



Women's Federation for World Peace USA

Creating a Culture of Peace - 2018

2018 GOAL ACCOMPLISHMENT SUMMARY - Angelika Selle - December 31, 2018

2018 GOAL	2017 BENCHMARK	ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018	GOAL ACHIEVED?
95 Educational Programs	121	127 Total -91 educational events -36 peripheral projects/videos	Yes!
Educate 3,300 people	4,100	-7,625 educated through events/webinars -5,654 peripheral education through radio shows, videos and service	Yes!
8,000 Friends of WFWP	2,954	4,016	Not yet, we are still in the development stage for this. More to come in 2019!
Send \$45,000 in Overseas Aid	\$61,326.26	\$82,910	Yes! See below for the projects supported.

UPLIFT, TRANSFORM, COLLABORATE: LEADING WITH HEART

- **The National Leadership Retreat recapitulated our national theme for 2018**, and it was a resounding success. Forty-four women ages 20 and up, representing 17 different states across the country, learned and discussed **WFWP's goals and vision, our new Chapter Handbook, the Leadership of the Heart curriculum**, using social media, and focused on how to create a culture of empowerment in the local WFWP chapters. The three days culminated in a heartfelt Bridge of Peace Ceremony and reflections. Everyone left inspired, rejuvenated, and empowered to go out and continue making the world a better place.
- In support of this theme and for the first time, the DC, Maryland, and Virginia chapters spearheaded and hosted Part I of the **Leadership of the Heart seminar series: Discover the Leader Within**. A new and improved curriculum was shared, featuring spirituality as a core part of cultivating our true selves and being an effective leader in all areas of our lives. The interactive program which helps participants (female and male alike!) discover their own intrinsic value and unique contribution to peace was also shared in chapters in California, Massachusetts, Canada, and New York. **We're excited to continue developing Part II and III of the curriculum in 2019!**



Leadership of the Heart Seminar Series

- Elizabeth Aihe, Chairwoman of the DC Chapter, shared her experience and summarized the program eloquently:

“The seminar was inspiring, uplifting and interactive. There were so many areas of the seminar that moved me, such as the meditation component. For a few minutes, I could go deeper within and connect to the divine, higher self and find peace. The presenters gave us the opportunity to understand more about the Leadership of the Heart and our own inner spirituality; that we are already divine beings, the feminine aspect of God.”



Presenting Leadership of the Heart session on Self-Value



National Leadership Retreat in Georgia

- At WFWP, we are also collaborating to create a culture of peace on the international level, especially in support of WFWP International and the UN Office during the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62). WFWP USA got the word out about the CSW events and **40 US participants** came from around the country to participate with the hundreds from around the world. **WFWP USA was also very happy to co-sponsor again this year’s Horizon Summit entitled “Rising Side By Side.”** Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook, Former Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, spoke as a panelist but also shared profound and solid pointers in her capacity building session on preparing for peace leadership. We were also happy to introduce a taste and practical experience of the Leadership of the Heart Curriculum, which was received very well.



Meeting with President Yeon Ah Moon during CSW 62



WFWP USA President Angelika Selle giving remarks at the Horizon Summit

GLOBAL WOMEN’S PEACE NETWORK CONFERENCE

- We are so grateful to have WFWP Co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon continuing to lead the way towards peace. Her **“Peace Starts With Me” initiative**, campaign, and speech brought together 20,000 people of various backgrounds to Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum **on November 12th, 2018**. WFWP USA supported the gathering through inviting special guests and **hosting the Global Women’s Peace Network Conference “Women as the Turning Point for Peace”** as a pre-event.



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon speaks on “Peace Starts With Me” at Nassau Coliseum, November 12, 2018

- This pre-event was the development and launch of the **Global Women’s Peace Network (GWPN) in the Northeast region** in Long Island, NY with over 70 people in attendance. At the conference, after greetings from **WFWP International President Yeon Ah Moon**, **WFWP USA President Angelika Selle** outlined **GWPN’s three areas of involvement**: 1. Women’s leadership, 2. Family, and 3. Environment. After a panel discussion led by five professional and dynamic women leaders, a highlight of the program was the discussion where participants brainstormed projects that would be proposed to the GWPN committee. The Global Women’s Peace Network is off to a great start!

“What I learned is being thankful of the little things... and that we are all privileged, as one of the speakers mentioned, and that we can make a change and bring about the difference. Just being thankful of all you have and look at things in a positive way and make it better, too - don’t look at the dark tunnel, look at the brighter future.”



