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Dear TWF friends

As I write this, the team are still recovering from last week's TWF Gala which saw almost 500 people gather at the Conrad Hotel to celebrate another year of achievements and excitement at TWF.

We were fortunate to have Madeline di Nonno, CEO of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, as our keynote speaker this year. In her powerful presentation, Madeline shared the findings from the Institute's latest global research on the under-representation of women in leading roles on the one hand and the overwhelming number of sexualised female characters on the other, even in films directed at children. For the latest headlines on gender in media news, please subscribe to the Institute's SmartBrief free e-newsletter [here](#).

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who bought a table or ticket to attend the Gala, who made a pledge or participated in the auction and raffle. Thank you also to the many amazing brands who supported the event as a sponsor or by donating an auction or raffle prize. Thanks to your generosity, we managed to raise over HK\$4 million for our research and programmes for disadvantaged women and girls.

In particular, a big thank you to our major supporting partners - ANZ, Kering, State Street, Thomson Reuters, Escada and Fancl.

To access the photos from the evening and to view Madeline's keynote speech, click [here](#).

If you enjoyed the Gala, please save the date now for our **2016 International Women's Day Lunch** which will be on **Friday March 4, 2016!**

Warm regards

Su-Mei Thompson  
 CEO, The Women's Foundation

**TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES**

**Life Skills Programme Teachers' Workshop**

Last weekend, around 20 teachers from our Life Skills Programme partner schools gathered for a workshop on how to facilitate their students to use our Self-Help Student Handbook through practical teacher-led activities to introduce the Handbook and concepts of personal strengths, flow, mindfulness and positive communication.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**
**DLA PIPER AND TWF BREAKFAST**

WITH KATHY MCCARTNEY,  
 PRESIDENT OF SMITH COLLEGE


**DLA Piper and TWF Breakfast with Kathy McCartney, President of Smith College**

**DATE:** Thursday, November 12, 2015

**TIME:** 8.00 – 9.30 a.m.

**VENUE:** DLA Piper, 17/F Edinburgh Tower, The Landmark

15 Queen's Road, Central

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER:** Kathleen McCartney is the 11th president of Smith College. President McCartney focuses on issues important to women around the world and has launched important initiatives on women in STEM and the capacities students need to succeed and lead. President McCartney will talk about how Smith is preparing students for careers in STEM and other non-traditional fields, and Smith's new partnership with HKUST to groom women leaders in this region.

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**TWF FUNDRAISER**

HELPING KIDS WITH  
PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS



**TWF Fundraiser Helping Kids With Public Speaking Skills**

**DATE:** Sunday, November 15, 2015

**TIME:** 2.00 – 6.00 p.m.

**VENUE:** 14-221 Academic 3, CityU

**ABOUT THE EVENT:** Master Mind Education will be running workshops on November 15 to help kids prep for the 67th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival. The workshops are free but participants are encouraged to make a donation to TWF. Click [here](#) for more details.

**HONG KONG INTERCLUB**

ALUMNI MIXER



**Hong Kong Interclub Alumni Drinks**

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015

**TIME:** 6.30 – 10.30 p.m.

**VENUE:** Boujis, 37-43 Pottinger Street, Central

**TICKETS:** HK\$100 (Includes 1 drink)

**ABOUT THE EVENT:** Hong Kong Interclub is delighted to host November's networking drinks at Boujis. Boujis will offer Happy Hour rates and Hong Kong Interclub will donate 30% of the entrance proceeds to The Women's Foundation. Click [here](#) to RSVP.



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**EXTERNAL EVENTS**

**TWF is delighted to be supporting the following events:**

**NOVEMBER 6:** AMCHAM 12th Annual [Women of Influence Conference and Awards](#)

**NOVEMBER 9-12:** Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Smith College [Leadership Program for Women](#)

**NOVEMBER 11:** Euromoney Legal Media Group [Asia Women in Business Law Awards](#). To reserve your place, please email [Simon King](#) or call +852 2842 6936

**WHAT WE'RE READING**

**Our top picks for recommended reading and listening on the key trends and breaking stories about women and gender:**

- [Nepal's Parliament Elects Nation's First Female President](#) (The Washington Post)
- [In Saudi Arabia, Where Women's Suffrage Is A New Idea](#) (The New York Times)
- [China Abandons One-Child Policy](#) (Wall Street Journal)
- [Why Hong Kong Is Failing Its Young Families](#) (SCMP)
- [Feminist Husbands Are The Best. Just Ask Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#) (The Guardian)
- [Michelle Payne Becomes First Female Jockey To Win The Great Race](#) (ABC News)
- [Having A Soda With The 14-Year-Old Indian Girl Who Conquered Everest](#) (Makers)

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