



Join Wendy Ackerman and become an Ambassador for the 1000 Women united against domestic violence and abuse initiative

- One out of every four women in South Africa is in an abusive relationship.
- Every six days a woman in South Africa is murdered by her intimate partner.
- Every 25 seconds a woman or girl is raped in South Africa.

These shocking statistics are not new to us, because every time we read a newspaper or turn on the television, we are made aware of the escalating level of abuse towards women and girls that takes place in our communities every day. We are calling all South Africans to stand together and speak out. Join 1000 Women 1 Voice!

Since 2004, we have been mobilising “1000 Women to Unite against Domestic Violence” in Cape Town. “This initiative has seen 1000 women standing together against domestic violence.” We have organised 10 events in Cape Town thus far and now it is time to engage our friends in Johannesburg and Durban.

You are invited to attend our first event in Gauteng on 30 October 2015 at Sha-Mani Lodge, Alberton and in KwaZulu-Natal at the Tsogo Sun Garden Court South Beach Hotel on 26 November 2015.

About the initiative

The flagship event of the *1000 Women Trust* was a luncheon at the Cape Town International Convention Centre that united 1000 Women. The event offered inspiring speakers, wonderful entertainment, a great goody bag and wonderful networking opportunities.

In addition, we mobilise resources to provide access to skills and leadership capacity building and also provide seed funding (grants) to women-led organisations that provide support to communities.

Our grantmaking partner, WHEAT Trust, will announce the awards and grants that will be distributed to grassroots women-led organisations later during the year and the hope is that they will be able to mobilise and participate in the programmes during 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children. During 2015 we donated R880 000 towards the support of grassroots, women-led organisations from the proceeds of the event in Cape Town.

“Being one of the founding members of the *1000 Women United Against Domestic Violence Initiative*, I believe every South African should get involved in this initiative. Join me and make yourself heard!” - **Wendy Ackerman, Trustee.**

Objectives of the 1000 Women Trust:

- *1000 Women 1 Voice* is an innovative initiative that cuts across cultural, economic and class divides to provide a platform for women and men to stand together and to speak out against domestic violence, abuse and rape in our communities.
- The initiative gives opportunities to women and men to make a difference to the lives of grassroots, women-led initiatives in South Africa.
- The initiative brings together women and men from all walks of life and provides spaces for networking and sharing valuable information on the domestic violence, abuse and rape pandemic in South Africa.
- Business women and men, academics and grassroots leaders come together at strategic network meetings to grapple with the issues concerned (Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban).
- The 1000 Women Trust also provides an opportunity for all participants to invest in solutions for grassroots, women-led organisations and, by doing so, strengthen their work in their communities.
- Our hope is that the initiative will also provide many women with the motivation and insight to foster change in their families and communities. The initiative is a reaction to the national call on women to make the whole year a call-to-action, to stand together, and to speak out against gender-based violence, sexual violence, abuse and rape.

How can YOU get involved?

- Become an Ambassador – donate R1 000 and mobilise your friends to join the 1000 Women 1 Voice initiative. For special rates for your friends and a private invitation to media events, send an e-mail to info@1000women.co.za
- Donate to the 1000 Women Trust and provide funds for grants that support projects working with violence against women. Visit our website at www.1000women.co.za
- Make sure your company invests in this project. Invest R10 000 to bring 10 people to the event and we will ensure your branding is visible at the event. Contact info@1000women.co.za for more information.
- The tickets to the events in Gauteng and Durban (brunch) are **R150 per person** per event. To book now, phone 021 782 8816.

Become a significant partner in this prestigious, one-of-a-kind event and add your name to the growing number of good citizens and companies that take a stand against domestic violence.

Thank you,

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