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UN NEWS

Virginia Maynard, VGIF UN Representative

During 2005, the United Nations will commemorate several special anniversaries: the 60th of its founding; the 30th of the First World Conference on Women (Mexico City, 1975); the 10th of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995); and the 5th of the Millennium Summit, at which the Millennium Declaration and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were adopted. A high-level review of worldwide progress towards attaining the MDGs will take place at the 60th Session of the United Nations General Assembly for three days in September.

Now that VGIF has consultative status with ECOSOC (accreditation was received in July 2004), its representatives have been invited and will attend the high-level 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to be held from February 28 to March 11 (Beijing+10). The Commission will focus on two thematic issues: 1) Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century," and 2) Current challenges and forward-looking strategies for the advancement and empowerment of women and girls. Press releases of the Commission's previous day's sessions (a.m. and p.m.) will be available on <http://www.un.org/apps/press/latest.asp>

VGIF has signed a statement for submission to the CSW which was prepared by the NGO Committee on UNIFEM, of which VGIF is a member. The statement asks for continued and increased support for the important and unfinished work of UNIFEM in reducing feminized poverty, ending violence against women and children, reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS among women and children, and achieving gender equality in democratic governance.

Among the events scheduled during the CSW is a celebration of International Women's Day which will "commemorate 30 years of United Nations efforts for gender equality."

One day prior to the start of the CSW, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women will sponsor a consultation for NGOs entitled "From Mexico City to Beijing and Beyond: Realizing the Vision."

The Development Committee could use your help

The assignment?

Simply... to raise money from friends around the world who are committed to advancing women and girls educationally and economically.

How can you help?

- **Recruit** a friend to be a contributing member
- **Increase** your own contribution to VGIF
- **Think** about an estate gift as well as your annual contribution
- **Join** the Development Committee and become part of the team that is helping assure the future for the projects we support.

What have we done lately?

- We launched the Leaders Fund, described on page 2.
- We initiated a pilot project to test the waters on new ways to raise funds for VGIF because we know that members often wish to fund particular projects. We'll keep you posted in these pages.
- We were fortunate to find a pro bono marketing consultant to help us identify potential new partners, new funding mechanisms, and new ways to tell our story.
- We put in place Gift Acceptance Guidelines that will help us in considering major new gifts.
- We lost some members to professional change and we welcomed others who embrace our mission and have the expertise to help us grow. Won't you join us?

If you'd like to be part of this team, it's easy to do. Just make your contribution to any one of the endowments that support our grantmaking programs: The Leaders Fund, The Erna Hamburger Fund, The Asian Endowment. Or simply designate your gifts for general support knowing that 100% of your gift will go to project grants. It's that simple. You'll see the results in the next issues of the *VG Update*.

Join us in this fun and satisfying adventure.

The President's Perspective

by Barbara Carey, President, 2002-2005

Foremost on the minds of all of us around the world has been the astonishing and awful effect of the tsunami that recently overwhelmed eleven countries in Southeast Asia. Its swift, enormous power irrevocably changed the contours of the earth and the lives of count-

less millions of people. The universal impulse to help has been palpable everywhere, an urge which each of you as a VGIF member knows well. Your loyalty and generosity will allow the VGIF Project Grants Committee to consider recommending a record \$120,000 for distribution at the coming Annual Meeting in 2005.

Elsewhere in this *VG Update* you will read about the successful completion of projects approved during recent years. When VGIF members participated in the August 2004 Triennial Conference of the International Federation of University Women in Perth, Australia, they were inundated with inquiries from IFUW members in developing countries about how new projects might be implemented with our help. Others who had received grants in the past came forward as old friends with grateful thanks and compelling stories of the improvements in the lives of women and girls that your gifts have made possible.

At this conference, over 80 VGIF members from around the world came to the VGIF desk; members and guests mingled at an informal afternoon reception; others staffed the information table organized by Membership Convener Jeanie Randall and our invaluable Executive Secretary, Fay Kittelson. Both luncheons were fully subscribed; many new members joined and others renewed. The now infamous Hat was passed raising over 1000 USD in additional donations. Louise McLeod's new slideshow with pictures of some of the project grants carried the day. IFUW's organizational issues dominated the conference, vividly demonstrating how interdependent we are.

