



# Mary's Pence

Funding Women. Changing Lives.

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT and CALENDAR OF WOMEN



## Dear Friends,

Some days I feel weighed down by the magnitude of the troubles in the world. These times are truly fraught with frustration and fear. In the Mary's Pence offices we gather regularly to light a candle in prayer and solidarity with those who are suffering from poverty, discrimination, violence and systemic injustice. And then, we turn our hearts and our minds to our work. With your support we are working together for a world where empowered women and their communities flourish in solidarity and justice. Despite our frustration we hold on to this vision, and the work of so many is reason for hope.

This year Mary's Pence turned 30, and while we worked hard, we also took the opportunity to celebrate. First we gathered with our supporters in Minnesota in April for a panel discussion with three local grantees. Then we took the party to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious assembly in Orlando in August. Women religious have been our longest and strongest supporters since our founding.

Over 30 years of granting, we have funded more than 700 grassroots women's organizations that have increased women's economic security, liberated women from trafficking, welcomed immigrants and refugees into supportive communities, and trained new generations of women leaders.

Since 2008, over 1,000 women have started small business initiatives with ESPERA loans. With their increased income they are providing better nutrition, housing and education for their children.



Additionally the women are practicing leadership skills within ESPERA and in their communities.

We have honed these two models of supporting women over the lifetime of Mary's Pence by responding to the needs and circumstances of women in the United States (Grants) and Mexico and Central America (ESPERA). Each program is unique in the way it supports women, based on local needs and resources, but both are grounded in our values of feminism and social justice.

We are especially proud this year to have been recognized as the winners of the 2017 Minnesota Nonprofit Award for Responsive Philanthropy.

None of this work can be done without our donors, who have given generously and loyally. Fiscal Year 2017 was the best fundraising year for Mary's Pence yet! This is all thanks to

the many committed supporters who gave what they could because they believe, as we do, that all people deserve to live with dignity, that those who experience injustice are best able to create effective solutions, and that when women work together, communities are transformed.

In deepest gratitude and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Wojtan".

Katherine Wojtan

PS – You can see many, many stories of the women funded by Mary's Pence on our new mobile-responsive website. Check it out: [maryspence.org](http://maryspence.org).

## Staff in St. Paul, Minnesota

- Katherine Wojtan | Executive Director
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- Gilda Larios | ESPERA Team Lead | Mexico City, Mexico
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- Mariana Amescua Salgado | Mexico City, Mexico
- Andreen Soley | Los Angeles, California
- Amanda Steepleton | Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Inspiring Women Leaders

This calendar offers a daily reminder of the many women throughout history who have challenged injustice. Read about these women at [maryspence.org/about](http://maryspence.org/about)

# About Mary's Pence

## Mission

Mary's Pence invests in women across the Americas by funding community initiatives and fostering collaborations to create social change.

## Vision

We envision a world where empowered women and their communities flourish in solidarity and justice.



Mary's Pence staff and board members

## OUR VALUES

### Dignity of the Human Person and of Work

Every human life is sacred and should be honored and valued. All workers have a right to productive work, fair wages, and safe working conditions.

Feminism is an essential component of human dignity. Our work is based in the belief that women have political, social and economic equality with men. This equality is essential to a just society.

### Call to Community and Participation

Everyone has the equal right and responsibility to participate economically, politically, and culturally in society. This creates strong communities.

### Rights and Responsibilities

Every person has a right to a dignified life, including food, shelter, clothing, work, health care, and education, and each has a responsibility for the well-being of others.

### Subsidiarity

Actions should be taken at the lowest, most local level possible, and decisions should involve those most impacted.

### Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

We must put the needs of the poor and vulnerable

first. A just society can be achieved only if its members give special attention to those most in need.

### Global Solidarity

"Love your neighbor" stretches across all national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are one human family.

### Care of Creation

The earth's resources are intended for the benefit of all and should be cared for and preserved for future generations.

## A NOTE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC ROOTS

Our founders rooted this work in the values of Catholic Social Teaching and it remains our foundation today. However, Mary's Pence is independent of the Catholic Church. Our work addresses the ongoing and emerging concerns of women in the Americas and we are blessed by the people of all faiths and no faith who engage with us. There is no criteria that any of the organizations we fund be faith-based, and we do not ask. We gratefully embrace the diversity of the whole Mary's Pence community — board, staff, grantees, ESPERA women, and supporters.

## WHO'S MARY?

Mary's Pence was named for all the women — the Marys — of the Bible, who practiced a ministry of daring accompaniment. For more than 30 years Mary's Pence has been providing resourceful support for the Marys and *Las Marias* of the Americas — the poor, the imprisoned and the oppressed.

## Mary's Pence Wins Award for Responsive Philanthropy



Nausheena Hussain — pictured here with Mary's Pence board members, nominated us for the 2017 Minnesota Nonprofit Award for Responsive Philanthropy, which we were awarded in October.

## Mary's Pence Grants

**Grants from Mary's Pence fund women's organizations** in the US and Canada that are working in their local community to create long-term systemic change. The organizations we fund are all small, with budgets under \$200,000. Yet they collaborate with diverse populations, advocate to change unjust policies, and educate to build skills and increase capacity.

Our grants act as seed money for organizations that are newly created, and as support for organizations that have been working on the grassroots level for years.

Our granting process is intentional and holistic. In order to meet emerging needs, we do not restrict funding to prescribed issue areas. Rather, the issues we fund arise organically as needs change and emerge within a community. We also provide our grantees with additional support including networking, retreats, information sessions and publicity.

### MARY'S PENCE GRANTS FISCAL YEAR 2017

#### **Adelante Mujer | Fond du Lac, WI and Kamla, Nicaragua**

Financial aid for poor/rural Nicaraguan women studying to be medical doctors, 2nd Grant

#### **Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera | Austin, Texas**

Cross-border solidarity delegation of Mexican maquiladora workers to Texas, 2nd Grant

#### **Bridges | São Paulo, Brazil**

Re-Entry preparation for women prisoners who are mothers, 3rd Grant

#### **Center for Women in Transition | Little Rock, Arkansas**

Life skills education and transitional re-entry services for incarcerated and recently incarcerated women, 2nd Grant

#### **Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries | Cleveland, Ohio**

Community garden, nutrition and sustainable agricultural classes and support group for pregnant women and new mothers, 2nd Grant

#### **Centro de Recursos Educativos para Adultos (CREA) | New York, New York**

Community-based education and training center for Spanish-speaking adult immigrants, 1st Grant

## ESPERA Community Lending

**ESPERA is a unique micro-lending program** that grew out of a need to partner more deeply with women in Central America.

We partner with grassroots women's organizations to start community lending pools. The funds are collectively-owned by the women and they are the decision-makers. This increases their empowerment and commitment to the work.

Mary's Pence staff in the region support the women as they manage the lending process and invest in agricultural initiatives, corner shops, food stands and other small businesses. The loans are repaid with interest into the local pool, creating a growing and lasting resource for the community.

Mary's Pence staff also provide coaching on business skills, encourage participation and relationships, work to increase our partner organizations' capacity, and strengthen connections among individual participants as well as our organizational partners.

