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ANNUAL REPORT

GLOBAL RIGHTS
for WOMEN Justice for
Victims of Violence

OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Global Rights for Women works with leaders around the world to advance women and girls' human right to live free from violence through legal reform and institutional and social change.

Thanks to your support, our work has included:

62 international partners

26 countries

where we have worked to systemically address violence against women and girls including Australia, Georgia, Kosovo, Latvia, Moldova, Morocco, and North Macedonia in 2018

5 years
of operation
focused on
ending violence
against women
and girls

Over 1,000 legal professionals trained

65 million women

impacted by improved laws, policies, and practices

In 2018, Global Rights for Women's mission came alive across the world!

Country by country, GRW influenced law reform and systemic change to end violence against women and girls.

GRW responded to a request from leaders in the Republic of Georgia to address a deadly gap in implementing the country's domestic violence law -- the need for law enforcement agencies to quickly identify situations most likely to result in serious harm to victims. In response, GRW developed a risk assessment tool that enables Georgian police to identify the most dangerous domestic violence cases. As a result, police can now intervene more quickly to prevent further injury and death to women who are most at risk. Very importantly, GRW worked closely with victims of domestic violence in developing the risk assessment tool, to make sure it addresses domestic violence as it is actually experienced by Georgian women.

GRW and its Moldovan partners launched the country's first court monitoring program, and issued a report evaluating the courts' response to violence against women and girls. The launch of the report culminated a two-year project that included training for court monitors, observation in the Moldovan courts, and review of sexual violence, trafficking, and domestic violence cases. The report makes concrete recommendations, some of which are already being implemented -- including further training for judges and prosecutors which GRW will conduct in Chisinau, Moldova in July 2019.

Australia's commitment to ending extremely high levels of violence against women and girls brought GRW to Melbourne and Sydney in the spring of 2018. Seven GRW trainers from Minnesota's judiciary, law enforcement, prosecution, and probation agencies trained their Australian colleagues on how to enforce laws prohibiting violence against women and girls.

Our team of volunteers and staff worked with the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota International Center on an initiative to prevent female genital mutilation in Minnesota. GRW collaborated with community partners to research and develop recommendations for law enforcement and the legal community to ensure an effective response to this human rights abuse.

GRW promoted global accountability to end violence by publishing *Time for a Change: The Need for an International Treaty on Violence Against Women*.

GRW also influences global policy on violence against women and girls through our ongoing work with the United Nations. In 2018, this included monitoring internationally-accepted standards for the delivery of essential services to women and girls who are victims of domestic violence. With 193 member countries of the United Nations, this work dramatically increases GRW's global impact.

Our focus on system and legal reform to ensure women's and girls' human right to be free from violence is a unique and world-changing mission.

Thank you for your continued support!



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Thomas".

Cheryl Thomas
Chief Executive Officer



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Ihrig".

Richard Ihrig
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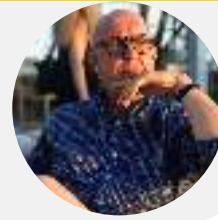
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Time for a Change: The Need for a Binding International Treaty on Violence Against Women

Global Rights for Women published a report on the need to strengthen international law on violence against women and girls.



Australia

We worked in Victoria and Queensland to develop and organize integrated and coordinated community responses to domestic violence for more than 500 advocates and legal professionals.

Kosovo & North Macedonia

Our team was invited to the Balkans to provide recommendations, and begin implementation of improved community response to violence against women and girls.



Latvia

We partnered with local organizations and embassies to provide training in Latvia to improve judicial and social workers' response to cases of violence against women and girls.



