

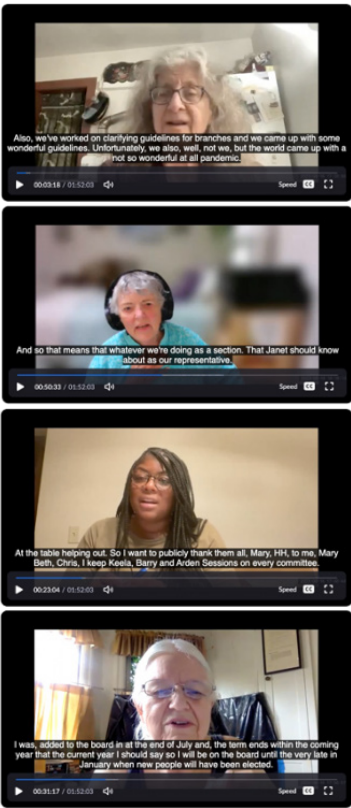
DURING 2023....your WILPF US has been expanding in new ways

THE FIRST WILPF US GATHERING!

On August 16th and 17th - Close to 100 members joined a two-evening zoom event to learn more about WILPF US and to better know our national Board leadership, our staff and each other. We learned about some branches' work, Issue Committees, and plans for CSW and the Triennial Congress. The enthusiasm was contagious! Much gratitude to organizers **Dianne Blais**, **Jane Doyle**, and **Phillip Cole** - as well as to **Ellen Schwartz** and **Ellen Thomas** for their technical expertise in coordinating this amazing event. The branches profiled on the 2nd day are profiled in the enclosed Roundup.



Scan the QR code to see Day 2's video!



MEET EVA EGOZI, ORGANIZER OF “MIAMI MUJERES”, OUR NEW MIAMI FL BRANCH

While still a junior in high school, Eva Egozi learned about WILPF and our commitment to peace through work on intersectional issues. An inspiring young leader of Cuban descent, Eva launched a new WILPF Miami Branch she calls Miami Mujeres, and she quickly recruited 20 new members! Attracted to international relations, research and policy work from a feminist perspective, Eva is encouraging the new branch to focus on social justice issues. They've already delivered packages filled with toiletries and other 'necessity items' to women and children living in domestic violence/sexual assault shelters. Viva Miami Mujeres!



COMMUNICATION/CULTURE & SENSITIZATION

Gloria McMillan (Tucson AZ WILPF) is leading a new subcommittee that will focus on expanding WILPF US's national media coverage and encouraging WILPF members to join the advisory boards of local public broadcasting stations. Challenging the spin that media puts on news coverage and finding ways to add performance art to peace advocacy are also part of this committee's interests. Contact info@wilpfus.org to find out more and join the committee.



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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 75!

We applaud WILPF's contribution to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Please support our legacy of promoting peace, human rights, and justice by donating \$75 or more to this appeal as the declaration turns 75 this year!

Thank you!

Please give \$75 or more today to continue our vital work, Thank you!

Special Events

Nov. 4 - Back Where It All Began

A Virtual relaunch of WILPF Chicago Branch took place on Nov. 4. Writer and Historian Rima Lunin Schultz presented: **"What Chicago Taught Jane Addams About Peace-Making"** - a vibrant examination of Addams' approach to immigration and peace-making, lessons which reverberate today! Event recording posted at www.youtube.com/WILPFustoday

May 30-June 2, 2024 – Face-to-Face 34th Triennial Congress

The 34th Triennial Congress will be held St. Paul, Minnesota - with a partial virtual component for those not attending in person. WILPF US members, partner NGOs, and progressive activists will participate in high-impact and informative sessions on our Congress theme: **"Water on the Frontlines of Peace"**.

For more information contact: congresscoordinator@wilpfus.org
Donate online here: <https://bit.ly/WC2024>



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Updates on WILPF's Program Participation at the UN CSW: Sponsor a Daughter, Granddaughter, Niece or Young Ally.

The 2024 Commission on the Status of Women meets March 11-22 in New York City. The theme this year is: Accelerating gender equality and empowerment of women & girls by addressing poverty.