### OUR ESPERA PARTNERS

#### **Asociación de Mujeres Rurales "Olga Estela Moreno" (ASMUR) | Bajo Lempa Region, El Salvador**

Partner since: 2011 • Number of Loans: 111

#### **Asociación de Mujeres Sembradoras de Esperanza | Santa Cruz del Quiché, Guatemala**

Partner since: 2009 • Number of Loans: 314

#### **Centro de Promoción y Salud Integral (CEPROSI) | Nindirí, Nicaragua**

Partner since: 2009 • Number of Loans: 183

#### **Concertación de Mujeres de Suchitoto | Suchitoto, El Salvador**

Partner since: 2008 • Number of Loans: 576

#### **Grupo Emprendedor La Epifanía | Tegucigalpa, Honduras**

Partner since: 2012 • Number of Loans: 105

#### **Red de Mujeres Morelenses Por Una Economía Solidaria | Morelos, Mexico**

Partner since: 2010 • Number of Loans: 233

#### **Unión de Mujeres Salvadoreñas | San Salvador, El Salvador**

Partner Since: 2012 • Number of Loans: 199

**The Dreamcatcher Foundation | Chicago, Illinois**

Survivor-led and survivor-focused agency preventing the sexual exploitation of at-risk young women, 2nd Grant

**Exodus Lending | Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Providing trapped payday borrowers a just pathway to financial stability, 1st Grant

**Isuroon | Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Somali women's civic engagement initiative, 1st Grant

**The Justice Project | Kansas City, Missouri**

Peer support and assistance and advocacy for women navigating the justice and social systems, 3rd Grant

**Kateri Tekakwitha | Chimaltenango and Solola, Guatemala**

Career development and internships for indigenous Guatemalan young women, 3rd Grant

**The Kitchen Table | St. Louis, Missouri**

Empowerment ministry for women experiencing homelessness and poverty to start a small lunch business that has grown to also include catering, 2nd Grant

**MAYA Organization | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Bhutanese and Somali Bantu Prenatal Parent Program, 2nd Grant

**Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment (RISE) | St. Paul, Minnesota**

Increasing the voice and presence of Muslim women in the community and political processes, 1st Grant

**San Benito/San Andres Health Program | Pentén, Guatemala**

Training trusted local health advocates to address local needs including domestic violence, 3rd Grant

**Su Casa Catholic Worker | Chicago, Illinois**

Food co-op started and self-owned by current and past Latina residents of Su Casa Catholic Worker Community, 1st Grant

**Wishwas | Queens, New York**

Sewing cooperative and community of Bangladeshi immigrant women, 2nd Grant

**The Workers' Rights Center | Madison, Wisconsin**

Latina community networking group learning about workers' rights and advocacy, 2nd Grant

As of 2017 new grants are only available to organizations in the United States and Canada.



● ESPERA and Mary's Pence Grantee Locations

# Funding and Financials



## IMPACT

### Mary's Pence Grants

Since 1987 Mary's Pence has provided almost \$1.5 million to 700 women's organizations making essential changes to unjust systems in their communities. Mary's Pence grantees work with women experiencing difficulties including poverty, sex trafficking, asylum, domestic violence, homelessness, incarceration, cultural isolation and immigration to develop responsive long-term solutions.

### ESPERA

Since the ESPERA program began in 2008, 1,789 loans totaling \$558,437 has been used to start and improve 1,031 women's businesses in Mexico and Central America. \$58,536 of interest has been reinvested into the lending pools. Additionally, three of our partner organizations have started savings programs. So far they have collectively saved \$9,069.

## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Net income allows us to invest in our programs and build our capacity. Our policies state that we must hold a reserve of 6 – 9 months, which provides stability for the organization.

Mary's Pence is audited annually by a CPA firm that specializes in nonprofits. Our audited financials, IRS Form 990, and this annual report are all available on our website at [maryspence.org/about/financials](http://maryspence.org/about/financials).

## FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2017: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

### Income

Contributions . . . . .	\$513,631
Estate Contributions . . . . .	\$69,562
Grants . . . . .	\$46,234
Interest/Other . . . . .	\$16,213
<b>Total Revenue and Support . . . . .</b>	<b>\$599,406</b>

### Expenses

Program . . . . .	\$387,950
Support Services	
Management & General . . . . .	\$29,095
Fundraising . . . . .	\$72,542
<b>Total Expenses . . . . .</b>	<b>\$489,587</b>

**Change in Net Assets . . . . . \$109,819**

# Our Greatest Asset

Gifts from individual donors counted for 82% of our income this year. This means that Mary's Pence is stable and strong because we are not reliant on any single source of funds. It also means that donations of all sizes – large and small – help us fund women and change lives. This year, our 30th, was the most successful year of fundraising for Mary's Pence! And we are diligently putting those funds to work through our Mary's Pence Grants and ESPERA program.



I'd like to point out two very important ways that our donors maximized their individual giving this year:

**Compañera Program** – Compañeras donate monthly to Mary's Pence, providing a solid base of year-round funding for our work for justice for women. Almost 250 individuals are currently giving monthly. It's easy to become a compañera through automatic credit card payments or bank account withdrawals. Just give us a call!

**Mary's Pence Legacy Circle** – Members of our Legacy Circle are committed to making sure that our work for economic and social justice will continue well into the future. They demonstrate their commitment to our mission by pledging a gift to be received upon their passing. We are deeply grateful for all those who have named Mary's Pence as a beneficiary of their will, life insurance policy, or retirement account.

Mary's Pence takes seriously the stewardship of your gifts. A committee of board members, staff and volunteers review financial statements monthly to ensure that we are spending wisely and in accordance with our mission — that is, to invest in women by funding community initiatives and fostering collaborations to create social change.

For more information about Mary's Pence financials and more ways to help, visit [maryspence.org/waystohelp](http://maryspence.org/waystohelp).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Hurley".

— Karen Hurley, Mary's Pence Board Treasurer

# Looking Forward to 2018



ESPERA participants, leaders, and Mary's Pence staff work together at the 2013 Encuentro in Guatemala.

## ESPERA

In 2018 we are looking forward to funding and attending an ESPERA Encuentro – a meeting of women participants and leaders from across the ESPERA network. In the fall of 2017 leaders and ESPERA staff met to plan this important assembly, which we hope to hold in the fall of 2018. The last Encuentro took place in 2013 in Guatemala. It was a wonderful opportunity for the ESPERA women to learn from one another. They shared their experiences and strategies for managing successful businesses. It's also an important reminder to the women that they are part of a larger international community of empowered women.

## Mary's Pence Grants

This year, we are excited to also provide a retreat for our grantees for the first time. As part of an effort to increase our support to our partners this retreat will be fully funded by Mary's Pence and provide an opportunity for grantees to recharge as well as learn skills specific to their area of work and managing a nonprofit organization. Additionally, because we know that staff of small nonprofits can often feel isolated and overworked, it will be an opportunity to connect with others doing important social justice work.



## Centro de Promoción y Salud Integral (CEPROSI) Nindiri, Nicaragua

### Collaborating to Manage the Lending Pool

*CEPROSI* is an organization of women in Nicaragua, outside Managua. The women of *CEPROSI* are involved in a variety of endeavors including raising livestock, managing small shops, and processing and making food and clothing items for sale. The women pictured have benefited from ESPERA loans and have taken on the responsibility of managing the ESPERA lending pool and mentoring women who are developing economic initiatives. These women exemplify the many initiatives funded by ESPERA loans: Veronica sells gasoline, Santos raises pelibuey sheep, Rosalia is a local coordinator of the group, Odilli and Marcela make art from *tusa* (corn husks), Vero sells clothing, Maria Elena sells perfumes and household items, and Fatima sells sweets.





