

Right Sharing OF WORLD RESOURCES

“Let us then see what love can do”

William Penn, 17th Century Quaker

DONOR DESIGNATED PROJECTS –

Quaker Values and Personal Commitment in Action

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A woman from the Dr. Gordon Memorial Trust project tailoring.

started businesses including making Indian drums, tailoring, and making and selling jewelry, among others. Although the women were initially fearful of being cheated and concerned about making enough profit, the NGO staff visited often and supported the women in buying goods and sharing success stories among themselves. By the end of the first year, the women's self-confidence was greatly increased, they were making a significant income, and they were able to provide their children with good food and education fees.

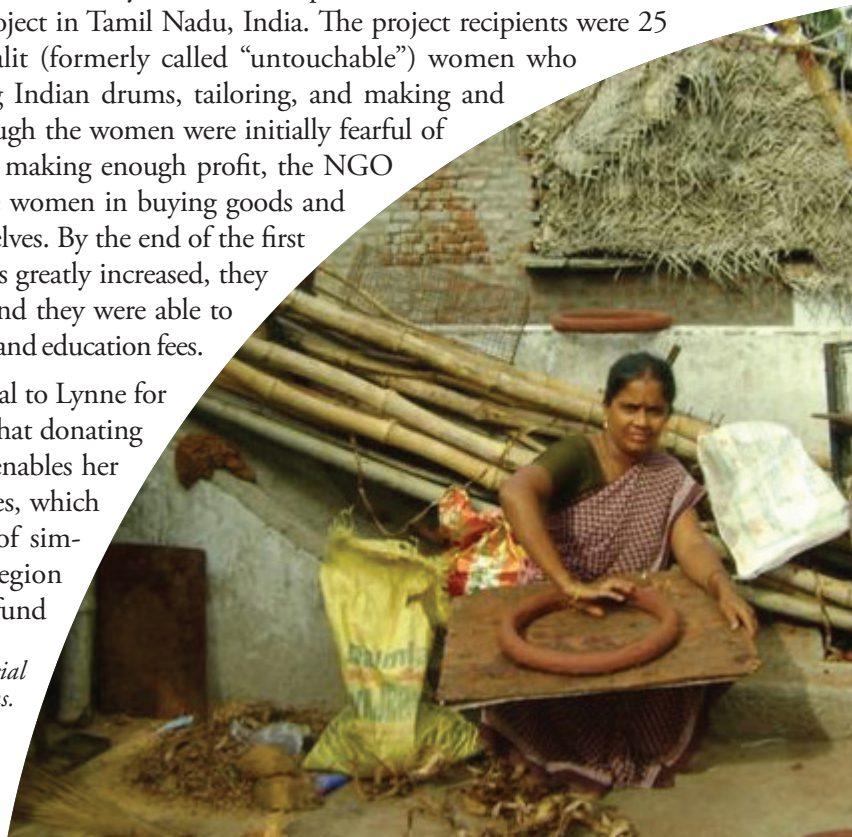
Donor Designated Projects appeal to Lynne for several reasons, the first of which is that donating the cost of a Right Sharing project enables her to be simpler in terms of her finances, which connects her to the Quaker value of simplicity. Further, by choosing the region and the project, donors are able to fund

A woman from the Dr. Gordon Memorial Trust project making Indian drums.

Lynne Sootheran started donating to Right Sharing when she realized that there was a Quaker organization committed to serving those with the lowest monetary resources in the world. Because women so often carry the weight of their culture and society by being primary caregivers to children, she knew that raising the status of women would positively affect their whole community.

Lynne served on the Board of Right Sharing and was a member of Program Committee from 2011 to 2014. While on that committee, Lynne became particularly interested in Donor Designated Projects (DDPs), an option that RSWR offers to donors who would like to fund all or a portion of a project of their choice (*for more DDP details, see page 3*). Lynne and her husband, Kent Simmonds, have become great proponents of DDPs in their hometown of Decorah, IA, and among Friends regionally.

In 2015 Lynne and Kent sponsored the Dr. Gordon Memorial Trust project in Tamil Nadu, India. The project recipients were 25 Dalit (formerly called “untouchable”) women who



God calls us to the right sharing of world resources, from the burdens of materialism and poverty into the abundance of God's love, to work for equity through partnership with our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

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an enterprise that aligns with their personal values. For donors who have a 403b account with a mandatory take-down, or an IRA with a minimum required annual distribution, giving that money to RSWR can be a good way to minimize federal taxes. It can also be a great way for Meeting members to connect with giving to Right Sharing by funding and choosing a project together.



Bill Quigg and Samson Ababu in Richmond, IN in 2013.

Rob and Bill Quigg's family have been Quakers living in East Central IN since the 1840s. In 1961, the Quigg Fund was established to support faith-based Quaker organizations. When RSWR Kenya Field Representative Samson Ababu visited the US in 2013, he had an opportunity to meet with the Quiggs. Having heard amazing success stories about micro-loan projects, it was instructive to hear Samson's stories about the day-to-day, behind-the-scenes work of the projects RSWR supports. The Quiggs agreed to fund 5 projects in Kenya over the next 5 years.

