Message from the President

My first year as President of Margaret McNamara Education Grants (MMEG) whizzed by, as we celebrated our 35th anniversary and invited MMEG’s very first grantee (1983), Marion Subah, to Washington DC for the occasion. She is a nurse who helped displaced women and children during the Liberian civil war, and last year was on the front lines of the fight to contain Ebola -- helping medical personnel stay safe and organizing community-based prevention measures.

Thinking about the contribution that she has made for more than 30 years, I am also reminded of MMEG’s most recent grantees. Angalise Brinkley, currently studying nursing at Trinity Washington University, while raising three young children, cared for her ill mother, worked from age 15 to bring income to the family table, and advanced her education to support her community. Our new Trinity program is the only one open to any female student over the age of 25, regardless of nationality. We also awarded a grant to Sadhana Singh, the first undocumented student in MMEG’s history, and opened all programs to transgender women.

Reinvigorated by the strength of our mission and the amplitude of its impact, MMEG awarded 33 scholarships this year. More grants of course means more fundraising and financing: volunteers have worked tirelessly to grow this area. Our annual Arts & Crafts Fair was a big success, both for raising funds and awareness about our activities, and donors gave generously during the annual solicitation campaign. We also strengthened our social media presence, with a revamped website, and boosted our activity on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Financially, we still need to achieve full sustainability for the growth of our programs, for which we are currently drawing upon our financial reserves. That is why we need your continued support. We believe that the best investment of our assets is supporting the women from around the world who are committed to improving others’ lives!

Of course, all of successes we celebrate this year would not have been possible without the passionate contributions of our loyal volunteers, mostly affiliated with the World Bank Family Network, International Monetary Fund, and the Inter-American Development Bank, serving in the Board of Directors, regional Selection Committees, and Fair Organization committee.

To all of them my heartfelt thank you!
Monica Vidili, President
Supporting the Education Aspirations of Women from Developing Countries

Margaret McNamara Education Grants (MMEG) - formerly known as Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMF) - is a volunteer-led public charity, which awards education grants to exceptional women from developing countries. Grantees are at least 25 years old, and enrolled at accredited universities in the US, Canada and selected universities in South Africa and Latin America, including the FLACSO network.

The MMMF/MMEG was established in 1981 as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Its purpose is to recognize Margaret McNamara for her tireless dedication to the education of women and children, before and while her husband, Robert McNamara, was president of the World Bank (1968-1981). US President Jimmy Carter awarded Margaret McNamara the Medal of Honor, the highest civilian distinction in the United States, for her work on women's empowerment and literacy.

We believe that education is a tremendous tool for empowering women who will focus on improving the lives of women and children. MMEG volunteers serve on regional Selection Committees to review applications and interview finalists for potential grants. Others organize the Annual Fair and fund-raising activities, and some serve on the Board of Directors.

Among our US/Canada grantees this year is Fatima, who expects to graduate with a master’s in education and counseling from the University of Pennsylvania in August 2017, so that she can return to Pakistan to guide young girls and their families through the school founded by her grandfather. Despite funding issues for her own education, she “remains resolutely committed to serving disadvantaged communities of students through a rich process of self-discovery” (quote from referee letter).

Within the Africa program Tafadzwa, from Zimbabwe, exemplifies the hope that living with HIV/AIDS need not limit what one can achieve in life. With the Forestry Commission in Zimbabwe, she worked with rural women on mushroom farming, bee keeping, propagation of indigenous fruit trees and agroforestry. At the University of Cape Town, she focuses on the links between conservation, human rights violations and the disenfranchisement of women. Ingrid, a 2009 grantee, came to Washington DC in April, and spoke about her work with caregivers of AIDS patients and victims of abuse.

