Dear Friends,

I am writing to tell you about my visit to Riga, organized by Donor Direct Action, where I had a chance to see first-hand the work of MARTA. MARTA is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, and I am hoping you will join me in supporting their work to end all forms of violence against women in Latvia.

As president of a small private foundation, I was grateful for this extraordinary opportunity to see MARTA and its staff in action and to learn more about how our funds, re-granted to MARTA by Donor Direct Action, are used on the front lines of the women's movement. I was tremendously impressed with MARTA's dedicated staff led by Iluta Lace, a dynamic and inspiring leader. Iluta is clearly well known throughout Latvia for her accomplishments and deep commitment to the advancement of women, particularly their protection from sex trafficking and domestic violence.

MARTA has achieved some remarkable goals, including recently the adoption of legislation allowing for court orders of protection in cases of domestic violence. As I lawyer, I am sure that these court orders of protection will no doubt save lives, as they have in other countries. I was so glad to meet Iluta and her team and see for myself the important work of MARTA. Donor Direct Action is supporting a solid, dynamic organization that is working hard, providing valuable assistance to women, improving the law and bringing new ideas to the cultural scene that will make life better for women and girls in Latvia.

We have renewed our support for MARTA. I urge you to learn more about their work and join me in making a contribution on the occasion of their fifteenth anniversary to help them reach more women and have even greater impact in the years to come.

- GLORIA S. NEUWIRTH

EMERGENCY CAMPAIGNS

Through its website, Donor Direct Action makes it possible for individuals around the world to learn about and support the work of its partners with online contributions. Donor Direct Action also identifies special needs and runs emergency fundraising campaigns for its partners.

After the abduction of the Chibok Girls, Donor Direct Action initiated a special ***Emergency Campaign*** to support the work of its Nigerian partner Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA), in an effort to channel concern for the girls into strategic action to strengthen the women's movement in Nigeria.