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# VG UPDATE

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#2606, C.I.E.L.O., South America: Children enjoy watching a performance of Cinderella at a toy library.

## VGIF to Join Women's Organizations with Strong Delegation

*Leslie Wright, Representative to the United Nations*

The United Nations Committee of the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund will be joined by a delegation of 20 other persons for this year's UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which will be held in New York from February 26 to March 9. The theme for the CSW will be *Discrimination and Violence against the Girl Child*.

As members of the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Committee on UNICEF's Working Group on Girls (WGG), VGIF members Leslie Wright and Dagmar McGill have been busy working with representatives from other organizations to run parallel events and to administer the Mary Purcell Grants program.

This year's parallel event will be hosted by VGIF. Fay Kittelson and Louise McLeod will speak about the VGIF grants program. Joining them will be representatives of Trickle Up, Fund for Women in Asia, and Project Five-O (a coalition comprising Soroptimist International, Zonta International, International Federation of University Women, Business and Professional Women, and International Council of Women). The event, "Small Funds, Big Ideas," features

how these grants can help women's organizations and how to apply for them. It will be held on Thursday, March 1 at the Church Center, 777 UN Plaza.

Dagmar McGill chairs the Mary Purcell Grants program, a project established in Mary's name which raised 11,000 USD to enable 11 girls to attend the UN CSW this year. In addition, McGill, Wright, and other delegates will be involved in caucuses and other meetings to spearhead VGIF's impact on agreed language by States' parties. VGIF signed on to 6 NGO statements covering issues from trafficking to generational concerns. As members of the WGG, the delegation will visit UN Missions prior to the beginning of the CSW and will work with girls and other NGO representatives to help position girls' voices at the meetings.

## Timely Gift Provides Unique Growth Opportunity

*Barbara Carey*

VGIF has received another wonderful gift from our generous and beloved benefactor, Virginia Palmer. According to her instructions, a check for 1 million USD was deposited in the Palmer Fund, final disposition to await recommendations from the Finance Committee and ultimate decision by the Board. This could not have been a more timely or welcome gift. We are once again overwhelmed by Ginny's generosity, and grateful for the opportunity this gift provides for us to move forward and to grow.

At her request, Ginny will meet with Fay Kittelson, Executive Secretary; Nancy Vang, Investment Manager; Sandra Featherman, Convener of the Finance Committee; and Barbara Carey, President, in Tucson.

Consideration of an appropriate acknowledgement to Ginny, deciding disposition of the money, and discussion of Ginny's intentions for use of the funds lies ahead for the Board and will be announced in the next edition of the *VG Update*.



## Perspectives

by Barbara Carey, President, 2005-2008

Judith Rodin, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, was recently quoted in the New York Times saying “We aren’t going to be remembered for how big we are, how smart we are, how hard we tried, or even how much we cared. We’re going to be remembered for what we

accomplish.” Since my earliest times with VGIF I have said that we “provide the biggest bang for the buck” of any charity that I know. This remains true today.

Each month we receive new reports from around the world about what has been accomplished with the recent grants VGIF has provided. They are always moving, sometimes heart-wrenching in their simplicity and forthright gratitude, and astonishing in the sheer magnitude of what people in charge of their own destinies can do when even the modest amounts that we grant are provided them. In the early years of VGIF, some of these reports came to us hand-written, tied together with string, usually in very simple and awkward English, and with hand-drawn illustrations of the work done by the projects. Now the reports are more sophisticated. Most are able to include actual photos, and almost all are either typed or word-processed. The grantees are resourceful in finding institutions such as banks, schools, and government offices to provide these communications tools. We are now more readily able to share these wonderful accomplishments (as you know) if you have examined the website library [[www.thegildersleeve.org/p\\_projectsfunded.asp](http://www.thegildersleeve.org/p_projectsfunded.asp)].

The success of the On-Site visitation programs coordinated by Evelyn Cumming, On-Site Committee Convener, and our Executive Secretary, Fay Kittelson, continues with more and more volunteers from around the world participating. We cannot thank these people enough for this valuable addition to our evaluation process. It is our hope to increase the numbers of these visits, and to improve our ability to provide follow-up assistance to successfully completed grants.

It has long been VGIF policy not to make second grants to projects, but to focus on initiating work that would not occur without our help. However, the practical need for sustained assistance that successful projects require is evident in the large number of appeals we have for follow-up support. We are seeking ways to refer promising applications that we are unable to fund to other granting

organizations with similar goals who are willing to cooperate with us in this way. To this end the Connections Committee, convened by Dana Wright, is working out practical ways to bring this idea to fruition.