In our Latin America program, Pamela is a Bolivian national studying for her master’s degree in Design and Implementation of Social Programs at Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) in Argentina. The high incidence of gender-based violence against indigenous women and girls in Cochabamba (Bolivia), where she grew up, inspired Pamela to study law and work to improve access for minority groups to the justice system.
## MMEG Grantees

### Africa Program

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- **Grants**
- **Other program expenses**
- **Fundraising**
- **Management & general**
During the FY15-16, eighteen MMEG grantees were studying for their master's degree, thirteen were pursuing doctoral studies, and two were studying for their bachelor's degrees.

MMEG grantees are involved in a diverse array of studies. Social Sciences tend to dominate in the Latin America program, while clinical sciences, law and education were foci in the South Africa program. As usual, the North America program was the most diverse, spanning communications and journalism to criminal justice and nursing.

MMEG regional programs are no longer considered pilot programs, as we consolidated our relationships with universities and ascertained the contributions our grant programs are making in both South Africa and Latin America. A new university was added to the South Africa program, and we welcome students studying at the University of the Free State to apply, starting this year. The growing number of grants awarded since 2009 reflects the addition of our pilot and regional programs as seen in the graph.

The partnership with Trinity Washington University is in a pilot phase, as we recognize the financial needs of women students in the Washington DC neighborhood of the MMEG secretariat. In this program, the applicants do not need to submit any documents regarding their nationality, nor are they expected to return to work in a developing country upon graduation. The most important criteria for selection remains their past, present and future commitment to working on behalf of women and children.
The Annual Fair is the most important fundraising event, mobilizing dozens of volunteers for months to collect, sort, and price donations as well as identifying vendors who will appeal to the international tastes of shoppers.

The Arts & Crafts Fair took place from November 2-5, 2015

MMEG Financing

MMEG financing comes from a large base of individual donors, and also small family foundations and corporate donors. In addition to the significant amounts of time contributed by volunteers, MMEG received $198,000 in cash donations, in-kind support, and revenue from the annual craft fair, up 13% from last year.

Significant progress was made in developing a long-term strategy for the organization on both the program and financial fronts. This resulted in decisions to further expand the grant program and to create financial reserves for operations and development to ensure its continuity and future growth.

Progress was made during the year in expanding outreach efforts and a new noon event was added to the calendar in April to increase awareness of MMEG’s activities among World Bank staff. The groundwork was laid to add another fundraising event next year.
## Financial statement

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**Expenses**

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**Decrease in net assets**

before net investment income | (285) | (267) |

Net investment income | 43 | -80 |

Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets | (242) | (347) |

**Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year** | 2,711 | 2,469 |

**Unrestricted net assets at and of year** | 2,469 | 2,123 |

Of which: operating reserve | 620 | 430 |

Development reserve | 62 | 43 |

Non-monetary (in-kind) contributions includes pro-bono legal advice and, from the World Bank Group, office space, communications, printing and administrative/event support. MMEG also benefits from the significant amounts of time contributed by volunteers in managing and implementing its program.

Full audited financial statements are available upon request.

A total of $288,000 was awarded to 33 grantees, down from $335,000 last year, the decline being due to a smaller than expected number of suitable grantees for the US/Canada program. As a result of this, and increased spending on the fundraising program, grants awarded were 62% of total expenditures, down from 73% in 2014-15. At the end of the year, unrestricted net assets stood at $2.1 million, of which $473,000 comprise reserves.
Recipient Universities during FY15-16

Board of Directors
Monica Vidili (Italy), President
Madeleine de Kock (South Africa), Vice President – from March 2016
Robin Glantz (USA), Board Co-Chair
Colin Warren (UK/USA), Treasurer
Reiko Niimi (Japan), Secretary
Andrea Anaïotos (Greece), Cecilia Coscaron (Argentina), Anthea Levy (USA), Ledda Macera (Peru), Kathleen McNamara (USA), Suman Mehra (India), Alison Ordu (UK)

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USA-Canada and Trinity programs: Hope Phillips (USA)
Africa program: Gisele Youmbi (Cameroon)
Latin America program: Vivian Familiar (Mexico)

Program Coordinator
Cecile Ferri (France)