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# January/Enero 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>World Day of Prayer for Peace</b> <b>1</b> Mary, Theotokas (God Bearer)  New Year's Day	<b>Sadie Alexander</b> <b>2</b> Civil Rights Activist Attorney	<b>Bella Savitsky Abzug</b> <b>3</b> Civil and Women's Rights Activist US House of Representative from NY	<b>Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> <b>4</b> Educator	<b>Sonia Sotomayor</b> <b>5</b> First Latina Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	<b>Charlotte Ray</b> <b>6</b> First Black Women Attorney in the US  Epiphany
<b>St. Bernadette Soubirous</b> <b>7</b> 19th c. Mystic	<b>Emily Greene Balch</b> <b>8</b> Economist, sociologist, pacifist Nobel Peace Prize Recipient in 1946	<b>Rigoberta Menchú</b> <b>9</b> Political Activist for Women's Rights Nobel Peace Prize Recipient in 1992	<b>Gabriela Mistral</b> <b>10</b> First Latina Nobel Prize recipient (Literature) in 1945	<b>Remember All Women Brought out of Africa and Baptized Against their Will</b> <b>11</b>	<b>Dianna Ortiz</b> <b>12</b> Survivor of Torture Founder of Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition	<b>Anne Reynolds</b> <b>13</b> Advocate for LGBTQ Community
<b>St. Theresa Maxis</b> <b>14</b> Educator Founder of an Early Religious Order for Black Women	<b>Etty Hillesum</b> <b>15</b> Author: <i>An Interrupted Life</i> Victim of the Holocaust  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>Dian Fossey</b> <b>16</b> Primatologist, Anthropologist Author: <i>Gorillas in the Mist</i>	<b>Martha Cotera Ph.D.</b> <b>17</b> Latina Feminist Activist Author: <i>Life Along the Border</i>	<b>Coretta Scott King</b> <b>18</b> Civil Rights Leader	<b>Mourning Dove</b> <b>19</b> Activist for Indigenous Rights	<b>Pray for Victims of Domestic Violence</b> <b>20</b> Every 9 Seconds a Woman is Assaulted or Beaten in the US
<b>Sophia Louisa Jex-Blake, MD</b> <b>21</b> Physician Women's Rights Activist	<b>Hildegard Goss-Mayr</b> <b>22</b> Non-violence Activist	<b>Gertrude Elion</b> <b>23</b> Pharmacologist Recipient of Nobel Prize for Medicine (1988)	<b>Maria Tallchief</b> <b>24</b> First Indigenous Prima Ballerina: American Ballet Theatre	<b>Sandra Ware</b> <b>25</b> Co-founder of "Let's Start," Mary's Pence Grantee 	<b>Angela Davis</b> <b>26</b> Political and Social Activist	<b>St. Angela Merici</b> <b>27</b> Educator
<b>Honor All Women Theologians</b> <b>28</b>	<b>Sr. Kaye Ashe</b> <b>29</b> Founding Board President of Mary's Pence 	<b>Ritamary Bradley</b> <b>30</b> Feminist Activist Visionary	<b>Ludmila Javorová</b> <b>31</b> Catholic Priest in underground church during the cold war era			



## Isuroon

Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **Empowering Somali Women for Political Participation**


Women who have migrated to the US from Somalia experience many challenges. Barriers include language, anti-Muslim discrimination, sexism and racism, which hamper Somali women as they pursue economic security and full participation. *Isuroon* works within the community to provide information, assistance and support needed to access medical and political systems. *Isuroon* does not speak for the voiceless. Rather, *Isuroon* amplifies the voices of Somali women through encouraging participation in democracy.



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# February/Febrero 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>The Kuna People of Panama</b> <b>1</b> <i>Matrilinear</i> Indigenous People of Panama and Colombia	<b>Civil Rights Sit-Ins Began (1960)</b> <b>2</b> 40% of the Students of a Nearby Black Women's College were Incarcerated	<b>Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lange</b> <b>3</b> Founder of Oblate Sisters of Providence
<b>Betty Friedan</b> <b>4</b> Feminist Author: <i>Feminine Mystique</i>	<b>Judith Baca</b> <b>5</b> Contemporary Urban Artist	<b>Tullia d'Aragona</b> <b>6</b> 16th c. Poet and Philosopher	<b>Marian Anderson</b> <b>7</b> First Black Artist to Sing at the Metropolitan Opera	<b>St. Josephine Bakhita</b> <b>8</b> Sudanese Woman Taken in Slavery A Woman of Faith and Forgiveness	<b>Alice Walker</b> <b>9</b> Author: <i>The Color Purple</i> Recipient of the Pulitzer Prize	<b>St. Scholastica</b> <b>10</b> 5th c. Founder of Women's Religious Order
<b>Mokarrameh Ghanbari</b> <b>11</b> Iranian Artist Woman of the Year 2001	<b>Sr. Margaret Traxler</b> <b>12</b> Founding Member of Mary's Pence Board 	<b>Rana Husseini</b> <b>13</b> Journalist Equal Rights Advocate  Mardi Gras	<b>Ruchira Gupta</b> <b>14</b> Social Worker Human trafficking abolitionist  Ash Wednesday	<b>Susan B. Anthony</b> <b>15</b> Women's Rights Activist	<b>Mildred Fish Harnack</b> <b>16</b> German Resistance Leader Executed by Adolf Hitler	<b>Mary Breckinridge</b> <b>17</b> Founder of the Frontier Nursing Service
<b>Toni Morrison</b> <b>18</b> Pulitzer Prize in Fiction Winner for <i>Beloved</i> in 1988 Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012	<b>Harper Lee</b> <b>19</b> Author: <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> Recipient of Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2007  President's Day	<b>Angelina Emily Grimké Weld</b> <b>20</b> 19th c. Woman's Suffrage and Civil Rights Activist	<b>Barbara Jordan</b> <b>21</b> Civil Rights Activist US Representative from Texas	<b>Isabella Beecher Hooker</b> <b>22</b> Founder, New England Suffrage Association	<b>Frances Ellen Watkins Harper</b> <b>23</b> Suffragist, Abolitionist, Poet	<b>Pearl Witherington</b> <b>24</b> Served as an agent for Britain's Special Operations During WWII
<b>Alicia Dickerson Montemayor</b> <b>25</b> 20th c. Feminist, Activist, Leader	<b>Mabel Keaton Staupers</b> <b>26</b> Organized the Harlem Clinic for African American Physicians	<b>Rosa Perea</b> <b>27</b> Advocate for Deaf and Blind Persons	<b>Lydia Allen</b> <b>28</b> AIDS Victim and Mother of AIDS Victims Founder of Lydia's House, a Daycare Program for Children with AIDS			



## Red de Mujeres Morelenses Por Una Economía Solidaria

Morelos, Mexico

### Networking Across Diverse Communities

The women of this group come from diverse backgrounds and include indigenous rural women and women from Cuernavaca, a community of 350,000. *Red de Mujeres Morelenses* provides workshops for personal and community growth, giving members opportunities to network, share experiences, and develop strategies to improve their lives. Julia Lillia Valentin Pérez is one of five ESPERA women who work at a cooperative called Yoliztli making metalwork art. Julia has been trained in the various stages of shaping and finishing the works of art. Through her association with *Red de Mujeres Morelenses* and the growth of her business through her use of the ESPERA loans, Julia has the means to support her three children.



