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CELEBRATING WOMEN GLOBALLY

UCGF CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH ACROSS FAIRFIELD COUNTY

The month of March has been very busy for us as the UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. (UCGF) has been eagerly celebrating the women of our community and beyond. The U.N.'s theme for this year's worldwide celebration is "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change."

Our executive director, Angelucci Manigat, was on WPKN, a non-commercial radio in Bridgeport, discussing the history behind the Women International Day (March 8). The Orange Campus of University of New Haven (CT) hosted on March 13 an event where our

executive secretary, Sabine Januski and Angelucci shared information about the work of UNESCO for gender equality.



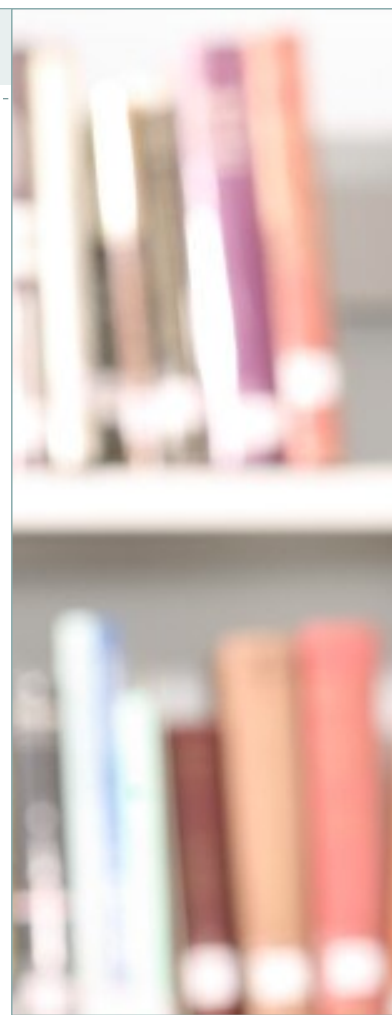
On March 8, Sabine was the keynote speaker at a Women's Month Celebration activity at the Ferguson Library South End Branch, in Stamford (CT). She received a standing ovation following her presentation.

The UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. organized its own Women's Month Celebration through an evening of thought-provoking discussions, poetry reading and live entertainment on Thursday, March 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Bridgeport Public Library Main Branch.

That free event featured keynote speaker Reine C. Boyer, who is an attorney with her private practice in Fairfield County, the co-founder of Anacaona Youth Enrichment Program, and an executive board member of The Klein Memorial Auditorium.

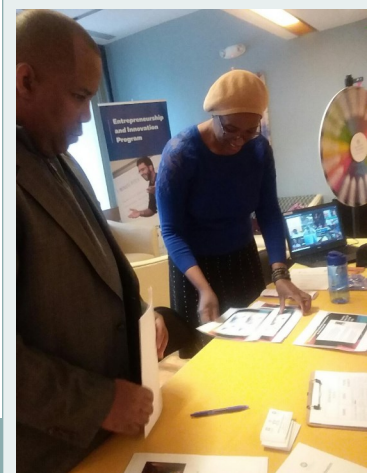
Additionally, poet, author and radio personality M.L. Brooks; veteran singer and musician Vaillant Domingue, Jr. and the Bridgeport-based youth orchestra Vision Academy of Music shared their talents with the audience.

Through these events, dozens of people signed up to receive our monthly newsletter, and expressed interest in joining UCGF.



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WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY

From a month-long book drive, we have collected 8,000 English, Spanish and French books, computers and printers for our literacy programs that support free community and school libraries in Haiti, Jamaica and Nicaragua.

The donations came mostly from residents of Stratford, Trumbull, Fairfield, Bridgeport, Westport, Norwalk and Stamford, in Connecticut. The support of institutions and organizations such as Darien Book Aid, New Haven Reads, Norwalk Public Library, UConn Library Stamford Campus, Haitian American Professionals Association of Connecticut, Inc. and International Alliance for the Advancement of Children, Inc. has greatly contributed to the success of this book drive.

We are now in the second phase of this project, which is to raise \$20,000 to get the collected library materials to their intended destinations by this summer.

We have launched a fundraising campaign

“Reading Saves and Enriches Lives” as we are about to celebrate the International Book Day on April 23.

To help us reach our goal, you can make a donation on our www.crowdrise.com / UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. / Reading Saves and Enriches Lives, by gofundme.

You can also make a donation on our website: www.unescocgf.org or by mail:

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For questions or comments about this campaign, please feel free to email at info@unescocgf.org or call our direct line at (203) 981-5527.



*“Be the change you want to see in the world.”
~ Mahatma Gandhi*

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

Our next public activity will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stratford Public Library, in Stratford, Connecticut, in celebration of World Press Freedom Day.

The event will provide a platform for multiple speakers to exchange on current issues, threats and achievements concerning freedom and the future of the press. This year’s theme “Media for Democracy: The Relevance of Community Journalism in Times of Disinformation” will explore 1) The State of Freedom of Information in Connecticut 2) The Contributions of Ethnic Media to The American Democracy 3) The Efficient Use of New Media for Human Rights and 4) The Impact of Globalization on American News Outlets.

Our panel discussions will include media scholars and professional members of the press. We will serve light refreshments.

VOLUNTEER WITH US TODAY!

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Positions	Description
Volunteer Coordinator	Recruit volunteers; distribute assignments, monitor result outcomes and prepare evaluation for the Executive Board and the Advisory Board..
Community Outreach	Identify and engage potential contributors to our programs; develop and maintain strong relationships with our supporters.
Book Donation and Shipment Team	Coordinate book delivery, packing and shipping arrangements.
Fundraising Team	Outline and implement a fundraising strategy.
Social Event Coordinators	Organize social gatherings for recruiting and fundraising purposes.
Grant Writers	Research and write grants.
Marketing Team	Develop and execute a marketing strategy.
Social Media Team	Manage our social media accounts, in coordination with our webmaster.
Newsletter Editor	Solicit items for publication, edit contributions, develop layout and coordinate e-mailing and web-posting.
Finance Team	Assist the Executive Treasurer with the preparation of the yearly budget and regular finance reports to the boards .
Accountant	Provide the accounting services
Webmaster	Manage contents, design layout, increase traffic and keep up with technology trends.

If you are interested in joining our international efforts to build communities of readers, please feel free to call (203) 981-5527, or email us at info@unescofgf.com.

ABOUT US

UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. is a tax-exempt corporation and a formally recognized center of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), affiliated with the U.S. Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations. Our mission is to increase cultural awareness and create a more informed public by obtaining and disseminating factual data and educational materials about national and world problems as well as the activities of international organizations.

By and through our various programs, we provide educational materials and professional assistance to libraries in underdeveloped countries, and help develop free cultural programs, such as book fairs, lectures, cultural festivals and art exhibits, for US-based libraries.

We also host activities that celebrate major international days observed by UNESCO, including:

- January 27: Holocaust Day
- March 8: International Women Day
- April 23: International Book Day
- May 3: World Press Freedom Day
- July 30: Friendship Day
- August 23: Slavery Remembrance Day
- December 1: AIDS Day

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

Level	Price Per Year
Student	\$20.00
Adult Regular	\$40.00
School / NGO	\$100.00
Cooperate	\$500.00
Sponsor	\$1,000.00



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