In July, the Canadian Federation of University Women again welcomed my husband and me to its Annual General Meeting, this year held in Regina, Saskatchewan in the middle of the green and glorious Canadian prairies. We thoroughly enjoyed the warm hospitality of this vibrant organization, and are honored to be so warmly included in its meetings. There, for the first time, we distributed the new VGIF brochure designed by Louise McLeod; Maggie Ford, Development Convener; and Jack Young, Marketing Con-

sultant. Generously illustrated in full color, the brochures are very effective in sharing the VGIF message with others, and are available for the asking from the VGIF Office.

I hope you will carefully read the UN news on the front page of the *VG Update*. This has been an eventful year for us with Virginia Maynard's patient persistent efforts on our behalf rewarded at last: VGIF now has ECOSOC consultative status within the UN and will be broadening its participation in the future. In addition, this is an anniversary year for the UN, an organization in which Virginia Gildersleeve was instrumental in its founding. We're proud of this connection, this heritage and this work.

Please join us for the Annual Meeting in New York City if you can. The facility at Marble Collegiate has many meeting resources, and we'd be delighted to have to find larger rooms in which to meet should that prove necessary. Committees will meet on Friday, April 15th. The Board will meet the following morning, and the Annual Meeting will take place during the afternoon. If you want to participate, please contact the office and make the necessary arrangements with Fay Kittelson.

Thank you for all you do to make this world a better place. I look forward to seeing you.

VGIF Launches The Leaders Fund

VGIF is launching a new fund in response to member interest in focused projects. It's called The Leaders Fund.

Each year, the VGIF Board will designate one project to receive The Leaders Fund contributions. To be eligible, a project must meet the following criteria:

- Entrepreneurial
- Woman-managed
- Focused on women's equality
- Innovative in its home country

How can you be involved? Make a gift to The Leaders Fund in honor of or in tribute to someone who is or has been a leader in the world-wide women's movement. Nominate an entrepreneur or someone who has taken risks while working internationally for women's rights... in other words, honor a person or organization that has taken a leadership position in affecting women's equality worldwide.

Make a leadership contribution today... help make a better world for women tomorrow.

MEMBERSHIP

Jeanie Page Randall, Convener

One of the most exciting opportunities for members of VGIF is to participate in an event that brings together members from all over the world and gives us the chance to match names with faces. This is exactly what happened in Perth, Australia, this past August when we joined women from IFUW for a week of activities.

A special thanks must be given to those members who offered their time and talent to the Membership Table in the Exhibit Hall. We enrolled 25 new members in addition to renewing 16 current members. The following women spent hours, some even days, greeting current members and welcoming new members as they passed out brochures and grant forms: Barbara Carey, USA; Evelyn Cumming, USA; Kappy Eaton, USA; Mary Ellen Kane, Australia; Fay Kittelson, USA; Margaret Maxwell, Australia; Eileen Menton, USA; Esther Scher, USA; Pat Sellars, USA; Rita Skillman, USA; Nancy Vang, USA; Fay Weber, USA.

In addition, Fay Kittelson and Louise McLeod, working with Fay's brother-in-law, prepared a new banner for VGIF. Our thanks to them for providing this truly exceptional display for our exhibit.

Remember the challenge our president issued to increase membership by each of us being responsible for adding a new member to the Fund. There are 1,376 individual and 172 group members representing 45 countries in VGIF at this time.



Children with HIV/AIDS in Kenya are given nutritious food and provided with an education while their families participate in a program of voluntary communal labor --- #1748, Gitaru Marigu Development Group.

ON-SITE VISIT PROGRAM

Evelyn Cumming, Convener

An On-Site Visit Program has been established to arrange for members to visit various VGIF-funded projects and report to VGIF about the progress, participants and results they observe. If you will be traveling near one of the recent Project Grants locations, we would appreciate your adding a brief visit to your itinerary. Because VGIF policy directs the organization to use its funds for the worthy projects it supports, financial assistance for these visits cannot be provided. Please write to: VGIF, 3 West 29th Street, Suite 1002, New York, NY 10001 U.S.A. with your offer of a visit. You may also use email: vgif@vgif.org. Please allow ample time for arrangements to be completed.

