

## About WTB

**Women Transcending Boundaries** is an egalitarian community of women from many faith and cultural traditions. Through programs, events, and social interactions, we seek to nurture mutual respect and understanding by sharing information about our diverse beliefs, customs, and practices and by working together to address our common concerns in this post-9/11 world. Our further intent is to share our personal and collective experiences with the wider community, to educate, and to serve.

**Women Transcending Boundaries** started in Central New York after September 11, 2001, when women of diverse faiths realized that their common concerns and values far outweigh their differences. According to their interests and availability, members participate in Sunday programs (one afternoon a month from September through May), a book club, sewing and craft classes for refugee women, informal sharings, networking with like-minded organizations, and service throughout the community.

Today, more than 500 women are involved in WTB. Our officers and members have included women who are Bahá'í, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Native American, Quaker, Unitarian Universalist, and Wiccan; women who are atheist or agnostic; and women who are on a nondenominational spiritual path. We gather to learn about each other's traditions and beliefs, hear and discuss topics of interest to women and children, and form friendships with women from many different backgrounds.

WTB is always evolving: When you become a part of this unique group of women, you will add to the dynamic with your own perspective and gifts. We welcome all women to join our current activities as well as to propose new ones.

WTB has been featured by *CNN International*; *The New York Times*; *The Post-Standard*; *Family Circle*; *O, The Oprah Magazine*; *Syracuse New Times*; *PBS Religion & Ethics Newsweekly*; and *Women's Faith and Spirit*.

### SOME WTB ACHIEVEMENTS

We have received awards from Peace Action of Central New York, Syracuse University, Syracuse Jewish Community Center, and Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs.

We have received grants from the Syracuse Commission on Women, the Cultural Resources Council, the Community Foundation of Central New York, and the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse.

We belong to the North American Interfaith Network (NAIN), the United Religions Initiative (URI), and the Charter for Compassion.

We participate in The Leadership Classroom, a project of the Community Foundation of Central New York (CFCNY).

### Service Projects

On the national and international level, we have raised funds for Ibtida (a secular school for underprivileged children in rural Pakistan), Women for Women International, Stephen Lewis Foundation (supports African grandmothers caring for AIDS-orphaned grandchildren), and Starfish International (runs a girls' school in the Gambia, West Africa).

Locally, we have supported projects that help Chadwick Residence, Literacy Volunteers of Greater Syracuse, Carol Perry's Refrigerator Door Project, OnPoint for College, Relatives as Parents Program, Mothers Against Gun Violence, and sewing and ceramics classes and a community garden for women refugees resettled in Syracuse by InterFaith Works.



## Women Transcending Boundaries

For information about A-OK Weekend:

[aok@wtb.org](mailto:aok@wtb.org)

For information about events, dates, times, locations, or to sign up for our newsletter:

[www.wtb.org](http://www.wtb.org) or [info@wtb.org](mailto:info@wtb.org)

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
(JUNE 1 – MAY 31)

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

(MOBILE) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Native Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests that bring you to WTB? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you learn about WTB? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dues are \$20 per year**

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be a WTB member but am unable to pay dues

I would like to make an additional donation to help fund WTB projects and activities, including scholarships for women unable to pay dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**WTB ■ PO Box 6847 ■ Syracuse, NY 13217**

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Women Transcending Boundaries created “A-OK! Acts of Kindness Weekend” in 2010 to bring together individuals and organizations to collaborate on projects of their own choosing. Projects are as diverse as the people and groups working on them: building community gardens, filling food pantries, cleaning streets, weeding and pruning in parks, planting flower bulbs and trees, doing health screenings, rehabbing houses, creating community rooms, organizing donations, and creating 9/11 community commemorations in parks and on school and college campuses.

Some projects take place during the weekend; others can last for a week, a month or longer. Some projects are based on new ideas; others add new volunteers to good work that is already being done.

Help make our community a healthier, safer, more inviting, and friendlier place to live.

**Be part of the planning for the next A-OK! Weekend**

**Volunteer your skills during the next A-OK! Weekend**

**Find more information at**  
**[www.wtb.org](http://www.wtb.org)**  
**and**  
**<http://a-okweekend.wikispaces.com>**

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