



ZISVAW Grants

ZISVAW Grants were initiated in 1999. Through 2004, the Zonta International Foundation provided more than US\$540,000 in financial support to 24 collaborative projects submitted by Zonta Clubs and their partnering community-based, non-profit organizations in 7 countries.

In 2005, grants to United Nations agencies or recognized NGOs are geographically diversified and based on relevance to current ZI position statements.

Projects selected for funding...take an innovative approach to preventing violence against women and may include public education, advocacy, awareness raising and the involvement of men or men's organizations.

Program Goal

Reduce the incidence of violence against women and girls by supporting prevention and advocacy strategies locally and internationally.

Zonta Clubs are encouraged to choose locally relevant service projects and advocacy initiatives based on Zonta International goals.

ZISVAW Newsletter
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Over the course of the past two years the International Foundation's focus and implementation of ZISVAW has changed. The information on the left, taken from the ZI website, details the changes and the rationale supporting the changes.

Nevertheless, Zonta International remains committed to supporting ZISVAW and has contributed **\$175,000** to three projects through the end of this biennium. You can get more information about the projects by visiting the website, www.zonta.org.

In District 6 several clubs and individuals have given ZISVAW and its goals high priority:

- ♀ The Beloit, Wisconsin club was awarded and completed a ZISVAW grants called the *Chrysalis Project*. The project used prevention strategies focused on victims of sexual assault.
- ♀ The Shelbyville, Indiana club sponsors a highly successful Domestic Violence Walk every October during Domestic Violence Month
- ♀ Lasalle-Peru, Ottawa, Streator and Fort Wayne participated in the "Walking Out on Domestic Violence" walking program. They contributed half of the funds raised to the Zonta International Foundation and the other half to a local project focused on preventing violence against women.
- ♀ As an act of consistency and commitment Deirdre Toler of the Streator club continues to "Walk Out on Domestic Violence". She keeps track of miles she walks and when she reaches 50 miles she makes another contribution to the Zonta International Foundation.

It's In The Water

At one of the area meetings recently I was asked to give a talk on Domestic Violence. The theme I chose was the word **ubiquitous**. It means **ever-present**. Its synonyms, **all-over**, **everywhere**, **omnipresent**, and **universal**, describes how violence against women pervades our society. It is as if it is in the water we drink! After sharing statistics and anecdotes seen daily in the news, the words **rare**, **scarce**, **nowhere**, **occasional**, and **limited** were listed. These words--antonyms of ubiquitous presage a society that has finally eradicated the scourge of violence against women. Zontians, the world over, working together, can help to make it so!

Keep on Walking!

The Purple Ribbon Campaign's "Walking Out on Domestic Violence" program was designed to attract others in your community, to raise awareness and to raise funds! As the stories above indicate you can "Walk Out" individually, as a club, or join together with another group. Who knows, you may even get more folks interested in Zonta as a side benefit! Let's all resolve to make ZISVAW a top priority.