DEATHS NOTED

Susan Friedwald, New York, USA
 Ingibjorg Gudmundsdottir, Iceland
 Toshiki Itoh, Japan
 Michiko Narita, Japan
 Jeanette Richstone, CA, USA
 Saeko Satoh, Japan
 Dorothy R. Scott, NJ, USA
 Pauline Tompkins, ME USA
 Dorothy Veon, PA, USA

Deserving special mention are several distinguished VGIF members who died during the past year. **Ingibjorg Gudmundsdottir** was a member of the Gildersleeve Board for six years, often traveling from Iceland to attend board meetings in New York and contributing generously to many special projects; **Dorothy Veon** and **Pauline Tompkins** served for many years on the Projects Grants Committee and were esteemed for their wisdom and good judgment; and **Dorothy Scott** sat on the Finance and Investment Committee for two terms. We are grateful for their many contributions to VGIF over the years.

Susan Friedwald, our pro bono counsel, died with her boots on after a long and valiant struggle with cancer. Susan inspired us with her personal courage and by her example. She brought young women into her law firm as interns and into VG as members. She defended women in their struggles for equality and justice, and provided invaluable advice to VGIF on legal matters pertaining to the organization. We miss her incomparable friendship, and value all of the time she spent with us.

UPDATE OF GRANTS FUNDED

Fay Kittelson, Executive Secretary

The good news of our ever increasing budget for project grants means more projects and more project reports. The range of VGIF-funded projects -- from microcredit support and skill training to awareness of HIV/AIDS and Female Genital Mutiliation (FGM) to help for handicapped children -- demonstrates how vital to success indigenous involvement is. As you read these interim and final reports, you will notice that government regulations and social upheaval delayed implementation in some cases. Valiant determination to succeed has been a critical factor in seeing many projects to their conclusion. A sincere and heartfelt thanks for all of your generous contributions.

#1639 Social Nonprofit Organization Women of Crimea, UKRAINE

This project, funded in 2003, purchased equipment for the establishment of the Centre of Early Rehabilitation of Handicapped Children in Feodosia. The center could not take possession of the building promised by the local government until mid-2004. In September, the first children were admitted and classes began in physical and psychological rehabilitation with development programs in sculpture, painting, and drawing, with computers to follow.

#1681 Uttaron Samaj Kallyan Samity, BANGLADESH

USKS reports a 95% success rate in its Women in Development Program delivering services to 800 women and adolescent girls in 20 rural villages through seminars and satellite clinics addressing issues of women's and children's rights, gender equity, reproductive and health education, family planning, and dispute resolution. During the year 600 newsletters describing project activities and implementation were published and distributed in the villages and schools.

#1690 Cameroon Association for Female Physics Teachers, CAMEROON

This project encompassing six schools in the Wum region provided basic school needs and registrations to 52 girls. It concentrated on describing available educational and job options in the humanities and the sciences. The program included workshops in HIV/AIDS and responsible living. Final comments from women educators, parents, and students gave dramatic testimony to the positive impact this project has had on the community.

#1702 Adawukwao Women Trader's Association, GHANA

This project has brought hope to 1,000 women and children living with AIDS through counseling on overcoming the societal stigma associated with the disease. It provided vocational training and needed equipment and materials to

25 women and 20 orphans engaged in batik, tie-dye, dress-making, and herbal shampoo production. The project has helped change attitudes and enabled a positive integration of the participants into the community at large.

