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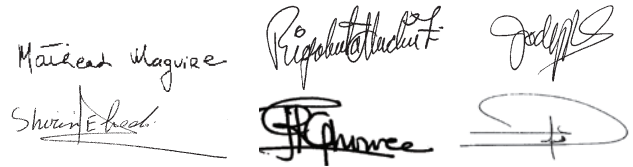
Advocating for peace, justice and equality

Message from the Laureates

When the global women's movement turned up at the UN for the launch of the Global Study on the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325—released in the fall of 2015—two things became abundantly clear: the international community is talking the talk, but not yet walking the walk.

Governments are paying lip service to the idea that women are key to peace and security, and yet when it comes time to put money on the table most of the governments sit on their hands or offer up a token amount. The same is happening at peace talks, most notably in the Middle East where women were left outside the negotiating room for talks on ending the wars in Syria and Yemen. All of us in the global women's movement could be forgiven for occasionally getting discouraged. But then we witness the extraordinary work being done by grassroots women to build peace, and we are again energized. This year we were honored to work alongside sexual violence survivors of Colombia's civil war—who have fought hard to be heard during Colombia's peace process—

and women who survived the Balkans war and are now helping Syrian and other refugees cross Europe to seek asylum from conflict and war. We dedicate our work to the women human rights defenders around the world who steadfastly show us the way towards peace, justice and equality.

The image displays six handwritten signatures in black ink, arranged in two rows. The top row contains the signatures of Mairead Maguire, Rigoberta Menchú Tum, and Jody Williams. The bottom row contains the signatures of Shirin Ebadi, Leymah Gbowee, and Tawakkol Karman. Each signature is distinct and clearly legible.

Mairead Maguire, Rigoberta Menchú Tum,
Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi, Leymah Gbowee,
Tawakkol Karman

“Women are great peacemakers.
We must stand up for every life
and transform this world.”

Mairead Maguire



Supporting our work for peace

✿ Amanda Stuermer

✿ Carolyn Buck Luce

✿ Cynda Collins Arsenault

✿ Lynne Dobson

✿ Elizabeth Fisher

✿ Kaye Foster

✿ Marci Shimoff

✿ Margot Pritzker

✿ Melissa and Danny Giovale

✿ Nancy & Emily Word and family, including Mary Ann & Don Flournoy, Cecilia Boone, Aimee & Ed Cunningham, Hylie & Bruce Voss, and Eli & Jill Flournoy

✿ Sarah Cavanaugh

✿ Tides Foundation

✿ Funding Leadership and Opportunities for Women (FLOW) of Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

✿ NORAD, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

✿ Oak Foundation

✿ Global Fund for Women

✿ Embrey Family Foundation

All of the Nobel Peace Laureates of the Nobel Women's Initiative:

✿ Jody Williams

✿ Shirin Ebadi

✿ Leymah Gbowee

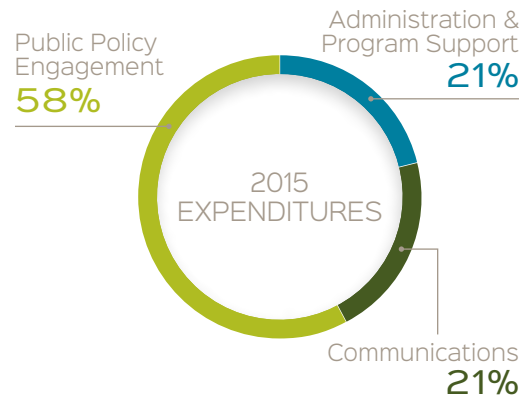
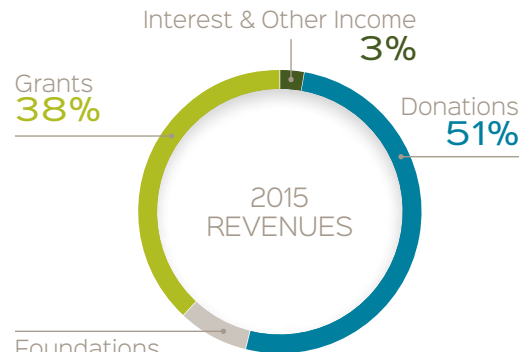
✿ Tawakkol Karman

✿ Rigoberta Menchú Tum

✿ Mairead Maguire

Financial summary

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$439,609	\$134,952
Accounts Receivable	135,914	179,852
Prepaid Expenses & Deposits	1,148	28,266
	\$576,671	\$343,070
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$73,256	\$31,564
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	-	-
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS BEGINNING	311,506	279,679
Net Revenue (Expenditures)	191,909	31,827
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS ENDING	503,415	311,506
	\$576,671	\$343,070
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS		
REVENUE		
Donations	\$753,151	\$625,550
Foundations	125,000	225,000
Grants	562,126	754,453
In Kind Contributions	-	-
Interest & Other Income	50,628	2,648
	1,490,905	1,607,651
EXPENDITURES		
Administration & Program Support	272,351	280,819
Communications	277,493	308,317
Public Policy Engagement	749,152	986,688
	1,298,996	1,575,824
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	\$191,909	\$31,827



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*These excerpts are unaudited but are summarized from an independent 2015 audit report by the firm Welch LLP, dated April 11, 2016.

