

2009 Grantees

Anglican Mother's Union, Papua New Guinea

\$3,000

Grant given to facilitate training of HIV positive women in order to provide necessary skills to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

Bilingual Education for Central America, Honduras

\$2,000

Grant given to support the school's cultural exchange and affordable bilingual education for disadvantaged students.

Building the Capacity of Rural Women Artisans, Pakistan

\$2,500

Grant awarded to provide craft learning and functional literacy to rural girls and women who could not otherwise be able to continue their education.

Cultivation of Children's Love for Earth's Gifts, Dominica

\$2,000

Grant awarded to support the education of school children about gardening and nutrition and the importance of learning to cultivate food crops as an alternative to processed foods in the small Caribbean island of Dominica where the Catholic Church educates many school children.

Fonkoze, Haiti

\$3,000

Grant given to support programs building the economic foundations for democracy in Haiti by providing grassroots banking alternatives for rural- based women entrepreneurs who would not have access to traditional bank loans.

Greenbelt Movement: Women for Change, Kenya

\$2,000

Grant given to support environmental conservation and education programs, nurturing of leadership and entrepreneurial skills for women and girls in Kenya and India.

Ilitha Labantu, Cape Town, South Africa

\$2,500

Grant given to provide social service programs addressing violence against women and children through individual and family counseling workshops skills training and empowerment with particular focus on women living in townships and rural areas of South Africa.

Lebanese American University - Women Prison Ministries, Lebanon

\$2,500

Grant awarded to help address the dire needs of incarcerated women in Lebanese women's prisons focusing on rehabilitation, health and psychological support.

Lutheran Skul Pikini, Papua New Guinea

\$2,000

Award given to support a program that assists mothers and their children by helping to provide basic necessities for a school in an area still devastated by Cyclone Guba.

Melanesia Education Development Foundation: Education Materials and Infrastructure Development Program, Papua New Guinea

\$2,000

Grant awarded to support programs promoting education development opportunities for less fortunate women and children of Papua New Guinea in order to help them realize their full potential.

Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders, Sudan

\$2,000

Grant awarded to support the rehabilitation of hospitals, training of local personnel, vaccination programs and water and sanitation projects in remote and slum areas with the objective of rebuilding health structures to acceptable levels in Sudan.

Operation Crossroads Africa

\$2,500

Grant given to support the participation of young people in village development projects in African countries that promote understanding of the African community development process.

Provincial Council of Women, Western Highlands, Papua New Guinea

\$3,000

Award granted to support programs that provide training and counseling in the areas of HIV and AIDS awareness, sexual abuse and domestic violence and financial independence for women in the Western Highlands region of PNG.

Rhema Education Foundation Center, Tanzania

\$2,000

Support in providing care and support to children infected with HIV/AIDS, orphans and vulnerable children and assisting the socio-economic empowerment of women infected with HIV/AIDS to live positive lives.

Women in Peace-Building Program, Liberia

\$2,000

Grant given to support the advocating for the inclusion of women's issues in peace and security policies at the national level in West African countries such as Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria with the goal of promoting human security and building lasting peace.

Women Making Airwaves for Peace - Isis International, Philippines

\$2,500

Grant awarded to support the training of women in the Asia Pacific region in the use of community radio and journalism as an empowerment tool that promotes peace and women's critical role in conflict resolution in their communities.

Urgent Action Fund, Kenya

\$3,000

Grant given in support of the Urgent Action Fund which advocates women's human rights through rapid response grant making, especially for women who are defending gender rights in conflict areas on the African continent.

World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA), Switzerland/Papua New Guinea

\$3,000

Grant awarded in support of the World YWCA's HIV and AIDS awareness training for women seeking to change their lives and communities through women's leadership.

YWCA Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

\$3,000

Grant given to support the Port Moresby YWCA's programs providing adult literacy, HIV and AIDS awareness, skills training to promote individual empowerment for women and women prisoners.

Latin American Community-Based Health Training Program, NY

\$3,000

Grant given to support under-served Latin American and US medical students to become trained medical professionals in poor communities in the US, Latin America and Africa.

African American Clergywomen's Oral History Project, NY

\$3,000

Grant awarded to support women's leadership by chronicling clergywomen's challenges in various denominations through workshops and the development of clergywomen's resources.

Americans for Middle East Understanding: Remember These Children, NY

\$2,000

Grant given to support AMEU's goal to document the personal tragedies of Israeli and Palestinian youth under the age of 18, killed in Israel and occupied Palestinian territories, thereby raising the public's awareness of the impact of conflict of youth.

Clear Fork Community Institute, TN

\$3,000

Grant awarded to support the Clear Fork Community Institute in its initiatives to promote women's education and community development in coal mining communities in Appalachia.

Ecumenical Women's Coalition at the Church Center, NY

\$2,000

Grant awarded to support the Ecumenical Women's Coalition towards church women's advocacy for gender equality at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, enabling young women to participate.

Esperanza en Acción, (Hope through Action), MN

\$2,000

Award granted to support an initiative to empower women in the "First World" to help transform the global economic system to one that is fair for all people by using fair trade markets in Nicaragua and internationally.

Family Connection, SD

\$3,000

Grant provided to support Family Connection's service that allows families with limited incomes to continue the healing process with the incarcerated family member, especially women.

Justice For Our Neighbors - United Methodist Committee on Relief , IA

\$3,000

Grant awarded to support JFON, a program that provides free, high-quality immigration legal services, education and advocacy.

Manassas Ministries Intergenerational Community Rebirth, MO

\$3,000

Grant given to support the Ministries' efforts to maintain values and lost culture with inner-city youth in the surrounding St. Louis community by partnering the elders with young people to work and learn on community improvement projects.

New Day Community, Bronx, NY

\$2,000

Grant awarded to this new UMC church ministry reaching out to the various surrounding language communities especially youth, with programs encouraging crossing the boundaries of race, gender, ethnicity and language, confronting injustices and giving back to the community.

Nurses for Newborns, MO/TN

\$3,000

Grant given to support Nurses for Newborn's safety net for at-risk families to prevent child abuse, neglect and infant mortality, through proper medical care and training with low-income families and their newborns.

Presbyterian USA Hunger Program (PHP)/ Agricultural Missions, KY

\$3,000

Grant awarded to PHP for its poverty and justice programs examining food sovereignty enabling consumers and producers to have greater control over their food source rather than giant agribusiness companies.

Rape Assistance and Awareness Program, CO

\$2,000

Grant provided to assist RAAP with its work towards the elimination of sexual violence and to assist victims and educate the public about sexual violence and its prevention.

The American Domestic Violence Crisis Line, OR

\$3,000

Grant given to support the Crisis Line's domestic violence and child abuse advocacy and resources to abused Americans and their children living in foreign countries.

The Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church: Steadfast Hope, KY

\$2,500

Grant awarded to support the development of resources for congregations that will contribute to the cause of justice and peace for people sharing the holy land, especially children and youth.

The Young People's Project: Finding Our Folk, New Orleans and Gulf Coast

\$2,500

Support for an initiative to raise the voices of Katrina's survivors using the tools of education, documentation and healing, while hoping to reconnect the families and communities scattered across the country, living in exile.

WomanSpirit, Inc., MO

\$2,000

Grant given to support local micro- enterprise training programs that promote healthy local economies and share sustainable economic practice.

Work Options for Women (WOW), CO

\$2,000

Grant awarded to help impoverished women in transitioning from a life of dependence to independence by giving them culinary skills for life long employment thereby improving the lives of their family.