#1748 Gitaru Marigu Development Group, KENYA

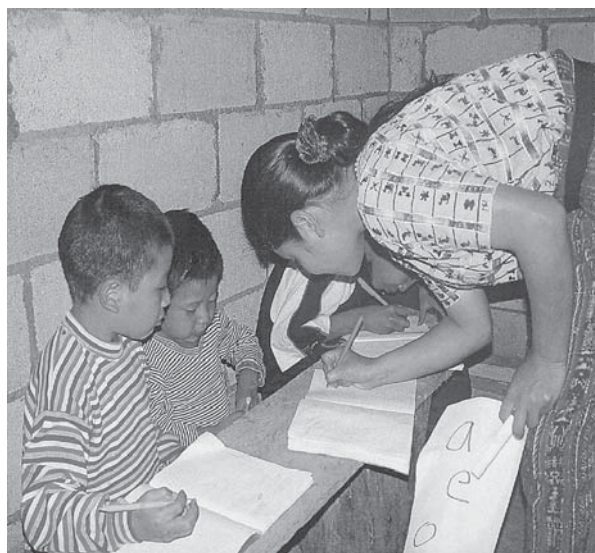
Efforts to strengthen the capacity of the community to care for children affected by HIV/AIDS have been successfully initiated. Two female teachers were recruited, learning/teaching materials were purchased, and nutritious food was provided for the children. Selected HIV/AIDS affected families participated in a program of voluntary communal labor encompassing free farm inputs and skill training in sustainable farming techniques. Many more children and families than anticipated applied to the program, making it necessary to turn many away.

#1782 Centre for Healthworks, Development and Research (CHEDRES), NIGERIA

The long term goal of this project is the reduction of maternal and infant mortality by 20% by the year 2010 by empowering girls and women to control their own lives and sexuality while at the same time realizing a reduction in poverty. The project purchased two garri¹ processing machines and engines and funded workshop participation.

#1834 Friendship Bridge, GUATEMALA

Friendship Bridge's microcredit program provides access to credit, health and business education, and leadership training to rural Mayan women in Guatemala and educational scholarships to the children of the borrowers. VGIF has contributed to breaking the cycle of poverty of over 3,500 women through microcredit support to improve their diet, water supply, sanitary conditions, and housing in addition to providing educational opportunities to over 5,000 children.



Children in the classroom in Guatemala.

¹Garri is a corn-meal like food made by grinding cassava tubers.

#1850 Gbefi Community Women and Girl Child Empowerment Training Center, GHANA

This project provided awareness on issues of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), HIV/AIDS, and teenage pregnancy by the purchase of video tapes on FGM for non-formal education programs in five local villages, and the distribution of 6,500 condoms with instruction on their proper use.

#1866 Association of Kvemo Kartli, "The Women and the World", GEORGIA

The interim report for this project describes the establishment of a computer teaching center for women from Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia in Kvemo Kartli.



Women learn computer literacy skills in Kvemo Kartli, Georgia.

#1885 Working Group on Girls, CAMEROON

This project to establish a pilot program for adolescent girls in sewing and embroidery was delayed by changes in personnel within the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, another funding organization. They purchased furniture, accessories, and industrial sewing machines for training workshops.

#1892 Uganda Gender Rights Foundation, UGANDA

The UGR Foundation began training sessions for its 18 actors in May-June with August performances in the Namatalan slums addressing issues of rape, domestic violence, and sexual exploitation. Drama and visual aids are highly effective in the presentations which employ seven different languages to largely semi-literate audiences. Local government response was positive and helped to mobilize community attendance which included a variety of ages and genders.

#1894 Rhode Island Zoological Society, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

An International Bug Club curriculum was established in the U.S. and PNG schools with on-site visits from trained professionals. Topics dealing with entomology and the environment

were presented, augmented with the distribution of International Bug Club kits for schools in PNG. Providing the students with a hands-on connection to their environment, this cross-cultural communication makes this project extremely appealing and effective.

#1895 Rruga Me Pisha Foundation, ALBANIA

This project marks the development of the first-ever radio soap opera in Albania to address issues of decision making by women, domestic violence, sex trafficking and prostitution. The episodes are made current and relevant by the translation of real stories into a fictionalized format which appeal to both men/boys and women/girls in very direct ways.

