



▶ Aminata Kebbie with her daughter Susan in Kono, Sierra Leone. Photo by Michael Nii Adjei / PIH



THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE:

Chicago women raising funds and awareness for global maternal health in alliance with Partners In Health

The Partners In Health Women's Alliance is a philanthropic, learning, and service initiative in Chicago aimed at catalyzing a group of women philanthropists to impact the health of women and children by becoming educated on the issues, engaging with PIH leadership and staff, advocating for PIH's patients, and mobilizing philanthropic resources. Members will do more than make donations. They will listen and learn, forge and facilitate relationships, and be a hands-on experiential group of activists committed to PIH's mission to bring high-quality health care to some of the world's most impoverished people.

Why Women?

Women are the champions of health care in their communities. Whether they are mothers caring for their sick children or the nurses and midwives in health clinics who deliver over 90 percent of health care in the world, women are the backbone of health systems.

Women are also the lynchpins of their families and communities. When a mother dies in childbirth, the entire family and community suffer. When women are healthy, poverty and malnutrition decline, living standards improve, and economic growth increases. Finally, women's health is a litmus test for a health system.

Delivering excellent health care for women in resource-poor settings requires the staff, equipment, facilities, and systems that ultimately make the entire community healthier and more prosperous. Investing in women's health is an investment in health for all.

Today, women's collective and individual philanthropic influence is stronger than ever. Women now control a greater share of philanthropic dollars and have more influence over the key issues of our day. At the same time, women's health and rights around the world are under attack. We are calling on women philanthropic leaders to stand in solidarity with the women and children we serve around the world.

I would like to learn more about joining the PIH Women's Alliance of Chicago.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

How did you hear about the PIH Women's Alliance of Chicago? _____

Your Commitment:

Give or raise a minimum annual donation of \$2,500 to Partners In Health.

Invite philanthropic and community leaders in your network to participate in Women's Alliance activities.

Volunteer to help organize and attend various Women's Alliance events throughout the year.

Background on Partners In Health

Founded in 1987 by Dr. Paul Farmer, Ophelia Dahl, and Dr. Jim Kim, PIH is a global health organization relentlessly committed to improving the health of the poor and marginalized. PIH builds local capacity and works closely with impoverished communities to deliver high-quality health care, address the root causes of illness, train local providers, advance research, and advocate for global policy change. For nearly 30 years, we have gone where we're needed most, whether that be to Haiti, Rwanda, or any of the other countries where we work and live. We care for patients in their homes and communities. We work in close partnership with local government officials and the world's leading medical and academic institutions to build capacity and strengthen health systems. And we stay in the countries where we work, committed to accompanying the people and communities we serve for the long-term. PIH is unique because we seek to bring the highest quality health care and health systems to the poorest communities—treating not only diseases like HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis, but also addressing cancer, neonatology, surgery, and trauma care, while building a health system that spans from the community level all the way up to the tertiary care level.



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Benefits and Activities

Members of the PIH Women's Alliance will become ambassadors for women's and children's health and for PIH, growing their understanding of the issues while also growing the circle of women philanthropists engaged with PIH. Members will get an inside look into PIH's work on these issues via access to the following benefits and activities:

- ▶ Access to a leading global health organization and its visionary leadership.
- ▶ A calendar of 6-8 educational and inspiring events with PIH leaders and experts from around the world, including two members-only events per year.
- ▶ Members-only trips to PIH sites around the world.
- ▶ Opportunities to include the next generation in Alliance activities and events.
- ▶ The chance to meet other female philanthropic leaders from your community and around the country.
- ▶ Induction into the PIH Leadership Giving Society, which offers unique engagement opportunities for \$1,000+ annual donors.
- ▶ A greater understanding of how to engage in more strategic, sustainable, and impactful philanthropy.
- ▶ Formal and informal leadership opportunities.

The PIH Women's Alliance general membership is governed by a Steering Committee. General members can be nominated to join the Steering Committee each spring. The Executive Committee leads the Steering Committee and consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Membership Chair, and all PIH Trustees.

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