



Women's Marches worldwide united 4.7 million people in 700 marches to make women's rights human rights.

Marchers in Malawi called for ending child marriage; protesters in India called for keeping women safe from violence; advocates in the US and Europe called for protecting health, reproductive rights, and economic opportunities.

The power of women rising must be steadfast; it will be tested daily against policies of fear, isolationism, injustice, and discrimination.

To keep us inspired, the March newsletter features *Still I Rise*, a powerful poem by Maya Angelou coupled with photographs by [Mark Tuschman](#).

here's what we are **doing** to help women **rise!**

featuring by Maya Angelou
still i rise

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

You can also send your favorite words and images to Lesley Lammers, lammers@pfcsocialimpact.org, and we will share them on our website and Twitter.



what's new

women leading change fund: silicon valley community foundation

To unlock the power of women globally as change agents, we are launching the Women Leading Change Fund in partnership with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The Fund will do three things:

1. Teach and train women in how to be change agents and develop powerful problem-solving strategies.
2. Build global partnerships across disciplines—from private sector to foundations, to philanthropists and social entrepreneurs—to connect and share solutions.
3. Unite research and knowledge on women in emerging economies.

join us

oxford women leading change webinar: women in finance supporting women-led organizations

Join us on March 14, 2017, from 9-10am Central for a webinar hosted by Oxford Impact Investing Programme, Said Business School, Oxford University, on **Women Leading Change: Women in Finance Support Women-led Organizations**. The session will be facilitated by OIIP Programme Director Gayle Peterson, Associate Fellow, Said Business School, Oxford University. Panelists will share their experiences on ways they have used capital to empower women:

- Ali Webb, Director, W.K. Kellogg Foundation: Provides catalytic investment to empower women entrepreneurs in low-income urban and rural communities. WKKF provides funding in the US, Mexico, and the Caribbean.
- Sujata Lamba, Senior Advisor, World Bank: Supports women entrepreneurs in India and Brazil through public-private partnerships.
- Padmini Gupta, Founder, Rise: Has created a fund to help women immigrants achieve financial security in the UAE.

coming soon

gender and worker well-being case study: levi strauss foundation and levi strauss & co.

There are 40 million workers in the apparel industry today; the majority are women living and working in sub-standard conditions. **Making Worker Well-being Business as Usual** showcases Levi Strauss Foundation (LSF) and Levi Strauss & Co.'s (LS&Co.) efforts to demonstrate that what's good for apparel workers is good for business. The case walks readers through the launch of a five country initiative impacting 29,500 workers to the expansion to 12 countries and impacting a total of 97,500 workers. Cutting edge questions include: How are effective partnerships built across the supply chain to improve the well-being of workers? How does a company build a strong partnership with its corporate foundation and align staff to work toward a shared vision of worker well-being? How does an organization approach a "big bet" and at the same time be willing to fail and learn from that failure? Look for the case in April on our website.

join us...

Want to partner on our work? Let us know how we can work together to let all women rise. Very best wishes,

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look for us...

- March 23-24, Gayle Peterson will keynote the [International Impact Investing World Forum 2017](#) at Oxford University.
- On March 31, Gayle will provide a lecture at [Moscow School of Management Skolkovo](#) to discuss the role of education in promoting creative leadership and sustainability.
- In November, SBS will launch a new [Social Finance Programme](#) to showcase programs that take finance to scale in the areas of climate change, worker well-being in the textile industry, and reinvestment in cities. Gayle is Programme Director and working with Academic Director Professor Alex Nicholls.