#1921 Women's Wing of Sanctified Word of Truth, GHANA

This comprehensive HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention program has been extremely successful. Eighty educators were trained to advance awareness on the pandemic, its possible infectious modes, and its prevention – often to participants that did not believe that HIV/AIDS existed or who had not heard about it. This ground level effort makes information accessible through public forums, printed materials, questionnaires, and drama presentations.

#1944 Agency for Rural Development, SIERRA LEONE

This wide-ranging project in garatye dye/weaving and literacy/numeracy classes has expanded well beyond the original calculation in terms of numbers of villages and participants. Benefits encompass skill training, income generation, participation in leadership and decision making, and emphasis on the importance of the education of the girl child, thus decreasing marginalization of women in the Tikonko Chiefdom.

#1966 Women Action for Change, GHANA

The beginning stages of this project to provide community-based cassava cultivation, processing, and marketing proved successful. Farm and management skills increased; farmers gained experience in production and application of organic manure and appropriate use of agro-chemicals; and improved cassava varieties produced a bumper crop. The project unexpectedly attracted the attention of a Member of Parliament to the area who promises to ensure continuation of the project into the second year.



Young boy in physiotherapy session -- #1639, Social Nonprofit Organization Women of Crimea

TREASURER’S REPORT

Many thanks to all of you for your continued loyal support of VGIF. Once again, we have exceeded our fundraising objective of 120,000 USD, with 120,565 USD. The Asian Regional Fund is now income producing. We paid 99,970 USD in project grant allocations, a record amount.

Special thanks to our members who contributed 1,000 USD or more: Myrna Brown, Jean Colburn, Sema Faigen, Mary Gibson, Jewell Hanna, Kathleen Magill, Virginia Maynard, Karen McKee, Louise McLeod, Eileen Menton, Hope Miller, Virginia Palmer, Joyce Prudden, Shirley Quisenberry, Jeanie Randall, Margery Sullivan, and Pauline Tompkins. Thanks also go to our members who contributed 500 USD or more: Edith Allison, Catherine Burnight, Dorothy Dillon, Helen Dunsmore, Helen Faust, Carolyn Gross, Jeanette Miller, Patricia Oberg, Elizabeth Poskitt, Janet Rochester, Sally Simmons, Bette Wilson, Queens Women Graduates Associates, Ireland, and AAUW, Maryland. Our goals in 2005 are to raise 120,000 USD in general contributions and to disburse 120,000 USD in project grant funds approved at our April meeting - ambitious goals, which depend on continued member support.

2005 Budget	
INCOME	
Contributions	\$120,000
Meeting Fees	4,000
Interest – Investment Account	18,000
Interest – Palmer Account	60,000
Transfer of Funds	43,206
TOTAL INCOME	\$245,206
EXPENSES	
Grants	\$120,000
Executive Secretary	60,000
Sophia Smith Collection	1,350
Computer Equipment	1,500
Postage (Grant Admin/Misc)	3,000
Printing (Misc)	4,000
Telephone	2,600
Professional Fees (Audit)	3,000
Insurance	3,500
Rent Office	26,436
Bank/Wire Transfer Fees	1,400
Credit Card Equipment Rental & Fees	420
Miscellaneous/Supplies	2,000
Promotional Materials (Web site)	300
Promotional Activities	1,500
Newsletter	4,000
Membership Campaign	4,500
On-Site Visits	500
President’s Allowance	1,200
Meeting Expenses	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$245,206

Eileen Menton, Treasurer

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Betty Bayless, Convener

As VGIF grows, contributors and outside organizations require current information about VGIF projects and efforts. The recently appointed Special Committee on Public Relations will post a monthly one-page newsletter on the VGIF website, distribute articles to group listservs and translate essential VGIF documents into other primary languages. The committee will also respond to requests from individual conveners for materials that will advance the work of their respective committees.

If you have questions or ideas for committee consideration, please contact committee convener Betty Bayless at tbbayless@islc.net.

