



Flight Attendants Rise to the Challenge with CARE

World Wings International is a philanthropic organization led by flight attendants from Pan American Airways. Since the first chapter launched in 1953 they've grown to 30 chapters worldwide. They are a powerhouse group of women dedicated to promoting the legacy of Pan American Airways. And they are changing the world with CARE.



Nancy McAllister is president of World Wings International and shared with *Impact* magazine her thoughts on the difference World Wings International hopes to make in the lives of domestic workers throughout Latin America.

Q. How did World Wings International initially choose to support CARE?

A. World Wings enthusiastically selected CARE when I was first on the board, and I recall our membership being very enthused about affiliating ourselves with CARE. Having flown to so many places in the world where poverty was clearly evident, our members understood the need to help others from firsthand observations, and it was a perfect fit. Ironically we also had quite a number of Europeans who had received CARE Packages as children, which even came with fond memories of dresses made from the fabric in the parachutes used to deliver the packages.

Q. CARE's Dignified Work initiative aims to empower 10 million household workers in Latin America. What about that effort inspires your group to support it?

A. Educating workers about their rights and teaching them to become a unified voice within their communities will take time as well as a culture change. We could not tolerate young teenage girls and women being subjected to such harsh working conditions without hope of ever improving their lives.

Q. What is your hope for this project in Latin America?

A. Helping these girls and women gain respect, the possibility of fair compensation and perhaps some additional education resulting in a better job is what we'd like to see. Everyone deserves a reasonable chance for something better, and lifting one's self up when given the chance is an opportunity we're proud to facilitate in any way possible. ●



World Wings International members present their most recent gift to CARE president and CEO Michelle Nunn. Since the organization's first gift in 1995, World Wings International has donated nearly \$1 million to CARE programs around the world.

My first CARE trip to India made me into a staunch CARE supporter. I have been on CARE trips with World Wings to Asia, Africa and South America. I will never forget the excitement of a 13-year-old girl in first grade. Finally she was allowed to learn reading and writing instead of caring for her younger siblings or herding the family's livestock. I believe in the way CARE touches and improves the lives of women, girls and their families.

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