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FRWC Board Meets

In May, Financial Resources for Women and Children's Board of Directors met for two days in order to celebrate our achievements of ten years, re-energize our mission, revisit our strategic plan, and set the course for the next five years.

We were surprised and pleased that our mission has not changed in ten years—quite a rarity in the world of non-profit organizations, in which idealism is often compromised to the realities of poor funding and lack of commitment.

Here, then, are the high points of our five-year strategic plan. We publish it here so that we can be accountable to you, our donors and stakeholders. We also want to share the excitement of our vision and the responsibility for making it real!

Our Strategic Plan

FRWC Mission:

To increase the safety of women and children and to reduce homicides by developing resources and services that increase the financial stability and wealth of women and children.

- ❖ **Goal One:** Enable women who have experienced violence to become economically independent so that they and their children do not have to return to their battering situation.

Strategy A: *Develop funds and other resources for shelters and support groups to provide financial literacy training and loans to women who have experienced violence or are economically vulnerable in order to increase their safety and financial independence.*

Our Strategic Plan, continued...

One way FRWC can reach out to young women is by forming partnerships with organizations that work with girls to develop curriculum around money.

Financially savvy young women are less likely to be trapped in battering relationships!

Our new brochure

“In Case of
Emergency:
Reducing Fear
Through
Preparation”

is available in PDF
format at:
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Strategy B: Create microcredit lending models for women’s shelters/organizations to provide loans to women who complete financial literacy training and participate in lending circles.

Strategy C: Participate in grassroots organizing around issues of economic justice for girls and women.

- ❖ **Goal Two:** Help to prevent women from experiencing intimate violence by teaching economic independence.

Strategy A: Outreach to young women.

Strategy B: Provide information related to the financial and safety needs of women who have experienced violence.

- ❖ **Goal Three:** Replicate FRWC loan models in as many sites as is feasible.

Strategy A: Provide technical assistance and first-year funding for partner programs using the FRWC model.

Strategy B: Assist programs to parlay FRWC funds to extend their own efforts on behalf of women and children escaping a violent home.

Strategy C: Use EDK Professional Development Funds to assist more women to improve their professional skills.

We hope you find this plan as stirring and challenging as we do. If you find yourself inspired to make our vision real in your workplace or community, please contact us! We’d love to give you materials for distribution or to implement your good ideas into our strategic initiatives.

WHO: DV is Global Crisis

Based on interviews with 24,000 women around the world, the World Health Organization found that one-fifth to three-quarters of women had experienced physical or sexual violence since age 15, with most of it inflicted by male partners.

“We found that women’s greatest risk of violence is from a partner,” said Claudia Garcia-Moreno, Department of Gender, Women and Health, World Health Organization and the study’s overall coordinator.

“Our biggest surprise was learning how hidden the problem is and how few women contact formal support services. In fact, many women had never told anyone about the violence in their lives before we asked them for this study. We need to do more to change social norms that justify violence against women.”

The World Health Organization shared the findings of its *Multi-country Study on Women’s Health and Domestic Violence against Women* with congressional leaders and staff in May.

“The depth and scope of the global landmark study is remarkable,” Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) said. “This report reveals a global picture of the treatment of women – and the statistics are appalling and egregious. In some communities, women are safer in the streets than they are in their own homes. This reality is unacceptable and preventable – and we need to step up our strategies to address it.”

The landmark study offers recommendations to address domestic violence and other forms of violence against women. The Family Violence Prevention Fund, Global Health Council and PATH co-sponsored the congressional briefing and urged immediate steps to treat domestic violence as the global health issue it is.

Excerpted from the June, 2006 issue of NewsFlash, the newsletter of the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

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NCADV Events

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is hosting two important events in July:

The FreeGirl 5K Run: First annual 5k run/walk against gender based violence is being sponsored in part by FreeGirl Apparel, Inc. Location is Pembroke Pines Florida. Details and registration forms will be available soon at www.FreeGirlFreedomRun.com Check there periodically for updates. You can also check the website www.freegirlfoundation.com . They will be introducing their signature fund raiser shirt shortly.

NCADV's 12th National Conference on Domestic Violence: "Organizing for Collective Power:" Join NCADV, advocates, and allies as they discuss and explore ways efforts to end domestic violence can be better mobilized. The conference will take place in Atlanta, Georgia at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center from July 9th through the 12th. For registration or other conference information, please visit the conference page on the NCADV site, call (303) 839-1852 x 107, or email conference@ncadv.org.

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