The COVID-19 Pandemic has forced millions worldwide to stay home. The Gulf Coast Chapter invites everyone to

UN WOMEN - NOW MORE THAN EVER
to stay home. The Gulf Coast Chapter invites everyone to use this time to connect - to each other and to other women around the globe.

An unwelcome byproduct of staying at home is increased domestic violence. Some reports show as much as a tripling of domestic violence and sexual exploitation cases. For those living with abuse, not going to work means a refuge falls away, a means of alerting the authorities disappears, and lost wages compound the challenges of escape.

UN Women is working to provide hotlines, online counseling, and personnel to support crisis response and help governments ensure access to services during this period. UN Women is also coordinating with civil society organizations to provide shelters with support and supplies. Quarantine centers have been established to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse. In Antigua and Barbados, UN Women advocated with telecommunications firms in a novel approach to provide toll-free calls for survivors of violence.

GCC Community Connections - Online!

Let's learn together.
GCC Member Conversations

1.) Gender and Refugees:
Join us from 1 - 2 p.m. Thursday, May 7, online for a GCC Member Conversation about global refugees. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE IN THE TIME FROM AN EARLIER NEWSLETTER. Click on this Zoom link at 1 p.m. on May 7: Join Conversation.

Guest host: Dr. Jody L. McBrien, Professor at USF, with an interest in refugee studies and human rights and migration at USF. About Jody.

Jody will share a 10 minute presentation, "Beyond Survival: Helping Refugees to Thrive." She will then moderate an open group discussion on the topic.

Learn more about this issue through these links:

- UN refugee agency "rapidly adjusting" the it works amid COVID_19 pandemic: UNORG.

2.) LGBTQ Protections Around the Globe: Join us from 2 - 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, online for a GCC Member Conversation on this issue. Click on this Zoom link at 2...
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Host: Selisse Berry, Founder of Out and Equal Workplace Advocates, the world's largest non-governmental organization specifically dedicated to creating safe and equitable workplaces for LGBTQ people. About Selisse.

GCC Book Club

GCC Chapter Members
Enjoy a Second Showing of Select TWE Films! Some of our filmmakers have made their films available to our GCC Chapter members for an encore showing. Members Click Here; password: twe2020.

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GCC 2020-2021 SEASON
Events at GCC WEBSITE

Saturday, October 17, 2020
"Women and the Environment"
Issue-oriented Fall Lunch
Sarasota Yacht Club

Saturday, February 6, 2021
Walk With Us
Payne Park

March 5-7, 2021
22nd Annual Through Women's Eyes International Film Festival

Gulf Coast Chapter Book Club
This active book club meets every second Monday at the Sarasota North County Library from 2:30 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Leita Kaldi Davis, Lkaldi@hotmail.com.

About Your Donations
UN WOMEN is the UN organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide.

UN Women supports global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programs and services needed to implement these standards.

UN Women stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life, focusing on five priority areas:

- increasing women's leadership and participation
- ending violence against women
• ending violence against women
• engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes
• enhancing women's economic empowerment
• making gender equality central to national development planning and budgeting

Your Gulf Coast Chapter

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