Moldova

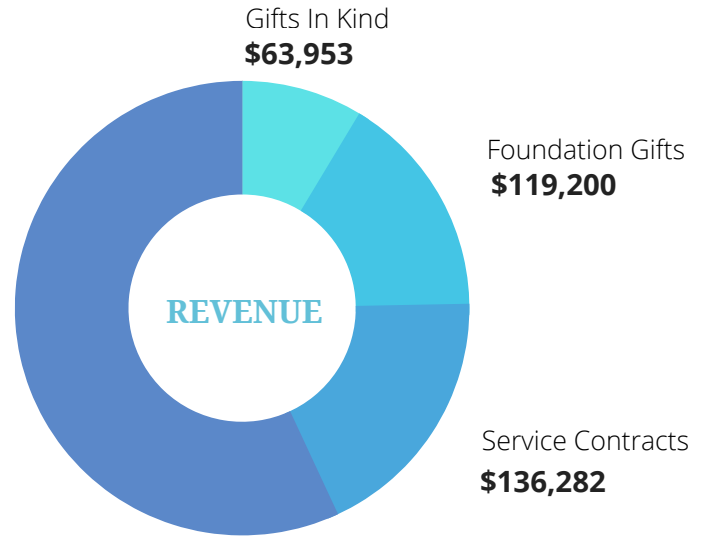
We worked with the Women's Law Centre in Moldova on an institutional assessment of the response to violence against women and girls. Together, we launched the report that monitored these cases and provided 49 recommendations for improvement.



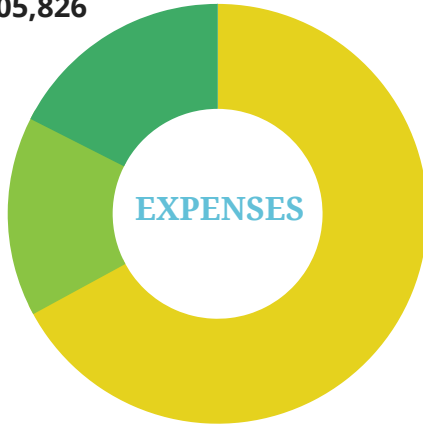
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Year Ended December 31, 2018

Total Revenue: **\$741,761**



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\$105,826

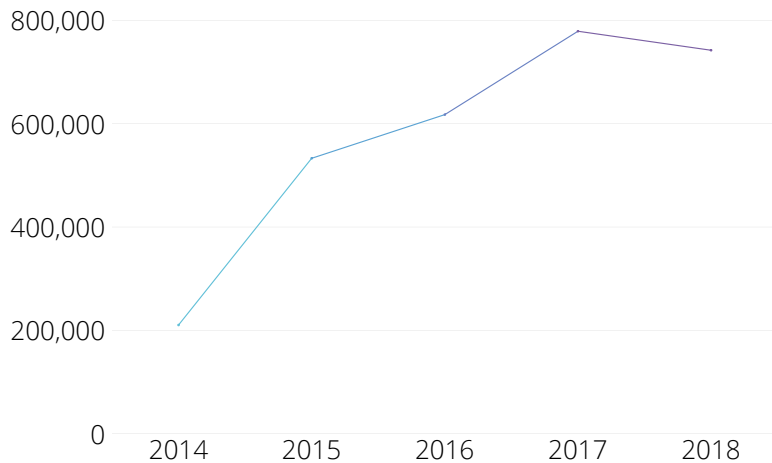


Management & General
\$92,952

Total Expenses: **\$603,589**

Program
\$404,811

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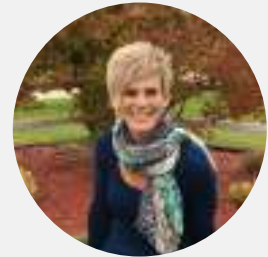


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 Top right: Graham Barnes presenting at Astana Kazakhstan

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At the launch of our GRW Working Group in Washington, D.C. with guest, Rep. Rick Nolan, April 2018



GRW presents to attendees at the launch of our Time for a Change report, 2018



CEO Cheryl Thomas with U.S. Embassy leaders and Women's Law Center in Moldova, 2018



Board Members with Keynote Speaker, Eve Ensler at GRW's Fall Event, October 2018

Our uncompromising commitment is motivated by these stark realities:

600 million

women still live in countries where domestic violence is not a crime

1 in 3

women will still experience violence in her lifetime

Countless

requests to partner with leaders around the world to enforce law and policy on violence against women

Together, we will continue our work of creating a world where women and girls live in equality and freedom from violence. Thank you for joining us to achieve our vision.

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"Energy" by Pamela Forrest

Minneapolis-based artist celebrating women and spirit

"The flow of energy that emanates all around us from the roots deep in the earth to the universe and beyond. We are all part of that flow, and interconnected as a result. What we do with our contribution is up to us."

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