Each day the media reveals how crucial these kinds of projects are to the lives they touch. If we evaluate ourselves according to Judith Rodin’s criteria, we can be very proud of what we accomplish through VGIF projects. With your continued support and loyalty, we will persevere and grow. Many thanks to all of you everywhere who make this good work possible.

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## Obituary

### EILEEN CLARK (1924 - 2007)



We are sad to announce the death of both Eileen Clark and her husband, Ritchie in January 2007. Eileen served VGIF for decades, both as a loyal donor and a leader. She served five terms as a member of the Board of Directors, twice as Vice-President, and as Convener of the Project Grants Committee. She was a prime mover in setting up the

On-Site program.

Eileen was a primary VGIF contact in Canada, encouraging leaders from across the country to participate in VGIF. She was an active member of numerous cultural and women’s associations, as well as many charitable organizations: a member of the Senate of Presbyterian College, McGill University; President, Vice President (Quebec), and Chairman of International Relations, Canadian Federation of University Women; 3rd and 4th Vice President, International Federation of University Women; Companion of Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem (Present); and recipient, Queens Golden Jubilee Medal 2002.

Her husband’s failing health had prevented her from traveling for the last several years and we have missed her thoughtful presence at our meetings. Her calm good sense, warm friendship, and earnest participation marked her time with us. She will be greatly missed.

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## MEMBERSHIP

*Claire Stein, Convener*

At the beginning of 2007 it is encouraging and exciting to see that applications for Project Grants are increasing from around the world. Women and children are VGIF's focus in developing countries. Our mission is their health, nutrition, physical security and economic stability. As contributing members, we do make a difference with both our time and our money.

In 2006 VGIF had over 1,100 individual members and close to 140 group members. We need to increase our membership throughout the world to continue our good work. We have two opportunities to do just that when we make our presence felt at the American Association of University Women's National Convention June 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona and again at the International Federation of University Women's Triennial Conference in August 2007 in Manchester, England. If you are planning to attend either or both of these meetings, please let me know at [crsparl@comcast.net](mailto:crsparl@comcast.net).

Other ways we can increase our ranks are: tell our friends, relatives, business associates and organizations about our mission; spread the VGIF story by sharing our brochures; present slideshows or PowerPoint™ presentations; place VGIF posters in strategic spots; and show photographs of our grant projects. Information about these materials is on the VGIF website [[www.vgif.org](http://www.vgif.org)]. Please share your enthusiasm and knowledge of VGIF. Make it your personal mission to bring at least one new contributing member or group into the VGIF fold in 2007.

## CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

*Dana Wright, Convener*

The function of the Connections Committee is to actively seek new organizations and individuals in order to promote VGIF programs. This idea of women helping women live more productive and peaceful lives has our committee reviewing 13 international Women's Funds' websites for possible links to the VGIF website. Information is the key to progress and growth and helping our applicants be informed as to the resources for women around the world is part of our work. Over 150 links were noted on the website of the Global Fund for Women (GFW). Our committee will submit a list to the Board and Communications committee for their approval by the end of January 2007.

## ON-SITE VISIT PROGRAM

*Evelyn Cumming, Convener*

The committee and our VGIF office continue to have some success at arranging visits to current or recent project venues, and we welcome offers of our members, associates, and friends to help in this effort. We thank our visitors for their efforts on our behalf and include brief summaries of their visits here.

**Project 1733, Chennai, India:** Anita Thomas made a long drive into the countryside to reach the training center, and found that a steady stream of women still come to the institute for help dealing with community and personal issues.

**Project 1921, Accra, Ghana:** Harriet Lancaster of Florida, a former Peace Corps Director, reported on the HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention program's success and spoke positively about the wide knowledge of the disease among those she interviewed. VGIF funds had been used effectively as described.

**Project 2055, Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo:** Dr. Shirley Randell of Rwanda and Ms Gerda Leushuis of The Netherlands spent 24 hours on site, finding that educational activities for street children are in place even though the school is still under construction. A full financial report was received from the director.