To provide skills-building, training, a nuanced understanding of how the UN functions, and intergenerational collaboration among activists, WILPF US is selecting from two groups of potential participants:

- In our UN Practicum for Advocacy — Motivated and qualified young activists wanting to deepen their understanding of the UN and international relations and/or hone their skills as organizers: either college students or those pursuing a career in organizing and advocacy; and
- In our Local2Global Program — Seasoned WILPF members.

We're accepting applications now. Consider sponsoring a daughter, granddaughter, niece or young friend to attend CSW 2024 for a week of intense awareness-raising in New York City.

Donate here: <https://tinyurl.com/SponsorCSWdelegates>
and for more information, contact: Practicum-mail@wilpfus.org.





DEAR WILPF MEMBER AND FRIENDS OF WILPF–

Each year on December 10th we celebrate WILPF’s role in the creation of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. This year, as that treasured declaration marks it’s 75th year, we ask you to honor WILPF’s legacy in promoting peace and human rights, and our continued efforts for peace and justice, by contributing \$75 to this end of year appeal (or more if you are financially able to do so).

We know that may be a stretch, but preparing for the year ahead, with all its challenges, will take all of us stretching and engaging more deeply.

AS 2023 CLOSES, WE INVITE YOU TO MARK AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE WITH US.

On the 75th Anniversary of the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS Please consider a gift of \$75 to WILPF or more.

Your donation is critical before the end of December.

HOW IS WILPF CONNECTED TO THE UDHR? Our role has been deep and consistent.

In 1948, WILPF urged the creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the 75th anniversary is culminating this year on Human Rights Day, December 10, 2023. Along with our work towards peace and disarmament, WILPF has long centered on human rights and social justice issues, as well as the environment.

Our notable achievements are:

1915-1930s

Our founder, Jane Addams, worked tirelessly for world peace, and — on Dec. 10, 1931 – she won the Nobel Peace Prize. She also founded the Hull House, providing services and advocacy to the poor.

1940s

WILPF was one of the few organizations that spoke out during the Holocaust and the Japanese internment. In 1946 WILPFer – Emily Green Balch won the Nobel Peace Prize; and in 1948, WILPF urged the creation of UNICEF, the High Commissioner on Refugees, and the UDHR.

1950-1970s

WILPFers widely participated in human rights movements: Civil Rights, Women’s Movement, and Gay Rights.

1980-1990s

In 1985, WILPF published its first women’s budget, mandating a 50% cut in military spending; funds were to be redirected to education and human services. WILPFers also became involved in Environmental Justice work.

21st Century

WILPFers continue to work on advancing human rights – including clean water, safe and healthy food, children’s rights, and freedom from unfair and harmful sanctions. Please see enclosed Roundup which details our current work that focuses on human rights.

TODAY

Today WILPF US remains committed to advocating for peace and human rights despite obstacles. Progressive women stand with us across the US, and we’re forging vital collaborations with peace and justice allies. For example, the war in Israel-Palestine is heart-breaking, reflecting over many years the international failure to address an intolerable pattern of human rights abuses, illegal, under International Law. WILPF calls for diplomatic action to build the foundations for lasting peace, based on respect for human rights and justice.

Our history keeps us focused on the work that still lies ahead. Our achievements of the past demanded courage and conviction, just as today’s activism does.

We trust that you take the same pride we do in our unique organization and what we offer for our members. You are an “at-large” member or a branch member in our multi-issue, women-centered, member-driven organization. WILPF represents an effective network of progressive women organizers on the cutting edge of social change.

Our work is vital, and at this crucial moment we ask for your support for our special organization, to fortify our efforts. 2023 has been a year of action, with new branches and new students signing up for our 2024 UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Practicum in Advocacy programs.



Read our ROUNDUP Page to see current work that supports human rights.

For 108 years, dedicated WILPFers have championed peace, human rights, social justice, and environmental justice, — not only for those in the U.S. but also for the global community. We stand in solidarity, raising our voices and taking action. None of this happens without your ongoing support.

Please give \$75 or more now before the end of 2023 so we can increase our outreach and activism ahead of the distortions of issues and information in the 2024 election year.

In gratitude and solidarity,



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Please see the enclosed envelope for suggested levels of giving.

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