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# March/Marzo 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>Margaret Randall</b> 1 Social Activist Feminist	<b>Nawal El Saadawi</b> 2 Egyptian Feminist	<b>Sr. Katharine Drexel</b> 3 Early 20th c. Educator Serving Indigenous and Black Children
<b>Young Shin</b> 4 Founder of AIWA	<b>Catharine MacKinnon</b> 5 Radical Feminist	<b>Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova</b> 6 First Woman to Travel into Space	<b>Srs. Perpetua and Felicity</b> 7 3rd c. Martyrs for their Christian Faith	<b>International Women's Day</b> 8 Commemorating the Movement for Women's Rights  <i>International Women's Day</i>	<b>Zahra Rahnavard</b> 9 Iranian Academic, Artist, and Politician	<b>Harriet Tubman</b> 10 Leader in the Underground Railway
<b>Hallie Quinn Brown</b> 11 19th c. Educator, Reformer, Social Activist  <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	<b>Mechthild of Magdeburg</b> 12 13th c. Mystic	<b>Mary Elizabeth Bowser</b> 13 Abolitionist Spy for the Union Army	<b>Fannie Lou Hamer</b> 14 20th c. Voting and Civil Rights Activist Philanthropist	<b>Ruth Bader Ginsburg</b> 15 Second Woman Appointed to SCOTUS Advocate for Gender Equity	<b>Sr. Anne Marie Dengel</b> 16 Founder of Medical Missionary Sisters	<b>Women Celtic Saints</b> 17 St. Bridget, St. Ia, St. Ita, St. Wionefride  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
<b>Golda Meir</b> 18 Israeli Prime Minister Humanitarian	<b>Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez</b> 19 19th c. Supporter of the Mexican War of Independence	<b>Mary Mills</b> 20 20th c. Black Nurse Nursing Ambassador to the World  <i>First Day of Spring</i>	<b>Belle Sherwin</b> 21 19th c. Women's Rights Activist	<b>Dorothy Stratton</b> 22 Executive Director of the Girl Scouts	<b>Ada Maria Mujerista</b> 23 Theologian Former Board Member of Mary's Pence	<b>Esther</b> 24 5th c. b.c. Queen of Persia Savior of the Jewish People Her Story is the Basis of Purim
<b>Margaret Chase Smith</b> 25 20th c. Member of Congress from Maine Worked to End McCarthyism	<b>Emma Sepulveda, Ph.D.</b> 26 Director, Latino Research Center Author: <i>Death to Silence</i>	<b>Adrienne Rich</b> 27 Radical Feminist, Poet, and Essayist	<b>Asma Jahangir</b> 28 Human Rights Activist, Founded first Women's Law Firm in Pakistan	<b>Pearl Bailey</b> 29 Peace Activist Founder, Voices in the Wilderness  <i>Holy Thursday</i>	<b>Kathy Kelly</b> 30 Peace Activist Founder, Voices for Creative Nonviolence  <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>Marjorie Agosin</b> 31 Human Rights Activist, Voice for Latin America  <i>Holy Saturday</i>



## Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries

Cleveland, Ohio

### Supporting Healthy Mothers and Babies

The Collinwood community has one of the highest infant mortality rates in Ohio. Increased unemployment due to factory closures forces families to live in poverty. Fresh produce is unavailable and unaffordable, and many women are uninformed about their own and their children's nutritional needs. Poor pre-natal nutrition and care leads to low birth weights. *Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries* addresses these problems by supporting expectant mothers with classes in nutrition and gardening and the creation of community gardens. Shared wisdom and the goodness of Creation bear good fruit for the mothers and children of Collinwood.



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# April/Abril 2018

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<b>Wangari Maathai</b> <b>1</b> Kenyan Environment Political Activist Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, 2004  Easter	<b>Barbara Caine</b> <b>2</b> Australian Feminist Historian	<b>Dorthea Dix</b> <b>3</b> 19th c. Advocate for the Mentally Ill	<b>Maya Angelou</b> <b>4</b> Poet, Civil Rights Activist Author: <i>I Know Why the            Caged Bird Sings</i>	<b>Pandiat Ramabai</b> <b>5</b> 19th c. Indian Social Reformer	<b>Gloria Macapagal            Arroyo</b> <b>6</b> Filipina Politician, 14th President of the Philippines from 2001 until 2010	<b>Joyce Hilda Banda</b> <b>7</b> President of Malawi from 2012 to 2014
<b>Betty Ford</b> <b>8</b> First Lady of the United States from 1974 to 1977 Activist for the Equal Rights Amendment Founder, Betty Ford Clinic	<b>Irene Morgan            Kirkaldy</b> <b>9</b> Early Civil Rights Activist	<b>Dolores            Fernández            Huerta</b> <b>10</b> Labor Leader and Civil Rights Activist Co-founder of the National Farmworkers	<b>Yom Hashoah</b> <b>11</b> Holocaust Remembrance Day	<b>Clara Barton</b> <b>12</b> Pioneering Nurse Founder, the American Red Cross	<b>St. Julian of            Norwich</b> <b>13</b> 14th c. Christian Mystic and Theologian Author: <i>Revelations of            Divine Love</i>	<b>Simone de            Beauvoir</b> <b>14</b> 20th c. French Writer Women's Rights Activist Author: <i>The Second Sex</i>
<b>Corrie Ten Boom</b> <b>15</b> Dutch Women who Helped Jews Escape the Holocaust Author: <i>The Hiding Place</i>	<b>Joan Sawyer</b> <b>16</b> Bahamian Judge Chief Justice of the Bahamas from 1996 to 2001	<b>Jo Ann Gibson            Robinson</b> <b>17</b> Civil Rights Activist Educator	<b>Augusta Savage</b> <b>18</b> Black Sculptor Associated with the Harlem Renaissance	<b>Betty Greene</b> <b>19</b> Pilot Founder of the Mission Aviation Fellowship	<b>Maria Varela</b> <b>20</b> Photographer for SNCC	<b>Nina Simone</b> <b>21</b> Musician Civil Rights Activist
<b>Loretta C.            Argrett</b> <b>22</b> Asst. Attorney General Advocate for Minority Rights  Earth Day	<b>María Teresa            Tula</b> <b>23</b> Salvadoran political writer Activist Associated with COMADRES	<b>Willa Cather</b> <b>24</b> Recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction Author: <i>O Pioneers!</i> and <i>My            Ántonia</i> .	<b>Martha George</b> <b>25</b> Chairperson of the Suquamish Tribe from the Late 1920s to the Early 1940s	<b>Amy Biehl</b> <b>26</b> Anti-Apartheid Activist in South Africa Assassinated in 1993	<b>Mary            Wollstonecraft</b> <b>27</b> 18th c. Women's Rights Activist Author: <i>The Vindication of            the Rights of Women</i>	<b>St. Catherine            of Siena</b> <b>28</b> Doctor of the Church 14th c. Mystic and Theologian
<b>The Wise            Women of            Mary's Pence</b> <b>29</b> Founders of Mary's Pence   Mary's Pence Founding, 1987	<b>Aviva Chomsky</b> <b>30</b> American Historian Author: <i>How Immigration            Became Illegal</i>					



## Grupo Emprendedor

### La Epifanía

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

#### Combining Talent and Resources to Improve Lives

*Epifanía* is a group of 22 women which began with members of a Catholic parish in urban Tegucigalpa. Many of the women experience gang violence in their neighborhoods. The women of *Epifanía* have businesses selling clothing, shoes, food and household items. Dora Maradiaga, a member of *Epifanía*, is an excellent cook who makes and sells *Nacatamales* (a Honduran tamale), *tortillas*, and artisanal bread. Dora's loans from the ESPERA community lending pool and her talent have enabled her to improve her home and further the education of her children.