### On-Site Visit process:

Once you have determined that travel will bring you near one of our Project Grant sites, you should write VGIF, 3 West 29th St., Suite 1002, New York, NY 10001, USA or e-mail [vgif@vgif.org](mailto:vgif@vgif.org). Executive Secretary Fay Kittelson then contacts the project director about a visit. Since arrangements may be complicated, please give her plenty of lead time before your departure date. We ask that on-site visitors sign a liability release form, developed by our VGIF attorney, before they travel to the site. Our visitors are provided with a report form with guidelines for visits and questions to ask of the project directors so there is an easy-to-follow visit format. VGIF welcomes more project visitors.

### Dates to Remember in 2007

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>April 27-28</b>    | VGIF Annual Meeting, VG Office, New York              |
| <b>May 15</b>         | VG Update articles due                                |
| <b>June 29-July 2</b> | AAUW Convention, Phoenix, Arizona                     |
| <b>August 10-16</b>   | IFUW 29th Triennial Conference<br>Manchester, England |

## UPDATE OF GRANTS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED

*Fay Kittelson, Executive Secretary*

Thanks once again are due our generous and loyal contributors, enabling VGIF to support a wide variety of projects in far-flung areas of the world -- from Argentina to Senegal and Samoa to Georgia. The following summaries represent projects devised and implemented by women-based organizations for activities that support literacy training, micro-credit, vocational skill training, girls' education, and health care, in addition to awareness programs that deal with issues such as gender equity, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). We sincerely hope that in your reading of these descriptions, you will be inspired to renew your efforts through VGIF to provide educational and development opportunities to women and children *that would not be possible* without your generous support.

### **#2237 Huruma Women's Group, KENYA**

This project is located in a rural area of the Rift Valley. They reported the completion of 9 out of the 20 proposed ferro-cement water tanks ensuring safe and accessible water for bathing, drinking, and cooking for community women and their families. Since the start of construction, at least seven other women's groups in the area have expressed interest in also constructing ferro-cement tanks.



*#2237 Women mixing cement in Kenya.*

### **#2261 St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, HAITI**

VGIF funding provided for the purchase of a photocopier and absorbed the cost of an extra teacher for this literacy program for adult women. Twice as many women have registered for classes as was originally planned and the program has also expanded to include skills training in cooking/nutrition, sewing, carpentry, and car repair. The oldest student, aged 72, spoke of the relief she felt as she would not die without learning to write her name.

### **#2275 Fundación Leer, ARGENTINA**

The Early Literacy Promotion project was established in

Villa Hidalgo in the province of Buenos Aires to promote language and literacy development for at-risk children between 18 months and 5 years. To accomplish this task, Fundación Leer is working with the community's only kindergarten and early childhood center to provide a center of specialization in early literacy that will better prepare children to be successful in primary school. The new Reading Corner (named "Chispas de Luz" or "Sparks of Light") will serve 250 children by purchasing 915 books with VGIF funds. Many positive results have been reported with the acquisition of reading, conversational, and listening skills for the children.

### **#2304 Association of Kvemo Kartli – "The Women and The World," GEORGIA**

The sewing center established in the Bolnisi Region has attracted many women of various ethnic backgrounds in an effort to establish economic independence, build cross-cultural relationships, and promote a better understanding of women's rights for all participants. The training courses will be sustainable as some trainees will become teachers. Kvemo Kartli also works to eradicate violence against women and has sheltered a young couple ostracized by their native village. VGIF funding has provided for sewing machines, furniture, and writing/teaching materials.

### **#2332 Women Promotion Centre (WPC), TANZANIA**

This project in Kigoma, one of the poorest regions of the country, has established a program of literacy and vocational training courses (sewing, embroidery, and knitting) for 56 vulnerable women. Funds provided sewing equipment, fabric, desks, and an evaluation of the project. Two retired nurse-volunteers introduced an additional component to the project by advising on issues of domestic violence, reproductive health and rights, contraceptive use, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS. Internal evaluation through the use of participant questionnaires has proved very helpful to both WPC and VGIF. The Centre believes that the best method to fight growing women's illiteracy and unemployment as well as sexual exploitation is through "providing income-generating vocations simultaneous with a moral capability building education, which will offer women hope, and which restores their beliefs in their innate potential and high destiny."

### **#2371 Project for the People of Paraguay (PPP), PARAGUAY**

PPP's Dignity Village Livestock Project initiated a comprehensive program of livestock management beginning with the selection of 14 candidates to raise pigs as individual home-based, micro-business enterprises. VGIF funding provided for the purchase of 30 pigs. Participants were

trained in the maintenance of stock, butchering, marketing, and breeding of the animals. Project activities also fostered education on food preparation and consumption and business management while providing for food security and income generation for participants. The initial success of the project will enable the purchase of additional pigs, dairy and beef cattle, and expansion of the beekeeping program for new candidates.

