THE TRUSTEESHIP JUDY MILLER FUND FOR TOSTAN KIDS

Judy Miller was a founder and an early president of The Trusteeship. She devoted many years of continuous love, service, strength and leadership to the organization.  To honor her and her work as a global humanitarian, Trusteeship members are forming a legacy fund at Tostan, a non-profit that Judy discovered and put on the map.

Tostan means dignity in Wolof — the local language in Senegal where Tostan is based. Its programs empower African communities to learn about health, human rights and sustainable development.  Tostan is particularly recognized for its work in changing cultural norms. The organization employs a singular ground-up approach where individuals at the local level lead community change after participating in Tostan programs.  Chief among these has been the halting of female genital cutting, domestic violence, and early childhood marriage in hundreds of villages.

Trusteeship members were introduced to Tostan and its founder & CEO, Molly Melching, through Judy. She first visited Tostan in 1996 and was so impressed with what she saw that she became a great champion.  Nominated by Judy, Molly was selected as the first winner of the Trusteeship’s Meredith MacRae Award in 2000 that is given through the Trusteeship’s Leadership and Education Fund.  Many Trusteeship members have personally supported Tostan financially over decades and Molly became a Trusteeship member in 2005. In 2006, Trusteeship members visited Tostan in Senegal to see its work.   We are planning another Trusteeship trip to Tostan in early 2017, and Judy’s daughters are interested in joining us.

Given the many strands woven between Tostan and The Trusteeship, we are establishing a memorial fund for Judy, THE TRUSTEESHIP JUDY MILLER FUND FOR TOSTAN KIDS. It supports one of Tostan’s newest programs that Judy was most fond of: sharing information that has led parents to change cultural norms and better take care of young children.  The program works to overcome the traditional practice of ignoring and not talking to children for fear this will attract dangerous spirits to them. Lack of nurture has resulted in learning difficulties as the children grow older. The Tostan program builds skills to help parents interact with babies, helps children learn language and think creatively, and provides theoretical knowledge and major concepts of early childhood development to villagers in ways they can adopt as their own.  Today, the program is in nearly 400 Senegalese communities where children are thriving.  This transformational program needs funds to reach new villages clamoring for it.

THE TRUSTEESHIP JUDY MILLER FUND FOR TOSTAN KIDS could not be a more happy and significant way to honor Judy’s memory and ensure her legacy. Please join us in supporting the new Fund.

TO DONATE:

Either

send a check to

Tostan, 1301 Clifton Street NW, #300, Washington DC 20009.

Designate: The Judy Miller Fund for Tostan Kids

Or

Use a credit card at [www.Tostan.org](http://www.Tostan.org).

Push Donate.

In the process, you will be asked if this is a tribute gift.

Write in Judy Miller/Judy Miller Fund for Tostan Kids

You will be asked who Tostan should notify of the gift.

Please Indicate Julie Edwards, 2618 San Miguel Drive, Ste. 408, Newport Beach, CA 92660