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# May/Mayo 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Anna Marie Jarvis 1</b> Founder of Mother's Day	<b>Nannie Burroughs 2</b> 20th c. Black Educator Feminist and Civil Rights Activist	<b>Maryam Mirzakhani 3</b> Iranian Mathematician First Woman Recipient of the Field's Medal	<b>Rosalyn Sussman Yalow 4</b> Medical Physicist Recipient: Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1977	<b>Sr. Barbara Ford 5</b> Missionary Nurse Assassinated in Guatemala
				National Day of Prayer		Cinco de Mayo
<b>Mary McLeod Bethune 6</b> Educator and Civil Rights Activist Advisor to Franklin Roosevelt	<b>Eva Peron 7</b> First Lady of Argentina from 1946-1952 Advocate of Labor Rights Founder of the Eva Peron Foundation	<b>Phyllis Wheatley 8</b> Former Slave 18th c. Black Poet	<b>Septima Poinsette Clark 9</b> Educator and Civil Rights Activist	<b>Maggie Kuhn 10</b> Founder of the Gray Panthers	<b>Mercedes Lopez 11</b> Mexican Artist	<b>Florence Nightingale 12</b> 19th c. Nurse Founder of Modern Nursing
				Ascension of Jesus		
<b>Remember Mothers 13</b> Nurturing Women	<b>Marjory Stoneman Douglas 14</b> Environmentalist Author: <i>Everglades: A River of Grass</i>	<b>Digna Ochoa y Plácido 15</b> Mexican Human Rights Attorney Assassinated in 2001 Recipient: International Human Rights Award	<b>Sr. Magraret Cusack 16</b> 19th c. Founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace	<b>Satya Rani Chadha 17</b> Activist for India's Anti-dowry Movement	<b>Ida Bell Wells 18</b> 19th c. Black Journalist Founder of the NAACP	<b>Lorraine Hansberry 19</b> Black Writer Playwright: "Raisin in the Sun"
Mother's Day						
<b>Sr. Rose Hawthorne 20</b> Founder of the Hawthorne Dominicans Founder of Sr. Rose's Free Home for Poor Cancer Patients	<b>Mitsuye Endo 21</b> Plaintive in SCOTUS Suit that Ended Japanese Internment in WWII	<b>Judy Chicago 22</b> Feminist Artist	<b>Concha Ortiz y Pino 23</b> Member of the New Mexico House of Representatives	<b>YWCA 24</b> (founded in 1855) Organization Working for the Empowerment of Women	<b>Forugh Farrokhzad 25</b> Iranian poet and film director	<b>Sr. Mary Ellen Butcher O.P. 26</b> Advocate for Economic Justice
Pentecost						
<b>Rachel Carson 27</b> Environmentalist Author: <i>Silent Spring</i>	<b>Julia Ward Howe 28</b> Abolitionist, Suffragist, Author of the lyrics of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"	<b>Jehan Sadat 29</b> Egyptian Human Rights Activist	<b>Joan of Arc 30</b> French Hero of 100 Years War Martyr	<b>Elizabeth Blackwell, MD 31</b> First Woman to Earn a Medical Degree in the US		
	Memorial Day Remember Our Grandmothers					



## Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera / Austin So Close to the Border

Austin, Texas

### Forming Cross-border Solidarity Relationships

ATCF supports women who work in *maquiladoras* – predominantly U.S.-owned factories just south of the Mexican border – to form alliances and advocate for improved labor conditions, human dignity, and fair trade. Mary's Pence first granted to ATCF to support their annual *Women and Fair Trade Festival* which highlights artisan producers from women's cooperatives around the world. This year, Mary's Pence was able to support a cross-border delegation from Mexico to Texas that provided the platform for *maquiladora* women workers, local immigrants and allies to discuss economic security and create solidarity relationships across borders during these tumultuous times.



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# June/Junio 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>Helen Keller</b> <b>1</b> Advocate of the Blind and the Deaf Author: <i>The Story of My Life</i>	<b>Hanan Daoud Khalil Ashrawi</b> <b>2</b> Palestinian Legislator
<b>Josephine Baker</b> <b>3</b> Dancer French resistance agent	<b>Marian Wright Edelman</b> <b>4</b> Activist for Disadvantaged Children	<b>Sappho</b> <b>5</b> 5th c. B.C. Greek poet	<b>Sr. Ann Manganaro, MD</b> <b>6</b> Part of the Catholic Worker Movement, Served as a Physician in El Salvador	<b>Elizabeth Gurley Flynn</b> <b>7</b> 20th c. Labor Leader and Activist	<b>Sr. Frances Margaret Taylor</b> <b>8</b> 19th c. British Nurse, Writer, Editor	<b>Anne O'Hara Graff</b> <b>9</b> Theologian and writer Author: <i>In the Embrace of God</i>
<b>Equal Pay Act</b> <b>10</b> Enacted in 1963 Women Make 76% of What Men Make	<b>Jeanette Pickering Rankin</b> <b>11</b> First Woman in Congress Women's Rights Activist	<b>Anne Frank</b> <b>12</b> Victim of the Holocaust Author: <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	<b>Gloria Rolando</b> <b>13</b> Cuban Filmmaker	<b>Alicia Partnoy</b> <b>14</b> Argentinian Human Rights Activist Poet	<b>Evelyn Underhill</b> <b>15</b> 20th c. Mystic Author: <i>Practical Mysticism</i>	<b>Margaret Bondfield</b> <b>16</b> British Labor Politician Advocate for Trade Unions and Human Rights
<b>Marita Bonner</b> <b>17</b> Author: Frye Street and environs: The collected works of Marita Banner	<b>Fay Bennett</b> <b>18</b> Advocate for the Rural Poor	<b>Patria Jimenez</b> <b>19</b> First Gay Elected Official in Mexico Leader in el Clóset de Sor Juana	<b>Nedā Āghā-Soltān</b> <b>20</b> Iranian Martyr for Freedom	<b>Miriam</b> <b>21</b> Prophet in Jewish Scripture Sister of Moses and Aaron	<b>NASA's Hidden Figures</b> <b>22</b> Mary Jackson Katherine Johnson Dorothy Vaughn	<b>Title IX</b> <b>23</b> No One can be Subjected to Discrimination Under any Education Program or Activity Receiving Federal Financial Assistance Because of Gender
Father's Day				First Day of Summer		
<b>Zora Neale Hurston</b> <b>24</b> Early 20th c. Black Writer Author: <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>	<b>Women in Black</b> <b>25</b> Protestors of War and Violence	<b>Pearl S. Buck</b> <b>26</b> Advocate for Minority and Women's Rights Author: <i>The Good Earth</i>	<b>Jovita Idár</b> <b>27</b> Early 20th c. Latina Journalist Advocated for the Civil Rights of Mexican Americans	<b>Sr. Marjorie Tuite, O.P.</b> <b>28</b> Catholic Activist	<b>Shamita Das Dasgupto</b> <b>29</b> Indian Scholar Social Activist	<b>Lena Horne</b> <b>30</b> Civil Rights Activist Jazz Vocalist and Actor



## Concertación de Mujeres de Suchitoto

Suchitoto, El Salvador

### Working in Solidarity

The *Concertación* is a women's organization whose members work to achieve reproductive rights, economic security, organizational skills, and freedom from violence for women. Women in the *Concertación* use their ESPERA loans to support a variety of businesses, including agriculture, clothing production, and creating and preparing food and other items for sale. Maria Antonia Juárez de Vásquez received loans to begin an agricultural enterprise. She is extremely conscientious, repaying her loans on time and participating in women's programs in the community. The money Maria earns from the food she produces is the main source of income for her family, allowing them to survive.