#### **#2408 Apolima-uta Primary School, SAMOA**

This primary school on the small island of Apolima submitted a project proposal to provide electronic equipment for the school. Funds were used to purchase a copier/printer/scanner, Dell computer, and antivirus program, in addition to supplies of paper and toner. The newly reconstructed school was dedicated in a public ceremony on January 12th when classes reconvened. Training courses for teachers on basic use and maintenance of the equipment commenced in early January and will continue through February. The project includes a series of workshops for teacher training in locating resource materials that can be legally copied for use in the classroom and in preparing interesting study aids for year-after-year use.

#### **#2417 Bogiakumu Village Women Group, KENYA**

This organization reported impressive success in breaking the long-standing taboo of discussing female circumcision (FGM) in the Abagusii community. The project has encouraged and enabled the community to openly discuss FGM and other related sexual issues such as HIV/AIDS. Men were identified and enlisted at each session to speak against circumcision, and an increasing number of students in four schools have declared their intent not to circumcise or be circumcised. The project utilized group discussions, testimonies, and song and dance productions to communicate the serious health and psychological damage inflicted by FGM.

#### **#2469 African Action on AIDS, CAMEROON**

The African Action on AIDS project, entitled "Living Water in Schools and Villages," attacks HIV/AIDS as a disease that can be prevented and controlled through a concerted effort to strengthen the immune system by providing clean water, good sanitation, and education in hygiene to children at a young age. VGIF funding supported a three-day intergenerational camp including teaching materials and survey in addition to the construction of a safe water well and four latrines. A report given by VGIF member and Project Director Ruth Engo at the October VGIF 2006 meeting was inspirational in terms of the positive effect this project has had on the community of Bogso and prospects for longer life expectancy of its inhabitants.

#### **#2487 Silverline Development Initiatives, NIGERIA**

The goal of the project is to reduce the level of maternal mortality among women of reproductive age who patronize Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs). A three-day workshop trained 30 TBAs – twice the number originally proposed. The skills are now in use in Akwa Ibom State to advance the healthcare of rural women and to provide the necessary materials for midwifery kits. A baseline survey was instituted to provide valuable information about early pregnancy, reproductive health, and maternal mortality to help establish a comprehensive healthcare plan for adolescent girls and women of the community. Funds were used for training and evaluation, including the baseline survey.

#### **#2514 Women Rights Action Group, TANZANIA**

The Primary Education Action Project carried out in Kigoma rural district provided 120 textbooks and 40 desks in addition to the construction of the first of two toilet facilities for the Pamila Primary School. These advancements have effectively increased school attendance, improved the quantity and quality of educational materials, and enhanced the learning environment. The addition of the sanitation facilities dramatically encouraged the attendance of girls and increased the likelihood of continuing their education and improving their socio-economic opportunities in the future.

#### **#2539 Women's Global Education Project, SENEGAL**

The after-school tutoring and mentoring at the heart of this project prepares girls in their last years of elementary, middle, and high school in the rural region of Sine-Saloum for grade-level exams necessary to advance to the next grade. The program was successfully expanded from six to nine months of tutoring and from one to two subjects for middle and high school-aged girls. VGIF funding supports tutors' salaries, transportation, and school supplies such as pens and notebooks for 40 girls. Two girls, highlighted in the summary, have both been able to move into the top ten in their classes with hopes of completing high school and entering university.

#### **#2606 C.I.E.L.O., Regional South America**

VGIF members may remember that we funded this organization in 2003 for the creation of a toy library for displaced children and refugees in Cartagena, Colombia. The current project successfully strengthened grassroots toy librarian skills, increased the exchange of experiences, and provided continuing education for 27 toy librarians from Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru by means of a three-day workshop held in Lima, Peru in November 2006. Formal training was also provided to the librarians in micro-project grant writing to explore new channels of funding for the toy libraries.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Margery Sullivan, Treasurer*

Unaudited Consolidated Financial Report Year Ending December 31, 2006

**Assets**

**December 31, 2005**

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Palmer Administrative Fund | 1,180,799.00            |
| Endowment Funds            | 319,115.00              |
| Cash Management Account    | 77,194.00               |
| <b>Total Assets</b>        | <b>1,568,108.00 USD</b> |