Right Sharing's commitment of Quaker service to humanity is one that the Quiggs find inspiring and motivating. They chose to fund DDPs because they could relate to the women more personally. As business people themselves, they want to help the women participating in their projects become successful business people and contributors to their own communities.

In 2014, The Quigg Fund sponsored the Lutonyi Friends Women Group. Members of the group divided themselves into three clusters to maximize profits. Each cluster grew a different crop. They arranged for training from the Kenyan Ministry of Agriculture in crop management, marketing, and financial management.



The women's success in business enabled them to pay for their children's schooling and give back to their communities.

Mary Tau, a member of the Lutonyi Friends Women Group, working at her vegetable business.

Introducing...



MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE RSWR STAFF

In August 2016, Genevieve Beck-Roe joined the Right Sharing staff as the Communications and Development Associate. Having graduated from Earlham College in 2014 with a degree in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies,

she comes to Right Sharing after two years as a Fellow with Quaker Voluntary Service. In 2014-2015 she served in Atlanta, GA, as the Criminal Justice Reform Intake Specialist at the Southern Center for Human Rights. In 2015-2016 she served as the Friends Relations Fellow at the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, PA.

At Right Sharing, Genevieve is responsible for many of the written materials, including the quarterly newsletter, mail and email appeals, and marketing. She manages the RSWR database and is the primary contact for donors, answering questions and sending out thank-you notes. She's looking forward to assisting Right Sharing in a website redesign this coming Spring, in addition to other projects.

It has been a busy first six months with a lot more to learn, but Genevieve is enormously appreciative to be part of the Right Sharing team. She is grateful to participate in work to transform the lives of women in Kenya, Sierra Leone, and India, and has herself been transformed in the process. She has also found joy in being in contact with donors, to hear why they give and what participating in this work means to them.

In addition, she is excited to have joined Right Sharing just in time to celebrate its 50th Anniversary! Right Sharing has, in fact, been around twice as long as she has been alive. Genevieve lives in Philadelphia and works remotely, although she visits the Right Sharing office in Richmond every few months. In her spare time, Genevieve enjoys cooking, reading, and kayaking.

You can contact Genevieve at gbeckroe@rswr.org or (773) 355-0710.

Donor Impact...

Get Involved with a Donor Designated Project

If you're interested in strengthening your relationship with the projects receiving Right Sharing grants, a Donor Designated Project might be a good fit! Here are some more details about how you, your Meeting, or another group can fund a particular project:

- For \$6,500, Right Sharing will match you with a project. This includes the grant amount and most of the cost for training and support given by in-country staff. For 50% (\$3,250) we will find you a project to share with another donor.
- Donors may choose from a list of projects approved for funding by the RSWR Board, which meets and approves projects in October and April of each year
- Alternately, donors may pick a region

where they would like to support a project and Right Sharing staff will select the specific project for them.

- Supporters of a Donor Designated Project will receive a copy of the six-month and one-year progress report from the project and stories of individual beneficiaries. Depending on the technological capabilities of the group, donors also receive photos. Moreover, donors are invited to share photos or communication with the group, although all communication between donor and project needs to occur through RSWR.

The sooner we know about your interest the better!

Find out more by visiting <http://www.rswr.org/donors/donor-designated-projects/> or by contacting rswr@rswr.org.



Thanksgiving Pies for Right Sharing



Each September, RSWR board member Mary Eagleson and her husband celebrate the changing of the seasons by visiting a “pick-your-own” apple farm in upstate New York. The fruit is abundant and easy to pick, so they usually return home with many more apples than they could eat themselves.

In October, the squash crop in Mary's garden ripens. Since squash are easy to grow, with a crop of 40 or 50 each year, she is always looking to share them. With the excess apples and squashes and a couple of other simple ingredients, Mary bakes pies.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, Mary arrives at Scarsdale (NY) Monthly Meeting with a cooler of pies to sell for a suggested donation to Right Sharing. Each pie comes with a RSWR brochure and Mary has the opportunity to talk to members of her Meeting about Right Sharing's work.

“Thanksgiving Pies for Right Sharing” has now become a tradition at Scarsdale Meeting, providing an annual opportunity for Mary to connect herself and her Meeting with the work of Right Sharing and the women we serve. She says, “It is a way for me to relate a little better to the women my fundraising supports, many of whom open stalls and make food for sale.” The money she raises helps another woman start a small business.

What are the occasions in your life for sharing your plenty to enable others to have greater opportunities? “Thanksgiving Pies for Right Sharing” is a wonderful example for all of us!

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The Right Sharing Board and staff will be hosting several opportunities during 2017 to celebrate. You are invited to join the **RSWR Jubilee Celebration on April 22, 2017, at Indianapolis First Friends**. The celebration, which will begin at 5:00 PM, will feature dinner and a keynote address by Colin Saxton, current FUM General Secretary and the original clerk of the RSWR Board.

Other opportunities to celebrate:

- July 2-8 at the FGC Gathering at Niagara University
- October on the East Coast, location TBD

2017 marks RSWR's 50th anniversary since its origins as the One Percent Fund under the Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas. We look forward to another 50 years and beyond of building relationships and sharing resources to create greater equity and wellness within the world.

Celebrating
50 years
of partnership

JOIN US!

Interested in attending or want to know more?

To RSVP or for more information, visit www.rswr.org/celebrate

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