

WGC UPDATE

Second Quarter | 2018 | April-June

PICTURED TO THE RIGHT

WGC's Nicole Foy and Lisa Uribe broke fast in April for Ramadan with board member Sumeyra Tek and friends at the Raindrop Turkish House for interfaith learning and dialog.

WGC and CCVI Sisters this summer turn out for rally against separating families seeking refuge in the United States.



Presentations

April

Water Project Presentation (pictured below) to St. Anthony High School students by communications director

WGC Presentation Incarnate Word Foundation Board Members at their annual board retreat in San Antonio by executive director

May

WGC presentation to Texas Dental Association - Women Dentists at the annual convention in San Antonio by executive director



Economic Development

- Women's Global Connection is developing a pilot program for the use of water filters at the Peru preschool programs PRONEI, in Chimbote and Cambio Puente. Staff and partners are in the development phase: investigating the products and looking for partners.
- WGC is utilizing the CHRISTUS grant in Tanzania and Kenya to continue training of women trainers and guidance for the childcare center in Tanzania.

Immersion Trips

Peru: Chimbote, Peru May 15-31

The travelers:

Vivian Vance, community member with specialization in education, Sarah Duffy, UIW undergraduate Student, Elena Valenzuela, UIW Doctoral Student, Edith Ausburn, community member with specialization in social work, Denise Krohn, PhD, UIW Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Alfredo Ortiz, PhD, UIW Dreeben School of Education Associate Professor.

Monica Hernandez, UIW Ettlign Center and UIW Doctoral Student.

Overview of Peru Immersion Trip

Led by Dr. Denise Krohn, WGC Partner, the participants were welcomed in Chimbote by the ladies of Pushaq Warmi and traveled with Incarnate Word missionary Selena Mitchell to experience the culture and heart of the community. Traveler Elena Valenzuela, UIW doctoral student, was the artistic leader when the travelers painted two murals at local pre-schools; while Dr. Alfredo Ortiz and UIW doctoral Student, Monica Hernandez, spearheaded a weeklong initiative to enhance the collaborative impact of Pushaq Warmi. Excitingly, WGC also sent 100 water filtration systems to Peru to initiate a series of training workshops to both pre-school teachers and families.

Girls Leadership San Antonio

The 2017-2018 cohort of GLSA Interns consisted of 9 young women from area high schools. They included: Mary Best, Ava Borego, Daphnie Escobedo, Kuljeet Ghuman, Coco Guo, Claire Liedtka, Isela Martin, Alexzandra Roman and Maysoun Tirhi.

GLSA interns participated in weekend leadership development seminars and recruited topic teams for the annual Girls Global Summit



Grant Update

- Conrad Hilton Foundation, in conjunction with CCVI
- CHRISTUS Foundation
- Best Buy Foundation
- Mother St. Pierre

EMLF

Active loans: 17
 Paid off this quarter: 1
 New loans: 4

Immersion Trips Cont.

The water filtration systems are part of the Proyecto Agua Cristalina initiative of WGC in which teachers and families receive instruction on how to set up and maintain a water filtration system that produces safe, potable water with the goals of enhanced family health and the increase of school attendance. Travelers Vivian Vance and Edith Ausburn led the workshops alongside Selena Mitchell and UIW undergraduate Sarah Duffy to establish the foundation for this on-going project. While their time in Peru was short, the travelers expressed that the memories they created, the friendships they forged, and the impact they made will stay with them for many years to come.

Public Relations and Events

Spotlight at Film Festival

Women's Global Connection is honored to have been spotlighted by WGC Friend, Karla Castillon's wonderful students at John Jay High School as part of the Bexar County High School Film Festival at the Tobin on April 23.

WGC at the Northeast School of the Arts Film Fest

Because of the dedication of a team of NESA film students, WGC's work was featured at the NESA Film Fest in May at a local Santikos theater. A huge thanks to the student who lead the team, Map Pesqueira. The film that details our mission and the Girls Global Summit program may be seen in its entirety here: <https://vimeo.com/263278151/d4be61f2eb>.

Women's Awards Luncheon

So proud of our good friends who were honored this spring at the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's "Making a Mark on the World" Women's Awards Luncheon. WGC longtime friends Siew Pang, Rosie Castro, Patti Radle and Jenee Gonzales were among those lauded as "women who are quietly and notably making their mark on the world."



Celebrating Ramadan with WGC Community Partners

WGC's Nicole Foy and Lisa Uribe broke fast for Ramadan with board member Sumeyra Tek and friends at the Raindrop Turkish House. What a wonderful night of interfaith cultural learning and dialog.

In Solidarity with Refuge Seekers

WGC, as a mission of the Incarnate Word Sisters, holds dear the call to live Jesus' mission of love and service through the promotion of human dignity, especially among those who are most vulnerable. This spring and summer, WGC and the CCVI Sisters have advocated for families to remain together as they navigate the United States upon crossing the border.