Women's Declaration International USA



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Starting in 2022, we will be doing business as Women's Declaration International USA, Inc. (WDI USA), and will no longer be using Women's Human Rights Campaign USA (WHRC USA) after the end of 2021.

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WDI USA's actions are guided by the <u>Declaration on Women's</u> <u>Sex Based Rights</u>, a document that reaffirms the principles set out in the UN *Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women*, 1979 (CEDAW).

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Activities and Accomplishments

The U.S. <u>chapter</u> of the Women's Human Rights Campaign (WHRC USA) works to advance the aims of the <u>Declaration</u> on Women's Sex-Based Rights throughout the U.S.

Having launched in the summer of 2020, WHRC USA started 2021 ready to go.

In February, we submitted written <u>testimony</u> in support of bills to save women's sports in seven separate states, including Texas. We also <u>testified</u> in support of a bill to prohibit pediatric "transition" in Utah. All of WHRC USA's written testimony throughout 2021 can be found on its website. WHRC USA also put out a <u>statement</u> opposing the confirmation of Rachel Levine to serve as Assistant Secretary of Health on the ground that he supports the off-label use of puberty blockers for children.

March saw the passage of the so-called Equality Act in the U.S. House of Representatives.WHRC USA sent a <u>letter</u> to Senate Majority Leader Schumer, signed by over 1500 women all over the world, explaining how dangerous the Equality Act would be for women and girls. WHRC USA Vice President Lauren Levey, a constituent of Senator Schumer, had worked to develop a relationship with one of his staff members. We had a meeting with her, and then sent the letter directly to that staff member, who confirmed receipt and assured us that she would deliver it to him personally. WHRC USA also submitted written <u>testimony</u> to the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposition to the bill and received confirmation that it had been received by every member of the Committee, on both sides of the political aisle.

Over the course of the year, we worked with numerous volunteers all across the country. Our volunteer corps is the heartbeat of our organization. Nothing would be accomplished without them. They are in the streets all the time, spreading the word about the Declaration.

Following a March 2021 whistleblower <u>report</u> to a local radio station that men were being housed in the Washington Corrections Center for Women on the basis of their so-called "female gender identity," a concerned citizen filed a FOIA request. She asked for a count of inmates who claim "transgender" status, and for the number of inmates transferred from a men's to a women's facility since January I, 2021.WHRC USA volunteers responded by organizing a project to file FOIA requests in all 50 states, and the current FOIA request responses have been published on our website. That project is ongoing.

In April, we launched a new <u>website</u>, distinct from and linking to the international website of the Women's Human Rights Campaign.

On Mother's Day, WHRC USA volunteers <u>took</u> to the streets to educate people about WHRC USA's mission and the <u>Declaration</u> on Women's Sex-Based Rights, and to support mothers everywhere.

WHRC USA incorporated formally as a not-for-profit corporation in July. The bylaws require the appointment of a President, Vice President, and Secretary and allow for the appointment of a Treasurer. The board elected Kara Dansky as President, Lauren Levey as Vice President, and Marian Rutigliano as Secretary. Several women would serve in the role of acting Treasurer before the organization brought on a volunteer to serve as Treasurer formally.

In October, we filed an *amicus* <u>brief</u> before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee in a case called *Tennessee v. Department of Education*, where twenty states are suing the Biden administration over a series of orders and memos issued during the first half of 2021. In our brief, we argued that redefining sex to include "gender identity" constitutes unlawful sex discrimination, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

On November 8, WHRC USA President Kara Dansky <u>published</u> The Abolition of Sex: How the 'Transgender' Agenda Harms Women and Girls. The global Women's Human Rights Campaign hosted a formal <u>launch</u> of the book later that month.

We look forward to working with all who fight to protect the rights, privacy, and safety of women and girls going forward into 2022 and beyond.

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Founders' Appeal

In September, WHRC USA launched its first ever special appeal, the Founders' Appeal. In just six days, sixty-two donors contributed **\$4,001** toward one year's fee for Salsa Labs communications and fundraising software to help us stay in touch with supporters and grow the organization.



Deck the Halls of Congress

In November and December, we raised **\$6,885** toward the cost of mailing one copy of Board President Kara Dansky's new book, *The Abolition of Sex*, along with constituent comments, to each of the 535 members of the U.S. Congress. More than 87% of the funds raised for this appeal came from new donors; a positive sign of WHRC USA's growing reach.



FY2021



- **100%** of contributions came from individual donors.
- Total income in FY2021 was **\$19, 811**
- **55%** of contributions were restricted
- **45%** of contributions were unrestricted general operating support
- Almost **90%** of every dollar spent went directly to programming
- \$10,789 was spent on programming
- **\$1,315** was spent on operations and administration