

August 9, 2010

Dear Friend,

A Chinese proverb says women hold up 'half the sky.' However there are women everywhere who are not allowed to go to school, to go to work or even to be seen as themselves. Imagine a world in which all women can participate fully, can step up to the table and present their solutions to problems in society. Imagine if the world seriously listened to the sacred voices of women, female voices from all over the world.

The **Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse** along with Major Speaker Sponsor **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation** is proud to announce **Jean Feraca**, who will be presenting "Half the Sky!" at the 13th Annual Fall Luncheon. Registration begins at **11 a.m.** with the program beginning promptly at **11:30 a.m., Valhalla Hall, Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse on Friday, November 5, 2010.**

We are inviting you to sponsor a table and join the growing list of other participating businesses, individuals and organizations that support our mission of *enriching the lives of women and girls*. Your sponsorship is an opportunity to introduce your friends and colleagues to the important work of the Women's Fund.

Table sponsorships are available for \$500, if received by September 15, 2010. For sponsorships received after September 15, the rate increases to \$600. Your sponsorship provides:

- A table of eight at the luncheon
- A pre-luncheon reception with Jean Feraca for you and a guest
- A sponsorship listing in the printed program
- Two scholarship tickets, which are distributed by the Women's Fund to individuals who would benefit from the presentation

Please use the enclosed response form to indicate your sponsorship of the Annual Fall Luncheon by September 15, 2010. We thank you for your support of the Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse's most important fundraising event of the year.

Thank you,

Jean Feraca



“Half the Sky”

Host Jean Feraca is a 27-year veteran of public talk radio in the United States. She brings to her work the unique sensibility of a poet/humanist/journalist, combined with a lively personal style and a sense of adventure, discovery, and delight perfectly suited to creating global on-air community. Jean is Wisconsin Public Radio's Distinguished Senior Broadcaster and has been host and co-producer of the Ideas Network's award-winning call-in news and cultural affairs program, *Conversations with Jean Feraca*, from 1990 to 2003. In 2003, she started her new daily program *Here On Earth*.

Jean's new book, [*"I Hear Voices: A Memoir of Love, Death, and the Radio,"*](#) has been selected as the winner of this year's Kingery/Derleth Booklength Nonfiction Award, sponsored by the Council for Wisconsin Writers. It was also named an Outstanding Book by the American Association of School Librarians, and one of the year's Best Books for General Audiences by the Public Library Association. Other books written by Jean include *Conversations with Jean Feraca*, her first book of poems, *South From Rome: Il Mezzogiorno*, *The Dream Book*, and *Crossing the Great Divide*.

In 1996, Jean was named the lead poet in a major public series commissioned by Wisconsin's Dane County Cultural Affairs. She is a member of Poets and Writers, Inc. and is listed in the *International Who's Who in Poetry*, and *Who's Who in American Writers, Editors and Poets*. Also in 1996, she was featured as "A Woman for Lears," in Lears Magazine. Madison Magazine named her one of its "10 Most Talented." Jean was the recipient of The Nation's 1975 Discovery Award and was named "one of the most promising poets of her generation."

Jean holds a B.A. cum laude in English from Manhattanville College and M.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan and completed the course work toward her Ph.D. A native of New York, Feraca has lived in Italy and has traveled extensively in Europe, the Mediterranean, Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and the Amazon. She has two sons and now lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

WOMEN'S FUND of Greater La Crosse and
Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation

Present

The 13th Annual Fall Luncheon with Jean Feraca

With additional support from:

**Feist Dental
Joan & Paul Schoenfeld
Trust Point**

Friday, November 5, 2010

“Half the Sky”

Valhalla Hall, Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse

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Program begins promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Yes I want to be a table sponsor; enclosed is a check for \$500*

I am unable to be a table sponsor at this time, but would like to donate \$_____.

Company: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Table Name: _____

Comments: _____

*\$500 rate is valid until September 15, 2010; \$600 rate applies for sponsorships received between September 15-November 1, 2010.

Please mail this form to the attention of Administrative Coordinator Melissa Schultz at the Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse, P.O. Box 654, La Crosse, WI 54602-0654 by **September 15, 2010**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 608.780.5710 or email info@womensfundlacrosse.org.

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Women's Fund Fall Luncheon History

- 2009 Kathryn Childers "Do It Scared!"
- 2008 Mavis Leno, "One Voice Can Make a Difference"
- 2007 Martha Taylor, "The Power of the Purse"
- 2006 Ann Bancroft, "Lessons Learned From the Top to the Bottom of the World"
- 2005 Liz Murray, "From Homeless to Harvard"
- 2004 Rebecca Ryan, "Making a Life, a Living and a Difference in Your Community"
- 2003 Wilma L. Vaught, Brigadier General USAF, retired, "Experiences and Opportunities for Women in the Military"
- 2002 Barbara Ehrenreich, "Nickel and Dime: On (not) getting by in America"
- 2001 Bridget Belgiovine, "Take Care, Take Charge: It's Your Body!"
- 2000 Ellen Goodman and Patricia O'Brien, "The Value of Friendship"
- 1999 Bobbe Carney and Dorothy McIntyre, "Impact of Competitive Sports on Lives of Girls and Women"
- 1998 Carol Gilligan, "The Validity and Value of Women's Voices"

Please join the growing list of businesses, individuals and organizations that have shown their support this last year through sponsorships for the Women's Fund Annual Fall Luncheon.

