited to introduce new Communications Intern Elizabeth Morales, a senior in Communication Arts at the University of the Incarnate Word. Please help us welcome her as she works with us throughout the summer and fall in marketing, development, media and design!

## BUWEA

### Lieveld Harvester Water Project:

The first Water harvester being built in 2012, there are now over 37 of them in various village locations, each with its own neighborhood BUWEA member manager.

## Immersion Trip

- During the immersion trip to Tanzania, WGC gave a total of 6 workshops. Two of them were Early Childhood Education (ECE): developmental play and oral hygiene, including 109 WED participants and 70 ECE participants, totaling 179 altogether.
- WGC held a training session in business entrepreneurship at the Soy Processing Plant. Attended by 19 members who have obtained micro-loans through the SACCOS account to start a small business
- WGC reviewed the 4Ps of business: product, price, place and promotion, a SWOT analysis and completed a Stop, Start, and Continue exercise at Katoka Village. 51 village women participated.
- 20 village women participated in the training sessions on Beginning Crochet

## EMLF

- New loans in 3rd quarter: 4  
In process of being paid back: 14  
Loans paid off: 1

## 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
- Greehey Foundation Grant in progress to be submitted in October.

## Incarcate Word Missionaries

Since 2015, Ada Gonzalez has served as Program Director for the IWM program and has dedicated herself under WGC. Working with the WGC team, IWM Advisory Committee and CCVIs, Ada recruited, instructed, and managed persons serving the poor in San Antonio and Chimbote, Peru.

Ada has been called to open a new school in Rabat, Morocco in North Africa. She left the 15th of August and went to serve as vice-principal at Amicitia American School, a trilingual American-style school for children three years old to third grade.

We held a Bye Bye Breakfast August 9th as thanks for her dedication and contribution to WGC and countless lives.

### Re-Entry Week

The Re-Entry program allowed missionaries to transition back to their daily lives after their service ended. Clionadh, a 23-year-old from Ireland, served as the reading and art specialist at Inner City Development, a grassroots nonprofit based in the near Westside San Antonio. Anne Catherine, a San Antonio resident, served as a missionary in Chimbote, Peru, for the WGC Women's Economic Development Program, working to empower, educate and support women's business collectives. She worked closely with Pushaq Warmi, a group of women focused on social advocacy and artisan crafts.

**Total Missionary placements to date:** 4 in Peru (Juan Piña, Selena Mitchell, Mark and Dianne Tribo)

**IWM Openings:** 0

**IWM Program Presently on Hold for 2017-2018 Term**



From left to right: Ada, Anne Catherine, and Clionadh

## Public Relations



WGC Board and Staff at Women's Leadership Awards

We congratulate WGC Board Member Teryn Grater for being named a winner in the Women's Leadership Awards by the San Antonio Business Journal. Molly Cox, our WGC Globally Awesome Girl this year, was also named a Women's Leadership Awards winner for the work she does as CEO of SA2020, a local nonprofit focused on community engagement and service.