

2010 Highlights

US Women & Cuba Collaboration

- Re-launched U.S. Women & Cuba Collaboration annual women's delegations to Cuba. 21 U.S. women representing a broad spectrum of issues interests, age, ethnicity/race participated in the research delegation under the theme "*Women's Human Rights, Racial Justice and Social Welfare.*" The March 12-23, 2010, Delegation was organized by Marazul Charters, Inc. in consultation with the Collaboration. Raised funds for matching scholarships to assist 6 young women of color to participate and also to support MEDICC activities for US students attending the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM), in Havana, Cuba. (January - March, 2010)
- Organized 3 Film screenings of *Salud!/To Your Health!* through House parties in Bozeman, Belgrade and Virginia City and for students at Montana State University to raise funds and awareness about the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM), in Havana.. The MSU Screening was co-sponsored with the MSU Native American Studies Department to promote and recruit students for the ELAM specifically from Native American nations across Montana. (January - March, 2010)
- Hired part-time (10 hours/week) Program Coordinator to assist with Foundation Fundraising research and writing and to organize a new student group, Sisters Across Borders, at Montana State University. She recruited over 80 students and some community members and organized three events during her work contract with the organization. (February - June, 2010)
- Cosponsored International Women's Day (March 8th) events in Seattle Washington including a march and separate event to honor local women for their work. (March, 2010)
- Worked with the National Network on Cuba and other U.S. based Cuba solidarity organizations to bring two students and a representative from ICAP (Cuban Institute in Solidarity with the Peoples) from Cuba to the U.S. Social Forum. The U.S. visas did not arrive in time to allow the representatives from Cuba to attend USSF. (May/June, 2010)
- Conducted three workshops at the 2010 U.S. Social Forum in Detroit, Michigan: 1) *Why women? Why Cuba? Building a Women's Movement for Cuba!* 2) *End the War Economy! Build an Economy for Peace* 3) *Sisters Crossing Borders:*

Advancing women's Rights Through Global Feminisms. Panelists included women from Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Literacy Project, National Organization for Women, Venezuela and Cuba. Over 150 people attended the workshops and hundreds more were reached through literature we distributed and discussions at other workshops. (June, 2010)

- Conducted a workshop with NOW's Global Feminist Strategies Committee at National Organization for Women's 2010 National Conference in Boston entitled *Sisters Across Borders Demand to Ratify Women's Human Rights*. 30 people attended and signed up for the Collaboration's e-list(July, 2010)
- Cosponsored Women's Equality Day (August 26th) event in Washington and participated on panel to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in Washington State. (August, 2010)
- Presented Sack Lunch Seminar workshop and spoke to classes at Montana State University in Bozeman on Global Women's Movements and Cuba specifically for the Program in Women's Studies and Women's Center which reached over 100 participants. (September, 2010)
- Organized U.S. Speaking Tour of Professor Norma Vasallo, Chair of Women Studies at the University of Havana, a month-long, six state (Boston, MA; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; San Diego, CA; Seattle, WA) series of campus and community events to organize around right to travel, strategies to advance women's rights and social justice in US and sisterhood between the US and Cuban women; unfortunately the US Visa was delayed and the Tour is postponed to 2011. (August - November)
- Launched plans for 2011 women's delegation to Cuba to attend the VII International Women's Conference at the University of Havana in May, 2011 (November, 2010)
- Launched plan for March/April 2011 U.S. national tour to premiere the documentary, "Maestra", a film about the 1961 Literacy campaign in Cuba and why literacy is a critical women's and girl's human right nationally and globally. Catherine Murphy, Director/Producer of the film, and Norma Guillard, Cuban activist and participant in the literacy campaign, will be featured as part of the tour. (November, 2010)