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Patty Brown
Rebecca J. Brown, Event Design
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To date, the Women's Fund has distributed **\$182,411** in grants!

2010 GRANTS

- **Hunger Task Force** – to purchase and supply community food programs with personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, and feminine hygiene items
- **Family Resources** – to provide 150 women and children scholarships to attend the carnival
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse** – for SMART Girls on the Go which promotes healthy attitudes and lifestyle choices to adolescent girls
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **A Place of Grace** – to provide assistance in emergency situations when no other sources of funding or shelter are available
- **New Horizons Shelter and Women’s Center** – to provide financial assistance to domestic violence and sexual assault victims
- **UW-La Crosse Continue Education and Extension** – sponsorship for the Re-Claiming Girlhood Conference which will provide tools and strategies to understand, resist and counteract the sexualization of girlhood
- **Western Technical College Foundation** – assistance for women enrolling in non-traditional career programs
- **Hamilton Dance Shoppe** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, after-school supervised environment
- **Family & Children’s Center** – to provide services, promote opportunity, health and self-sufficiency to a single-woman lead family
- **YWCA of the Coulee Region** – to provide employment training for disadvantaged women lacking job skills and self-sufficiency
- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program to provide refresher courses in math and composition
- **LGBT Resource Center for the Seven Rivers Region** – to teach skills and provide knowledge on self-defense and safety
- **WAFER** – to purchase feminine products for women using the food pantry
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Coulee Region Transitional Housing Ministry Our Saviors Lutheran Church** – to provide emergency assistance and support services to women in shelter or in transitional housing

2009 GRANTS

- **Western Technical College Foundation** – assistance for women enrolling in non-traditional career programs
- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program to provide refresher courses in math and composition
- **Hamilton and Franklin After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, after-school supervised environment
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse** – for SMART Girls on the Go which promotes healthy attitudes and lifestyle choices to adolescent girls
- **Christ Episcopal Church** – to support the Hmong Sewing Program where women of all ages learn sewing and quilting
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Family & Children’s Center** – housing and transportation assistance for female youth aging out of the foster care system
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – to purchase personal hygiene products for women
- **Domestic Violence Intervention Project** – to assist domestic violence victims and their families with gift cards for emergency assistance

2008 GRANTS

- **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation** – to support an event raising awareness of domestic violence and elder abuse
- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program to provide refresher courses in math and composition
- **Hamilton and Franklin After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, supervised environment
- **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation/Unity House for Women** – to purchase drums and stands for residents
- **Family Resources** – scholarships to women and children to attend the Children’s Summer Festival
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse** – for SMART Girls on the Go which promotes healthy attitudes and lifestyle choices to adolescent girls

- **New Horizons Shelter and Women’s Center** – to make wheelchair accessibility modifications
- **Christ Episcopal Church** – to support the Hmong Sewing Program where women of all ages learn sewing and quilting
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for registration fees for teen mothers to obtain their GEDs
- **WAFER, Inc.** – to purchase feminine products for women using WAFER
- **Children’s Museum of La Crosse** – admission passes given to local human service organizations for clients and their families
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – to purchase locks, signs and socks

2007 GRANTS

- **Christ Episcopal Church** – to support the Hmong Sewing Program where women of all ages learn sewing and quilting
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – purchase of locks, a vacuum cleaner and a bench for the shoe department
- **La Crosse County Association for Home and Community Education** – book sets will be given and read to preschoolers
- **Children’s Museum of La Crosse** – admission passes given to local human service organizations for clients and their families
- **UW-La Crosse Self-Sufficiency Program** – scholarships for Self-Sufficiency graduates
- **Western Technical College Foundation** – support for Women’s Fund accounts for GED and registration fees
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Hamilton and Franklin After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, supervised environment
- **Coulee Council on Addictions** – educating recovering women on the importance of health, leisure and social education
- **Viterbo University - CARING: For Victims of Domestic Violence** to help women at New Horizons Women’s Shelter focus on their own health and wellness and that of their children
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support for registration fees for teen mothers to obtain their GEDs
- **Coulee Region Transitional Housing Ministry** – providing utility hook up and/or legal assistance to women in shelter or in transitional housing

2006 GRANTS

- **Options In Reproductive Care** – support age-appropriate workshops to help teen girls learn “The 7 Respect Basics”
- **Coulee Council on Addictions** – a multi-faceted program for women to mentor other women recovering from addiction
- **Women’s Clothes Closet** – purchase room dividers and improve air conditioning
- **La Crosse County Community Liaison Program** – support for the “Women’s Transportation Fund” to provide assistance to women experiencing transportation problems that impact their ability to be self-sufficient
- **Learning Together Family Literacy** – support a program that allows single teen mothers to move towards self-sufficiency
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse** – for a project to promote healthy attitudes and choices that will enable girls to reach their potential
- **Hamilton and Franklin After School Program** – K-5 girls learn dance in a safe, supervised environment
- **La Crosse County Health Department** – to promote wellness in the life of Hmong women
- **Family & Children’s Center** – support Healthy Families which prevents child abuse before it begins
- **UW-L Self-Sufficiency Program** – adult education program at the Hamilton Family Learning Center to assist women in developing and improving writing, math and computer skills
- **Family Resources & New Horizons** – to help with educator fees and supplies
- **La Crosse Jail Ministry** – to help incarcerated women stay in contact with their children by recording storybooks & personal messages
- **La Crosse Jail Ministry** – provide underclothing for incarcerated indigent women
- **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation** – provide support for victims of domestic violence