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Imagining a World Without Violence

2012 Neighbors in Need grant recipient, **MADRE**, located in New York City, is an international women's human rights organization that works with community-based women's organizations worldwide to address issues affecting women, including physical, emotional and sexual violence. MADRE realizes that a cogent understanding of the social, economic, environmental, and political conditions that confront women is critical to a just society.

"MADRE works to educate widespread audiences about the impacts of policies put forth by governments, international financial institutions and other centers of power on women and their communities worldwide and to press for alternatives to destructive policies," says Executive Director Yifat Susskind. "MADRE focuses on reaching people and guiding them through the process of transforming their values into coherent positions in favor of women's human rights and justice. This enables them to take part in the debates that shape those policies and strengthen justice advocacy for affected communities."

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With the aid of a 2012 Neighbors in Need grant, MADRE was empowered to work with partners in Iraq to help amplify their voices and provide analysis surrounding the ten-year anniversary of the U.S. invasion. Additionally, they coordinated with a sister organization to gather and publicize stories of the impact of the war on Iraqi women and families. This public education campaign included an editorial written jointly by Ms. Susskind and the director of their partnering organization; a special webpage devoted to MADRE's public education related materials; and an interactive timeline of the past ten years of U.S. policies and practices in Iraq and their impact on women's rights.

"Thanks to your support, we were also able to gather updates about one community in Iraq called Haweeja, where families living in close proximity to a U.S. military base are experiencing severe levels of birth defects and cancers in children," said Susskind.

MADRE bears witness to the core values of the UCC: changing lives, continuing testament and extravagant welcome. For more info on MADRE visit www.madre.org/index.php.

With your support, Neighbors in Need is Imagining a World Without Poverty.



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

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