



## WomenNC's Annual Report

### May 2009

- ❖ Formed a strong board from University professors, CEDAW experts, community leaders, students and women rights activists
- ❖ WomenNC has had the privilege to have a very strong advisory board residing in Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and Cary

### September 2009 – June 2010

- ❖ WomenNC has been meeting on a monthly basis at InterAct to educate the public on women's human rights, CEDAW, and international status of women (no. of meetings: 10- total of attendees: about 200)

### October 2009

- ❖ Constructed the students' fellowship applications and sent them to the Wake County colleges and Universities

### November 2009

- ❖ WomenNC has collected about 2000 signatures in support of CEDAW from residents of North Carolina during the State Fair and International Festival last year and presented them to the Washington D.C. offices of Kay Hagan and Richard Burr
- ❖ WomenNC selected four fellowship recipients for its Commission on the Status of Women Fellowship Program

### January 2010

- ❖ Launched a WomenNC website at [www.womennc.org](http://www.womennc.org)
- ❖ Registered WomenNC with North Carolina Secretary of State's Office
- ❖ Raised \$7500 and sent four students from North Carolina to Beijing plus fifteen conferences at the United Nations (Fund raising was conveyed through the United Nations Association – Wake County)

### February 2010

- ❖ Advised the students with their research on violence against women, women and health, women's human rights, and women and politics in North Carolina
- ❖ Took care of the logistical issues of the students in New York

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- ❖ WomenNC has maintained a very successful relationship with the students in order to keep them in the loop

## March 2010

- ❖ Organized three events for the WomenNC's students to present their research studies at the United Nations

## March – June 2010

- ❖ Reported back from the CSW on global status of women to NC communities such as Soroptimist International, National Organization for Women – Raleigh Chapter, North Carolina Council for Women, American Association of University Women's North Carolina State convention in Charlotte, United Nations Association –Wake County, and North Carolina Women United Expo, Older Women League (total participants: about 300)
- ❖ WomenNC and the Students Fellowship Program has received National recognition and press coverage from US Mission at the United Nations, US Women Connect, Soroptimist International in California and North Carolina, National League of Women Voters, United Nations Commission on Status of Women newspaper and many more

## May 2010

- ❖ WomenNC's 2010 Fellowship Recipients received the Women of Wake County Award from the Wake County Commission for Women
- ❖ The Fundraising Committee of WomenNC applied for a grant from Ms. Foundation
- ❖ WomenNC has produced a video clip on students' presentation, which is available on its website (including educational information on domestic violence, CEDAW, women and health, and women and legislation in North Carolina)
- ❖ WomenNC is listed as one the CEDAW supporting organizations with the national CEDAW Task Force group in Washington DC

## June 2010

- ❖ WomenNC has applied for 501(C)(3) status with IRS with the help of a volunteer attorney who is one of the board members
- ❖ WomenNC is a member of many national organizations, such as, US Women Connect and had the privilege to present a Tribute for health

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care reform bill to Nancy Pelosi on behalf of thousands of the members of the US Women Connect. (Beth Dehghan presented the tribute to her chief of staff in Washington DC.)

- ❖ WomenNC organized a successful fund raising luncheon with 49 attendees, including Wake County Commissioner Lindy Brown, and Ambassador Jeanette Hyde, former ambassador of US in the Caribbean. Barbara Allen, former chair woman of North Carolina Democratic Party. Laura Hilton one of the directors at InterAct. Ed Klemmer the former president of UNA-Wake, Lois Nixon, the Chair of the Conservation Department of Women's Club of Raleigh, and many more.

## August 2010

- ❖ WomenNC will sponsor a film screening session at NCSU. The film is made by HBO named For Neda, which is about the womens movement in Iran and the brutal death of a young woman called Neda.
- ❖ WomenNC is getting ready to send out the students' applications to 12 colleges and universities in Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and Durham area by the beginning of the fall semester to select the next group of fellowship recipients.

## September 2010

- ❖ WomenNC will receive a \$2000 grant from Women's Club of Raleigh in September of 2010

## February 2011

- ❖ WomenNC is scheduled to have a presentation of the 2012 SFP Recipients at the Women's Club of Raleigh on February 3rd