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Annual Report 2020-2021

Women International Leaders of Greater Philadelphia, Inc.

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WIL envisions a world where all women achieve a secure and sustainable future.



Dear Valued WIL Friends,

What a year it has been! Although we have been separated from one another for many months, you will see that we have been virtually extremely busy fundraising, educating, and engaging our members more than ever before. I am deeply grateful for your contributions and support at a time when the world faced so much uncertainty.

The global challenges never end and I am pleased to report that WIL continues its tradition of standing with our trusted partners. We have recently approved a special grant to assist our Haitian sisters at the grassroots level in the wake of the devastating August earthquake.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with your questions or comments about WIL. We have many volunteer opportunities available and would love to work together with you.

Thank you for caring about women living in poverty around the world. We are counting on you!

*Anna Maria DiDio
WIL President*

Our Mission

Women International Leaders invest in underserved women globally who take the lead in becoming self-sufficient, elevating their families and communities.

We accomplish our mission by providing:

- **Microfinance funding** and support services for the lowest-income women to start and grow their businesses.
- **Grants** to grass-roots nonprofit and NGOs that serve vulnerable women and girls in countries where poverty is a way of life.
- **Educational programs** that focus on women's economic, health or political issues.
- **Service projects** that complements WIL's financial support.
- **Travel opportunities** that help with our understanding of the difficulties faced by women in these communities.

Microfinance

Adding 4 new banks in Central America, at \$5,000 each, brings WIL's support to 24 banks worldwide



PANAMA

Funding working capital/loans to members of the Pueblo Nuevo Community Bank serving a rural indigenous agricultural community

GUATEMALA (2 banks)

Funding rural indigenous women in the Suchitepequez and Boca Costa of Solola, Guatemala, a large Mayan population, seeking to improve gender inequality

Funding loans to 9 women in the Tierra Blanca Piol Trust Bank, in the second most populated area of Guatemala, Huehuetenango

HAITI

Funding to Fonkoze's revolving loans portfolio consisting of three levels – Little Credit, Group Lending and Business Development



Photo courtesy of Pueblo Nuevo Community Bank, Panama

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Empowerment Grants

11 grass-roots organizations awarded \$16,000 in grants to impact nearly 1,000 women, girls and their families

2020/2021 Grant Recipients

Americas

- Ministerios de Amor, A.C., Mexico
- Namaste Direct, Guatemala
- The Solidarity Project, Honduras
- Sueños, Guatemala

Africa

- Alpha Women Empowerment Initiative, Uganda
- Good Deeds Day Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone
- Home Leone, Sierra Leone
- With Women Kisoboka, Uganda
- Women Arises Association, Uganda
- Young and Empowered Malawi, Malawi
- Youth and Women Initiative for Sustainable Development, Uganda



Photos courtesy of Alpha Women Empowerment Initiative, Uganda

*"Little by little, a little becomes A LOT."
-- Tanzanian Proverb*

WIL Giving Circle

Kicking off our fiscal year with our first ever Giving Circle raised over \$10,000, extending our mission in Central America

Giving Circle Grant Recipients



Fonkoze USA received a **\$6,500 grant** to support digital education for its micro-lending clients in local Haitian communities.

Additional grants of \$2,000 each were awarded to **Friendship Bridge** (Guatemala) and **Curamericas Global** (Guatemala, Bolivia, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Liberia).



Photo courtesy of Fonkoze Haiti

"Philanthropy is not about money ... It's about feeling the pain of others and caring enough about their needs to help."

-- Timothy Pina

Service's Global Impact

Focusing efforts overseas in 2020/21, WIL Service Committee members supported diverse projects yielding global benefit

Mentoring and Leadership Development

- UrbanPromise International - mentorship program for female founders of nonprofit startups in Africa
- Cooperative for Education - mentors for staff serving Guatemala
- UrbanPromise International - leadership panel experts for Eastern University UrbanPromise fellow program

Services

- Mali Health (3 projects)
 - Photo management system
 - Health data database support
 - Translation French -> English

Collection of Needed Goods

- Naranji Tree - clothing for Syrian women refugees overseas
- Puentes de Salud - craft/sewing/knitting materials for Hispanic immigrants/refugees



Photo courtesy of Mali Health

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”

-- Mohammed Ali

Learning Cultures

Stories of women from around the world, shared in Educational Programs and Travel Book/Film Clubs, helped WIL members better understand new cultures, virtually

WIL Educational Programs

- SEP: Spotlight on Global Education (Street Child programs in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nepal and Nigeria)
- JAN: It's All About the Economy, with MIT's J-PAL (Abdul Larif Jameel Poverty Action Lab)
- FEB: Be Healthy: Health Literacy Advisors, Cambodia
- APR: Hispañola Health Partners, Haiti

Book & Travel Club 'Destinations'

- SEP: "Like Water for Chocolate", Mexico
- NOV: "Breath, Eyes, Memory", Haiti
- DEC: "Frida", Mexico
- JAN: "My Lake at the Center of the World" Guatemala
- MAR: "Beka Lamb", Belize
- MAY: "Quinceañera", Mexico

UNCSW65 Post-Program Fireside Chat: "Women in Public Office: Challenges, Successes and Inspirations" (MAR)



Photo courtesy of Hispañola Health Partners: Women's Health Care Systems, Haiti

"A nation's culture resides in the hearts
and in the soul of its people" "
-- Mahatma Gandhi

Financial Reporting

WIL Fiscal Year

Sept 1, 2020 -

August 31, 2021

and

Sept 1, 2019-

August 31, 2020

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20
INCOME		
Contributions	\$10,483	\$25,793
Board	6,850	5,350
General	26,663	20,443
Fundraising	32,284	20,118
Membership Educational Programs	14,300	14,000
Travel	330	70
TOTAL INCOME	\$90,910	\$59,981
EXPENSES		
Total Administration	\$12,308	\$10,283
Admin Support	7,465	6,484
Insurance	1,235	
Technology	2,248	1,660
Entertainment/Meals		129
Professional Services	1,260	1,910
Miscellaneous	100	100
Strategic Planning		
Fundraising/Marketing	2,955	2,199
Educational Programs	500	4,977
Microfinance	10,000	20,817
Empowerment Grants	16,000	10,565
Emergency Grants	13,980	1,140
Giving Circle Grants	10,500	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$66,243	\$49,981
NET INCOME	\$24,667	\$10,000

BALANCE SHEET

	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Business Checking	80,745	45,325
Philanthropic Checking	3,565	13,842
Total Checking/Savings	\$84,310	\$59,167
Other Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds	0	475
Total Other Current Assets	\$0	\$475
TOTAL ASSETS	\$84,310	\$59,642
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	15,914	15,914
Unrestricted Net Assits	43,728	33,728
Net Income	24,667	10,000
Total Equity	\$84,310	\$59,642
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$84,310	\$59,642

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with gratitude
**Thank YOU for making
our Mission possible**

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