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# July/Julio 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Harriet Beecher Stowe</b> <b>1</b> Abolitionist Author: Uncle Tom's Cabin	<b>Herlina Christine Hakim</b> <b>2</b> Indonesian Actor Activist	<b>Angela Eunjin Oh</b> <b>3</b> Civil Rights Attorney	<b>Women Heroes of the American Revolutione</b> <b>4</b>  Independence Day	<b>Anna Arnold Hedgeman</b> <b>5</b> Civil Rights Activist Author: The Gift of Chaos	<b>St. Maria Goretti</b> <b>6</b> Victim of Sexual Violence	<b>Luisa Moreno</b> <b>7</b> Guatemalan Labor Activist in the US
<b>Eunice Kennedy Schriver</b> <b>8</b> Founder of the Special Olympics	<b>Alice Paul</b> <b>9</b> Suffragist, Women's Rights Activist Original Author of the Equal Rights Amendment	<b>First Meeting of the Women's Political Caucus</b> <b>10</b> Non-partisan Group that Supports Women Candidates	<b>Lady Bird Johnson</b> <b>11</b> Business Woman Advocated for the Beautification of Cities and Highways	<b>Mary Eliza Mahoney</b> <b>12</b> First Black Nurse in the USA	<b>Frida Kahlo</b> <b>13</b> Early 20th c. Mexican Painter	<b>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</b> <b>14</b> First Indigenous Saint
<b>Violette Neatley Anderson</b> <b>15</b> First Black Woman Attorney to Argue Before SCOTUS	<b>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</b> <b>16</b> Mary of Nazareth as Patron of Chile	<b>Hannah Szenes</b> <b>17</b> Hungarian Poet Parachuted into Hungary to Save Hungarian Jews	<b>Arizona Copper Mine Strike of 1983</b> <b>18</b>	<b>Mary Ann Ball Bickerdyke</b> <b>19</b> Union Nurse during the Civil War Advocate for Veterans	<b>Eulalia Arrila de Perez</b> <b>20</b> 19th c. Llavera (keeper of the keys) at Mission San Gabriel, Healer and Midwife	<b>Hortense Sparks</b> <b>21</b> Early 20th c. Civil Rights Activist
<b>Mary of Magdala</b> <b>22</b> A Disciple to Jesus of Nazareth	<b>Nancy Pedrick Mairs</b> <b>23</b> Author who Wrote About Women's Issues and Living with MS, Author: <i>Waist High                      in the World</i>	<b>Amelia Earhart</b> <b>24</b> Aviator Adventurer	<b>Mev Puelo</b> <b>25</b> Photo Journalist Witness to Solidarity Author: <i>The Struggle Is One</i>	<b>St. Anne</b> <b>26</b> The Mother of Mary of Nazareth	<b>Linda Richards</b> <b>27</b> The First Professionally Trained Nurse in the US	<b>Mary Luke Tobin</b> <b>28</b> Advocate for Peace and Justice Founder of Mary's Pence
<b>Nancy Mairs</b> <b>29</b> Devoted Friend to Jesus of Nazareth	<b>Antonia Hernandez</b> <b>30</b> Social Activist Philanthropist	<b>Azar Nafisi</b> <b>31</b> Iranian Author Author: <i>Reading Lolita in                      Tehran</i>				



## Exodus Lending

Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **Creating a Path from Financial Crisis to Stability**

Payday loans are traps for low income families. Predatory lenders ensnare those facing financial emergencies by offering quick and easy loans, payable on the next payday. When the borrower is unable to repay, a cycle of re-borrowing ensues with high interest and fees. Women make up over 70% of those using payday loans. *Exodus Lending* offers a just pathway to financial stability through interest free loans that are repaid within a year, and provides personal support through financial counseling and incentives for savings. *Exodus Lending* allows women to provide for their families with dignity and security.



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# August/Agosto 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>Henrietta Lacks 1</b> Black cancer patient whose cells are used in cancer research Subject of the book <i>The Immortal Cells of Henrietta Lacks</i>	<b>Jewell Jackson McCabe 2</b> Feminist, Social Activist	<b>Flannery O'Connor 3</b> Author: <i>Wise Blood</i>	<b>Isabel Allende 4</b> Chilean American Author Author: <i>The House of the Spirits</i>
<b>St. Mary Ellen McKillop, RSJ 5</b> 19th c. Educator to Australia's Poor	<b>Susie King Taylor 6</b> First Black Army Nurse	<b>Lydia Villa-Komaroff 7</b> Molecular Biologist Advocate for Women in STEM Careers	<b>Sr. Maureen Gallagher, OP 8</b> Founder of Mary's Pence 	<b>St. Theresa Benedicta (Edith Stein) 9</b> Theologian Martyred at Auschwitz	<b>Geraldine Ferraro 10</b> First Woman Nominated for the Vice-Presidency	<b>St. Clare of Assisi 11</b> Founder of the Poor Clare's in the Franciscan tradition
<b>Alexa Canady, MD 12</b> First Black Person to Become a Neurosurgeon	<b>Sr. Maude Domenica Mary Petre 13</b> Early 20th c. British Theologian Author: <i>Modernism: Its Failure and Its Fruits</i>	<b>Sr. Irene FitzGibbon 14</b> 19th c. Founder of New York City Foundling Hospital	<b>Edna Ferber 15</b> Author, Playwright Pulitzer Prize Recipient Author: <i>So Big</i>  Assumption of Mary	<b>Marilyn Joy Waring 16</b> Feminist Economist Author: <i>If Women Counted</i>	<b>Raissa Maritain 17</b> Early 20th c. Philosopher and Poet	<b>Sojourner Truth 18</b> Abolitionist and Feminist Delivered the Speech "Ain't I a Woman?"
<b>Simone Weil 19</b> Early 20th c. Mystic and Philosopher Author: <i>Waiting on God</i>	<b>Carolee Schneemann 20</b> Contemporary Visual Artist	<b>Alice Garg 21</b> Advocate for Abolishing the Caste System in India	<b>Willa Beatrice Player 22</b> Black Educator and Civil Rights Activist	<b>St. Rose of Lima 23</b> 16th c. Religious Sister who Cared for the Poor	<b>Clara Maass 24</b> 19th c. Nurse who Volunteered to Study Yellow Fever	<b>Sumi Haur 25</b> Equal Opportunity Activist
<b>US Women get the Right to Vote 26</b>	<b>St. Monica of Hippo 27</b> Patron of Mothers	<b>Lydia of Philippi 28</b> Early Church Leader and Benefactor	<b>Tz'u-hsi 29</b> Co-regent for the Emperor of China	<b>Sr. Jeanne Jugan 30</b> 19th c. Founder of the Little Sisters of the Poor	<b>Dr. Maria Zavala 31</b> Activist for Latina Access to Medical Professions	
Women's Equality Day						



## Asociación de Mujeres Rurales “Olga Estela Moreno” (ASMUR)

Bajo Lempa Region, El Salvador

### Promoting Women’s Economic Independence

*ASMUR* is an organization of rural women who work to reduce gender inequality and violence against women, while promoting women’s economic independence.