2015 Highlights at a Glance

January

Congolese woman activist Julienne Lusenge launches *Beauty in the Middle: Women of Congo Speak Out* exhibit in Ottawa, Canada

Laureate Leymah Gbowee leads a delegation of African women activists to the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

February

Laureates Jody Williams and Shirin Ebadi lead the *Survivors United* delegation to Colombia to meet with survivors of sexual violence and women providing them with support

Partners for Peace documentary plays at the Victoria Film Festival in Victoria, British Columbia

Laureates Jody Williams and Shirin Ebadi join Tawakkol Karman in Istanbul, Turkey for the *Istanbul Conference on Peace in the Middle East: The Impacts of War on Women and Children*

March

Nobel Women's Initiative co-hosts "Protection in Practice for Women Human Rights Defenders and their work", a high-impact event at the United Nations Commission for Status of Women in New York City

April

Nobel Women's Initiative hosts over 120 women activists from around the world at *Defending the Defenders! Building Global Solidarity for Women Human Rights Defenders* conference in The Netherlands

Laureates Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi, Mairead Maguire and Leymah Gbowee kick off the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom 100th Anniversary Conference in The Hague—where thousands of women peacebuilders gathered to celebrate and build the women's peace movement

May

Twelve Nobel laureates call for an immediate end to violence against Muslims and other ethnic minorities in Burma

Laureates Mairead Maguire and Leymah Gbowee join Gloria Steinem to walk across the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea to amplify the voices of women affected by the conflict and call for peace

June

Laureates call on European Union officials and member states to provide refugees protection and safe passage to Europe

July

Laureates release a statement calling on Colombia to provide holistic healthcare to survivors of sexual violence

August

Neesa Medina, Riya William and Htet Htet Aung arrive in Ottawa to participate in the 2015 Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program

Laureate Shirin Ebadi joins other Iranian human rights organizations and activists in welcoming the Iran nuclear deal

September

Laureates Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi and Mairead Maguire travel to Ottawa for *Feministing Foreign Policy*—a public forum with Oxfam Canada to put a feminist lens on foreign policy

Neesa, Riya and Htet Htet are featured on the cover of Embassy News Magazine for their work to promote women's rights in Honduras, South Sudan and Burma

Nobel Women staff deliver media training for young women activists in Istanbul, Turkey

November

Laureates Tawakkol Karman, Shirin Ebadi and Jody Williams lead *Opening Borders: #WomenRefugeesWelcome*—a delegation of expert women to the Balkans and Germany to highlight the experience of women refugees fleeing war

December

Together with the International Campaign to Stop Rape & Gender Violence in Conflict, Nobel Women's Initiative launches *Taking the Lead: Sexual Violence Survivors Forging Hope in Colombia*, a short documentary that highlights survivors and women defenders breaking the silence around sexual violence

Laureates Jody Williams and Tawakkol Karman call for climate solutions that support peace

We have the vigour and drive to transform this world in desperate need of change.

Jody Williams



MAIREAD MAGUIRE
(Northern Ireland, 1976)

“If we want to reap the harvest of peace and justice in the future, we will have to sow the seeds of nonviolence, here and now, in the present.”



RIGOBERTA MENCHÚ TUM
(Guatemala, 1992)

“Only together can we move forward, so that there is light and hope for all women on the planet.”



JODY WILLIAMS
(USA, 1997)

“We must teach ourselves to believe that peace is not a 'utopian vision', but a real responsibility that must be worked for each and every day.”



SHIRIN EBADI
(Iran, 2003)

“Human rights is a universal standard. It is a component of every religion and every civilization.”



LEYMAH GBOWEE
(Liberia, 2011)

“It is time to stand up, sisters, and do some of the most unthinkable things. We have the power to turn our upsidedown world right.”



TAWAKKOL KARMAN
(Yemen, 2011)

“You have to be strong; you have to trust yourself that you can build a new country. You have to know that you have the ability to achieve your dream.”



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Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program

Three determined young women activists from Honduras, Burma and South Sudan joined us in Ottawa for the 2015 Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program. These young women use creative and innovative approaches to promote women's rights, peace and equality in their communities.



Neesa Medina,
Honduras

Neesa Medina works with the Centre for Women's Rights (CDM) in Honduras to monitor violence against women and develop media campaigns that raise awareness about women's rights in Honduras.



Htet Htet Aung,
Burma

Htet Htet is the Gender Rights Program Manager for Partners Asia in Burma where she engages civil society organizations to encourage women's participation in political and economic life.



Riya William,
South Sudan

As a Civic Education Officer with the Mundri Relief and Develop Association, Riya brings together internally displaced peoples to promote women's rights and build peace in South Sudan.

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