**December 31, 2006**

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Palmer Administrative Fund | 2,176,292.00            |
| Endowment Funds            | 376,441.00              |
| Cash Management Account    | 25,284.00               |
| <b>Total Assets</b>        | <b>2,578,018.00 USD</b> |

**Liabilities**

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Grants                              | 20,000.00               |
| Management Expenses                 | 353.00                  |
| <b>Total Assets and Liabilities</b> | <b>2,557,664.00 USD</b> |

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund had a successful year culminating with a generous gift from Virginia Palmer. Members generously donated 104,887 USD for grants. VGIF dispersed 93,859 USD to 21 grant recipients in 20 countries, one special solicitation to Bangladesh, and continued to fund the International Federation of University Women for their triennial meeting.

**DONATIONS IN 2006**

**Given in Memory of**

Juanita Adams  
 Marjorie Bell Chambers  
 Arthur Steven Feile, Jr.  
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 Heather and Jayme Cousins  
 Mary Ann and Darryl Dobras  
 Sema Faigen  
 Maggie Ford  
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 Marion Kilson  
 Virginia Maynard  
 Louise McLeod  
 Frances Meyer  
 David Christopher Meyer  
 Aaron Robert Muscat  
 Jane and Ben Norton  
 Patricia Oberg  
 Virginia Palmer

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 Fay Kittelson  
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 Joyce Kathan  
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 Edna Sargent  
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 Louise McLeod  
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 Fay Weber  
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 Margery Sullivan  
 Albert Del Garbino  
 Maria and Henry Scott  
 AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel  
 Jan Lisa Huttner  
 Evelyn Peairs  
 Marie Wolbach

Ana Maria Scott  
 Jackie Shahzadi  
 Donna Sproston  
 Diane Trombetta  
 Fay Weber

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| <p><b>Deaths Noted</b></p> <p>Wanda Beeman, NM, USA<br/>             Marjorie Bell-Chambers, NM, USA<br/>             Eileen Clark, QC, Canada<br/>             Margaret Calvert, England<br/>             Donna Leonard, AZ, USA<br/>             Gerry Shadko, AZ, USA<br/>             Joyce Strothmann, AZ, USA</p> |
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**GROUP CONTRIBUTORS DURING 2006****Australia**

AFUW-NSW Blue Mountains  
 AFUW-NSW Central Coast  
 AFUW-NSW New South Wales, Inc.  
 AFUW-NSW North Shore  
 AFUW-NSW River Group  
 AFUW-SA Southern Australia  
 AFUW-TAS Tasmania Southern  
 North Sydney Catholic  
 Women's League

**Canada**

CFUW Calgary North AB  
 CFUW Cape Breton NS  
 CFUW Georgetown ON  
 CFUW Milton and District ON  
 CFUW Orillia ON  
 CFUW Ottawa ON  
 CFUW Parksville-Qualicum BC  
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 CFUW Wolfville NS  
 Montreal Lakeshore UWC QC  
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 Anglican Church, Windsor ON

**Costa Rica**

ACMU San Jose

**India**

Rural Development Women  
 Welfare Society

**Ireland**

Dublin University Women Graduates  
 Irish Federation of University Women  
 Queens Women Graduates  
 Association  
 University College Dublin  
 Women Graduates