The women of *ASMUR* are from many different communities and backgrounds in the Bajo Lempa region. Evelin Mirtala Maravilla, who is on the Board of Directors of *ASMUR*, is one of three women who provide council and assistance to others working to improve the management of their businesses. In addition to her commitment to *ASMUR*, Evelin manages a small shop that she invested in with loans through *ESPERA* and works with her family to raise corn and livestock. She is pictured with her daughter, Génesis Alexandra Maravilla.



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# September/Septiembre 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>Ela Ramesh Bhatt</b> <b>1</b> Indian Advocate of Women's Rights
<b>Annie and Sarah Delany</b> <b>2</b> 20th c. Civil Rights Pioneers Authors: <i>Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years</i>	<b>St. Theresa of Calcutta</b> <b>3</b> Cared for the Sick and Poor of India  <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Honor All Women's Work</i>	<b>Gertrud Heinzelmann</b> <b>4</b> 20th c. Swiss Feminist	<b>Give Us Bread and Roses Textile Strike</b> <b>5</b>	<b>Jane Addams</b> <b>6</b> 19th c. Leader in Women's Rights and Peace	<b>Kiran Bedi</b> <b>7</b> First Woman to Join the Indian Police Service	<b>Nativity of Mary of Nazareth</b> <b>8</b>
<b>Louise Thompson Patterson</b> <b>9</b> 20th c. Political Activist	<b>Lillian D. Wald</b> <b>10</b> Early 20th c. Nurse and Human Rights Activist	<b>Remember world-wide terror victims</b> <b>11</b>	<b>Ngoan Le</b> <b>12</b> Founder of the Asian American Institute	<b>Antonia Pantoja, MD</b> <b>13</b> First Latina Recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom	<b>St. Catherine of Genoa</b> <b>14</b> 15th Century Mystic who Cared for the Sick	<b>Shirley Graham DuBois</b> <b>15</b> Civil Rights Activist
<b>Mary Beth Edelson</b> <b>16</b> Artist and Feminist	<b>St. Hildegard of Bingen</b> <b>17</b> Doctor of the Church 12th c. Mystic, Musician, Artist and Healer	<b>Helen Zia</b> <b>18</b> Activist for Asian and GLBTQ+ Rights	<b>LaDonna Harris</b> <b>19</b> Founder of Americans for Indian Opportunity	<b>Billie Jean King</b> <b>20</b> Former #1 Professional Tennis Player Feminist	<b>International Day of Peace</b> <b>21</b>  <i>International Day of Peace</i>	<b>Phu Xiong, MD</b> <b>22</b> Founder of Quik Urgent Care Clinic, the First Hmong Owned Medical Clinic  <i>First Day of Autumn</i>
<b>Mary Church Terrell</b> <b>23</b> Founding Member of the NAACP	<b>Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND</b> <b>24</b> Advocate for the Poor and the Environment in Brazil Martyred in 2005	<b>16th Street Baptist Church bombing by the KKK</b> <b>25</b> Victims: Four black children, Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Carol Denise McNair	<b>Mary Brave Bird</b> <b>26</b> Lakota Activist for Indigenous Rights	<b>Liu Sola</b> <b>27</b> Chinese Musician	<b>Ada Deer</b> <b>28</b> Asst. Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs	<b>Gabriela Silang</b> <b>29</b> 18th c. Leader in Filipino Movement for Freedom from Spain
<b>Ruth Cheney Streeter</b> <b>30</b> Advocate for women's rights						



## Centro de Recursos Educativos Para Adultos (CREA)

New York, New York

### **Increasing Families' Well-Being Through Culturally Responsive Education**


When an East Harlem education center was closed in 2010, two volunteers who are also immigrants were approached by students who wished to continue their education. As a result, *CREA* was established in 2013 by immigrant women for immigrant women. *CREA* serves adults whose first language is Spanish or an indigenous language. Those with limited language skills have more difficulty finding employment, navigating day to day transactions and are vulnerable to unethical landlords. The success of children is often determined by the educational level of their parents. The classes offered by *CREA* increase the well-being of families and create a stronger community.



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# October/Octubre 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Thérèse of Lisieux</b> 1 Doctor of the Church Mystic	<b>Käthe Kollwitz</b> 2 German Artist Whose Works Depict the Impact of Poverty, Hunger and War	<b>Penny Lernoux</b> 3 Champion of Latin American Poor	<b>Kek Galabru, MD</b> 4 Cambodian defender of Human Rights	<b>Maya Lin</b> 5 Designer of Vietnam Veterans Memorial	<b>Rosalie Muschel-Reinhardt</b> 6 Mary's Pence Founding Board Member 
<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> 7	<b>Vilma Martinez</b> 8 Civil Rights Activist  <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>Pray for Indigenous Peoples</i>	<b>Sr. Mary Joseph Rogers</b> 9 Early 20th c. Founder of the Maryknoll Sisters	<b>Aparna Basnyat</b> 10 Humanitarian, Reformer	<b>Eleanor Roosevelt</b> 11 Humanitarian	<b>Ann Petry</b> 12 Black Author Author: <i>The Street</i>	<b>Mary Williams</b> 13 Equal rights activist Adopted daughter of Jane Fonda, Author: <i>The Lost Daughter: A Memoir</i>
<b>Sor Juana</b> 14 17th c. Mexican Mystic and Poet	<b>St. Teresa of Avila</b> 15 Doctor of the Church Mystic Author: <i>The Interior Castle</i>	<b>Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins</b> 16 Indigenous Tribal Leader	<b>Mae Carol Jenison</b> 17 First Black Women to Travel in Space	<b>Violeta Barrios de Chamorro</b> 18 Leader of Nicaragua Brought the Contra War to a Close	<b>Ellen Malcolm</b> 19 Advocate for Equality Founder of Emily's List	<b>Mary Kolmer, Shirley Kolmer, Kathleen McGuire, Agnes Mueller, Barbara Muttra</b> 20 Martyred in Liberia
<b>St. Ursula</b> 21 4th c. Martyr	<b>Barbara C. Harris</b> 22 First Woman to Become an Angelical Bishop	<b>Shahla Sherkat</b> 23 Iranian Publisher	<b>Rebecca Rouse</b> 24 Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Massachusetts (2004-2009)	<b>Irena Sendler</b> 25 Polish Nurse who Served in the Polish Underground in WWII	<b>Juliette Gordon Low</b> 26 Founder of the Girl Scouts	<b>Carrie Chapman Catt</b> 27 Early 20th c. Suffragist
<b>Elizabeth Cady Stanton</b> 28 Suffragist, Abolitionist	<b>Maxine Hong Kingston</b> 29 Chinese American Author Author: <i>The Woman Warrior</i>	<b>Abigail Adams</b> 30 Founding Mother of the US	<b>Catherine Hoffman</b> 31 Founder of Youth Peace and Justice Corps  <i>Halloween</i>			



**Asociación de Mujeres  
Sembradoras de Esperanza**  
Santa Cruz del Quiché, Guatemala

**Caring for Family and Culture**


*Asociación de Mujeres Sembradoras de Esperanza* is an organization of women that employs the culture and values of the *Quiché* people as a guide to sustainable processes for improving living conditions. Most of the *Asociación's* members live in rural areas and have used their ESPERA loans to raise crops and livestock, others sew and weave items to sell. Doña Margarite, pictured here with a cow she purchased with an ESPERA loan, is the caretaker for her ailing husband and her 96 year old mother. She and her daughters support the family through agriculture.