Launching of Global Women’s Peace Network in the northeast region in Long Island, New York

- The morning before the rally with Mother Moon, **130 guests gathered at the WFWP Peace Starts with Me Reception**, where they were greeted by **Mayor Don Ryan of Hempstead, NY**. The highlight of the morning, along with uplifting and energizing musical performances, was to honor four extraordinary women with the WFWP HerStory Award, including NY Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages who shared her tips as a woman and mother not allowing the word “no” stop her.



Joan Myers (left), renowned gospel singer, and Makiko Taguchi (right), accomplished violin soloist



WFWP USA “Peace Starts With Me” Morning Reception with Mayor Don Ryan and HerStory Awardees

- Also important to highlight was **the inauguration of the Global Women’s Peace Network (GWPN) in Canada** with over 80 guests in attendance, bringing together high public officials and scholars to address the theme on "Women as Agents of Peace: Reconciliation and Alternative Dispute Resolution." WFWP USA President Angelika Selle expressed her hope and anticipation of a deeper level of partnership and collaboration with WFWP Canada in the near future!



Launching of the Global Women’s Peace Network in Canada

CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE

- This year, WFWP chapters across the country held **31 different programs and events in which peace was the focus of discussion**, including 7 Bridge of Peace ceremonies and the pilot project of the Peace Starts with Me: Bridge of Peace Workshop in San Francisco.
- In support of creating a true culture of peace, a notable development in one of WFWP USA’s chapters was **the launch of the Interreligious Sharing Series in Denver, CO**. These series took place three times this year with 30-50 guests in attendance, including panel discussions led by spiritual leaders at each

event. Everyone could freely share their beliefs and took note of building a peaceful society through a God-centered family, transcending race, religion, culture, and language.



Launching of WFWP Interreligious Sharing Series in Colorado



Sharing on marriage and family

- As the reunification of the Korean peninsula is a topic very close to our Founders’ hearts, this year our **WFWP New Jersey chapter held their fifth annual unity event, continuing to promote peaceful unification between North and South Korea.** The event was called “Peace at Last - Stepping Forward to a New Korea” held in Tenafly, NJ with 300 guests in attendance. Their initiatives gathered government officials, community leaders, and peace activists in dialogue and supportive action, allowing many to rethink what needs to take place in the Korean Peninsula for an interdependent world of peace.



“Peace at Last – Stepping Forward to a New Korea” in New Jersey



Sharing the importance of a united Korea

- As part of an international organization in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, we take pride in supporting United Nations efforts. This year, **five chapters commemorated the UN International Day of Peace** highlighting different avenues to bring about peace, and the reunification of North and South Korea through dialogue and panel discussions. **Six chapters also commemorated the UN International Women’s Month** with programs and discussions on women’s role in building peace.



International Day of Peace Talks in Canada



Panelists sharing on the unity of the two Koreas in Oregon

WOMEN SERVING THE WORLD

- Throughout the country, the women of WFWP continue to serve their communities and mother Earth. In addition to several local service projects around the country, the **DC chapter held their Annual Day of Service, which brought together 81 people** who may not usually interact—students, teachers, parents, police officers, the Mayor’s Office, local Council-member representatives, business owners, and WFWP members—**with a common purpose to serve the community**. After the project, one 6th grade student reflected:

“I learned that you don't do good things to get a reward, but to care for Earth and each other. I also learned that you shouldn't just do good deeds for praise. When someone litters you shouldn't act like it's not your problem and leave it. You should clean it up.”



WFWP Annual Day of Service in Washington, DC



Items collected for families in need by WFWP Paterson, NJ

- Realizing that the United States is still very much blessed, the WFWP chapters have consistently been raising money to support less fortunate women, children, and families around the world. In addition to **9 local Schools of Africa fundraisers** and a generous anonymous donation for the school in Senegal, this year **WFWP USA collaborated with WFWP Jordan to raise funds for the Arabic Literacy Project**. Thanks to many generous donations, we were able to send **\$7,000 to support supplemental literacy classes for refugee children living in Jordan**.



Benefit for Schools of Africa in Northern California



Providing a brighter future to refugee children in Jordan

2018 OVERSEAS AID	
WFWP SCHOOLS OF AFRICA	\$66,000
CAMBODIA FOSTER CARE PROJECT BY NEW JERSEY CHAPTER (collected)	\$8,400
JORDAN ARABIC LITERACY PROJECT	\$7,000
BUILDING KINDERGARDEN IN NEPAL, THROUGH WFWP NEPAL	\$560
HURRICANE RELIEF IN PUERTO RICO	\$250
"ONLY ONE AMERICA" ART PARK PROJECT IN HONDURAS	\$700

Thank you, everyone, for all your amazing support in 2018!