**Japan**

JAUW Kanagawa

**New Zealand**

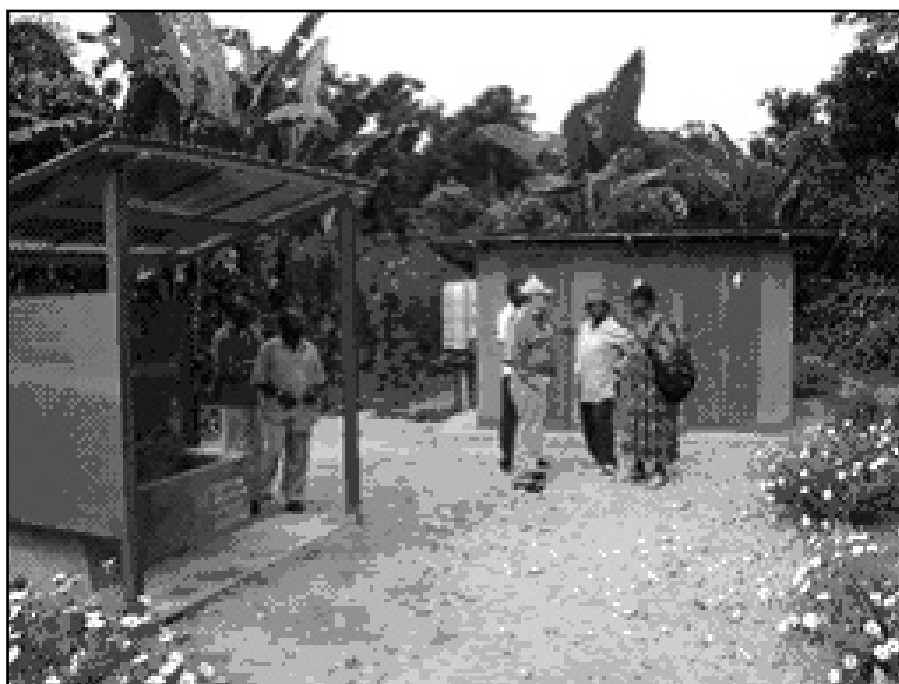
NZFGW North Shore Auckland  
 NZFUW Viva Group Auckland

**USA**

AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel CA  
 AAUW Baltimore MD

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 AAUW Birmingham MI  
 AAUW Blacksburg VA  
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 AAUW Palm Springs CA  
 AAUW Pomona Valley CA  
 AAUW Rhode Island RI  
 AAUW Roanoke Valley VA  
 AAUW Interbranch Council  
 Sacramento CA  
 AAUW San Jose Great Decisions  
 Group CA  
 AAUW Santa Rosa CA  
 AAUW Stockton CA  
 AAUW Tehachapi Mountain CA  
 AAUW Toledo OH  
 AAUW Victor Valley CA  
 AAUW Virginia VA  
 AAUW West Contra Costa CA  
 AAUW Westminster-Fountain  
 Valley-Huntington CA  
 Amherst Community Church,  
 Snyder NY  
 St. Mary Choice Medical Group,  
 Apple Valley CA



#2469 African Action on AIDS, CAMEROON: New latrines and sanitation area (left) help control the spread of HIV/AIDS.

**Yes, I want support the work of VGIF**

Ms. \_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

All contributions are welcome.

50  100  250  500  1,000  Other USD

Total contribution \_\_\_\_\_ USD

I want to honor an individual by making a tribute or memorial gift for: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to designate my gift to one of the following restricted endowment funds:

THE ERNA HAMBURGER FUND: Supports projects encouraging education of girls in mathematics, science, or engineering.

THE ASIAN REGIONAL FUND: Develops a sustained financial resource for Asian projects .

THE LEADERS FUND: Supports cutting-edge, innovative, or entrepreneurial projects.

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA/CARIBBEAN REGIONAL ENDOWMENT: supports projects from any of 40 countries that comprise Central and South America, and the Caribbean.



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Account # \_\_\_\_\_

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**It Happened at the Mid-year Board Meeting 2006**

- Retained Wakely and Kline, accountants, for the 2006 year-end review
- Designated an unrestricted gift for operating expenses for 2006
- Directed the Finance Committee to draft a policy for use of large undesignated gifts
- Revised the VGIF Investment Policy and that for the Virginia Freese Palmer Administrative Fund (PF) to allow them to contain a larger percentage of dividend-bearing common stock
- Authorized payment of administrative expenses for 2006 by the PF
- Approved a budget for 2007
- Approved a change in the donation form deleting a minimum contribution
- Approved payment to AAUW for insertion of VGIF materials in 2007 Convention tote bags
- Approved a streamlined grant applications process for 2007-2008
- Approved a revised statement on administrative costs for the website and for any other publications forthcoming
- Approved temporarily combining the Membership and Global Network Standing Committees pending the report of the Reconfiguration Task Force
- Approved a policy for VGIF's giving support to statements at the UN
- Approved removing names of members who have not contributed since 2003 from the membership mailing list

**Find out what's happening at VGIF**

consult our website  
[www.vgif.org](http://www.vgif.org)

General information about VGIF and how to become a contributing member  
*VG Update* online

*The VG Flash* -- New!!  
Project Grants Library and Photos  
Available Recruitment Materials  
Committee Reports  
.. and much more



#2487 In Nigeria, Traditional Birth Attendants prepare mid-wifery kits to improve obstetrical health care of rural women.

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