

# HER VOICE

A Newsletter from HER Fund

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## HER Fund was launched on March 8, 2004

After two years in preparation by the Hong Kong Women's Fund (Preparatory Committee), on March 7, we held a press conference to launch **HER Fund (Her Empowering Resources Fund)**. We also presented findings of our research into local women's groups' funding needs.

## The 4th International Network of Women's Funds (INWF) conference in Brazil in March 2004

HER Fund is an associate member of the INWF. The Brazil conference was energizing. We learned a lot about how sister women's funds round the world operate.

## \$88 for March 8

Our first fund raising activity was the '\$88 for March 8' campaign. December 10 is International Human Rights Day and March 8 is International Women's Day. Between the two important days from one year to the next are 88 days. By HER Fund's launch day, we raised HK\$60,000. !! Thank you all !! Our donor database is expanding. At time of writing, it is about 300-name strong. HER Fund is accountable to every donor. *HER VOICE* is to keep you in touch of our work.

## Beneficiaries of \$88 for March 8 fundraising campaign

On launch day we made six small but meaningful grants to six women NGOs:

Gutsy Women – concern with body image and violence against women.

1. Association for the Advancement of Feminism – promotes gender equality through policy advocacy and action.
2. The Women Workers Association – concern with grassroot women workers' issues, initiated women cleaners' union, women workers' cooperatives.
3. Action for REACH OUT – concern with sex workers rights.
4. Bethune House Migrant Women's Refuge – refuge for migrant women in Hong Kong who are experiencing difficult situation.
5. McLehoy Community Centre – health projects through drama for women.

## Looking ahead

HER Fund is applying to overseas funding bodies for support of operational cost. In the coming months, we will be launching our second fund raising campaign for grantmaking purpose. We plan to set up our website soon. We will also be working on partnership building with grantees and women NGOs in Hong Kong. If you feel you want to get more involved or help our work, please contact us (details on center page)

### HER Fund Distinguished Friends

We have invited the following well known women to become our distinguished friends, to assist and promote HER Fund's work: Ms Anna Wu Hung-yuk; Ms. Christine Fang Mung-sang; Ms. Christine Lok Kung-Wai, Ms. Cyd Ho Sau-lan, Ms. Margaret Ng Oi Yee.

### Words from some our Distinguished Friends

*Ms. Anna Wu Hung-yuk*

Knowing that women have difficulties accessing capital, Supporting the HER Fund is the most direct means of supporting the development of women. I support the cause and I admire those working tirelessly for the cause of women.

*Ms. Christine Lok Kung-wai*

I am happy to support the HER Fund and am very glad that a group of committed women scholars and activists have started such a project. With so many other public policy issues fighting for the public's attention today in Hong Kong, it is vitally important that gender issues are not forgotten.

### Executive Committee Members

The first elected executive committee of HER Fund:

- Chair: Catherine Ng Wah-hung  
Vice-Chair: Linda To Kit-lai  
Hon. Treasurer: Chung Yuen-yi  
Hon. Secretary: Chan Yu  
Other Members: Cecilia Young Dongling,  
Lam Wai-ha  
Chew Choo-lin



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