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# November/Noviembre 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>Olympe de Gouges 1</b> 18th c. French Feminist and Abolitionist	<b>Rosemary Radford Reuther 2</b> Founding Board Member of Mary's Pence	<b>Anne Knight 3</b> 19th c. Feminist and Abolitionist
<b>Sr. Janemarie Luecke 4</b> Founding Board Member of Mary's Pence   Daylight Savings Ends	<b>Margaret Cavendish 5</b> 17th c, British Aristocrat, Philosopher, Poet, Scientist, Fiction-writer, and Playwright	<b>Sr. Jeanne Chézard de Matel 6</b> 17th c. French Mystic	<b>Marie Curie 7</b> 19th c. Pioneer in The Study of Radioactivity Recipient of the Nobel Prize for Physics and Chemistry	<b>Fanny Kemble 8</b> 19th c. British Actress Author: <i>Journal of a Residence on a Georgian Plantation in 1838-1839</i>	<b>Diana L. Hayes 9</b> Black Womanist Theologian	<b>Lynda Van Devanter 10</b> National Women's Director of the Vietnam Veterans of America
<b>Sr. Catherine McAuley 11</b> 19th c. Founder of Sisters of Mercy  Veterans' Day	<b>Mary Astell 12</b> Feminist Author: <i>A Serious Proposal to the Ladies</i>	<b>Juliana Dogbadzi 13</b> Advocated to Abolish Religious Slavery in Ghana	<b>Julia and Celina Ramos 14</b> Martyred with the Jesuits in El Salvador	<b>Women of Liberia 15</b> Mass Action for Peace	<b>Margaret Hassan 16</b> Aid Worker in Iraq Abducted and Murdered in 2004	<b>Winson Hudson 17</b> Civil Rights Activist Established Head Start programs
<b>Wilma Pearl Mankiller 18</b> Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation 1985-1995	<b>Emma Lazarus 19</b> 19th c. Poet Author: <i>The New Colossus</i> , that Appears on a Plaque on the Pedestal of the Statue of Liberty	<b>Nora Kizer Bell 20</b> Proposed a Feminist Prospective to Medical Ethics	<b>Our Lady of the Presentation 21</b> Mary of Nazareth is Presented at the Temple in Jerusalem	<b>St. Cecilia 22</b> 4th c. Christian Martyr  Thanksgiving Day	<b>Our Lady of Peace 23</b> Mary of Nazareth Understood as a Bringer of Peace	<b>Las Mariposas 24</b> Martyred Dominican Sisters Who Opposed Rafael Trujillo
<b>International Elimination of Violence against Women Day 25</b>	<b>Emma Goldman 26</b> Early 20th c. Writer and Speaker on Women's Rights	<b>Dorothy Day 27</b> Pacifist, Advocate for the Poor Author: <i>The Long Loneliness</i>	<b>Mary Walker 28</b> Civil War Surgeon	<b>Shirley Chisholm 29</b> First Black Congresswoman	<b>Elizabeth Kenny 30</b> Early 20th c. Australian nurse Pioneer in Physical Therapy	



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### Responding to Needs of Bhutanese and Somali Bantu Immigrants

Every infant has the right to good nutrition, safe baby equipment, clean diapers and clothing. New parents who are also immigrants must cope with the stress of parenthood on top of day to day stresses of being new to the country. *MAYA* is fulfilling the need for prenatal support and education to the Bhutanese and Somali Bantu communities in Pittsburgh by offering a series of prenatal classes in their native languages. Attendance is incentivized by the distribution of *MAYA* money, which can be used to acquire infant necessities such as car seats, clothing and diapers. Through the Prenatal Program, *MAYA* promotes healthy families, healthy communities and the dignity of every human person.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>Rosa Parks</b> Civil Rights Activist <b>1</b>
<b>Jean Donovan, Sr. Maura Clark, Sr. Dorothy Kazel, Sr. Ita Ford</b> Maryknoll Sisters martyred in El Salvador <b>2</b>	<b>Patty Mink</b> Advocate for Women and the Poor <b>3</b>	<b>Edith Cavell</b> 18th c. British Nurse in WWI Executed as a POW <b>4</b>	<b>Alabama Bus Boycott of 1955</b> <b>5</b>	<b>Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ</b> Feminist Theologian <b>6</b>	<b>Cynthia Maung</b> Physician and Humanitarian <b>7</b>	<b>Sr. Mary Aloysia Hardy</b> 18th c. Sacred Heart Sister who Established Convents in the US <b>8</b>
First Sunday of Advent						Immaculate Conception of Mary
<b>Ruby Dee</b> Civil Rights Activist <b>9</b>	<b>Emily Dickenson</b> 19th c. poet <b>10</b>	<b>Marie-Marguerite d'Youville</b> Founded the Sisters of Charity of Montreal <b>11</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Mary of Nazareth Appearing as an Aztec Princess Patron of the Americas <b>12</b>	<b>Ella Baker</b> 20th c. Civil a Rights Activist <b>13</b>	<b>Catherine de Hueck Doherty</b> Social Worker Founder of the Madonna House Apostolate <b>14</b>	<b>Senai Sarihan</b> Malaysian Human Rights Attorney <b>15</b>
	International Human Rights Day					
<b>Margaret Mead</b> Anthropologist <b>16</b>	<b>Amy Carmichael</b> Early 20th c. Missionary to India <b>17</b>	<b>Clara Hale</b> Indigenous Guide for Lewis and Clark <b>18</b>	<b>Sacagawea</b> Indigenous Guide for Lewis and Clark <b>19</b>	<b>Madam C.J. Walker</b> Early 20th c. Black Entrepreneur and Philanthropist <b>20</b>	<b>Emma Tenayuca</b> Latina Labor Leader <b>21</b>	<b>St. Frances Cabrini</b> Founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart First US Citizen Canonized <b>22</b>
Las Posadas Begin					First Day of Winter	
<b>Mary Antoinette</b> Missionary and Martyr <b>23</b>	<b>Hortense Powdermaker</b> Anthropologist <b>24</b>	<b>Mary Gives Birth to Jesus</b> <b>25</b>	<b>Our Lady of Chiquinquirá</b> Title Given to Mary in the Andean Region of South America <b>26</b>	<b>Eve Ensler</b> Playwright and Feminist Activist <b>27</b>	<b>Arundhati Roy</b> Recipient of the Man Booker Prize Author: <i>The God of Small Things</i> <b>28</b>	<b>Sr. Thea Bowman</b> Sister and Servant of God Author: <i>Families, Black and Catholic, Catholic and Black</i> <b>29</b>
<b>Families Living in Poverty</b> 45 Million People Live Under the Poverty Level in the US <b>30</b>	<b>Sr. Marie Augusta Neal, SND</b> Sociologist New Year's Eve <b>31</b>	Christmas Day				



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