GROUP CONTRIBUTORS DURING 2004

Australia

AFUW-NSW Blue Mountains
 AFUW-NSW Central Coast
 AFUW-NSW Central West
 AFUW-NSW Hunter Valley
 AFUW-NSW North Shore
 AFUW-NSW River Group
 AFUW-SA Southern Australia
 AFUW-TAS Tasmania Southern
 AFUW-WA Western Australia
 North Sydney Catholic Women's League

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 CFUW Wolfville NS

Fiji

Fiji Assn. of Women Graduates

Ireland

Dublin Univ. Women Graduates
 Irish Federation
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Japan

JAUW Kanagawa

New Zealand

NZFUW North Shore Auckland

USA

AAUW-Baltimore MD
 AAUW-Berkeley College Women's Club CA
 AAUW-Big Bear Valley CA
 AAUW-Birmingham MI
 AAUW-Camarillo CA
 AAUW-Capital NV
 AAUW-Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista CA
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 AAUW-Connecticut CT
 AAUW-Del Mar-Leucadia CA

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 AAUW-Northville Novi MI
 AAUW-Palm Springs CA
 AAUW-Pomona Valley CA
 AAUW-Rochester MI
 AAUW-Rhode Island RI
 AAUW-Interbranch Council Sacramento CA
 AAUW-San Diego CA
 AAUW-San Jose CA
 AAUW-San Ramon CA
 AAUW Santa Fe NM
 AAUW-Santa Rosa CA
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It Happened at the 2004 Midyear Board Meeting

October 23, 2004

At its 2004 Midyear meeting, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

- ▶ Approved the 2005 Budget as presented by the Finance Committee
- ▶ Approved the appointment of Wakeley and Klein to conduct the 2004 Financial Review and prepare the tax return
- ▶ Approved the special appointment of Fay Kittelson to officially advise the Executive Committee about administrative and operational needs
- ▶ Revised the investment policy to allow more flexibility to the financial consultant
- ▶ Approved the immediate establishment of The Leaders Fund as a new quasi-endowment fund
- ▶ Approved gift acceptance guidelines
- ▶ Adopted guidelines for establishing new endowment funds
- ▶ Approved the special appointment of Marilyn Zook as domestic custodian of critical VGIF records stored outside of New York City
- ▶ Approved the special appointment of Virginia Maynard as custodian of the reserve keys to the VGIF office
- ▶ Approved the special appointment of Mary Kane as custodian of critical VGIF records to be stored outside North America
- ▶ Approved the appointment of Barbara Stewart to a three-year term on the Development Committee
- ▶ Approved the inclusion of the marketing analysis in the Strategic Plan
- ▶ Approved the formation of a Special Committee for Public Relations as a pilot project with Betty Bayless as convener, and Patricia Oberg and Denise Decker as committee members

Dates to Remember in 2005

VG Annual Meeting, Apr. 15-16

VG Head Office, NYC

VG Midyear Meeting, Oct. 28-29

VG Head Office, NYC

AAUW National Convention

June 24-27, Washington, D.C.

CFUW 2005 AGM, August 18-21

Oakville, ON, Canada

Join Us!

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\$25 basic annual membership contribution to further the work of the VGIF charitable and educational fund

Additional contribution, consider a gift of USD 50 100 250 500 1,000 Other USD _____

Total contribution (tax deductble in the United States) USD _____

You may designate your contribution to one of the funds listed below. Undesignated funds are used to support the mission of the VGIF as authorized by the Board:

THE ERNA HAMBURGER ENDOWMENT FUND. The endowment supports projects enhancing scientific and mathematical skills of women and girls.

THE ASIAN REGIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND. The endowment supports projects in Asia.

The LEADERS FUND. The fund supports projects considered cutting edge, innovative, or entrepreneurial in their countries and honors a distinguished women leader each year.

You may honor an individual by making a tribute, memorial, or a named gift. Please submit names and addresses of persons to be notified.

Please make checks, bank drafts and money orders payable to VGIF in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S.-based banking institution, and send to:

VGIF
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New York, NY 10001

If paying by credit card: VISA MasterCard: Credit card number _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ Cardholder name as it appears on your card: _____

Signature _____ Date _____



A performance in Namatalan slums addressing issues of rape, domestic violence, and sexual exploitation --- #1892, Uganda Gender Rights Foundation, UGANDA.

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