

## Mobilizing for change



**WAND and WiLL women mobilizing to visit Members of Congress on Capitol Hill during the biannual national conference.**

During the conference, women community leaders and state legislators convene to understand and articulate vital issues of our day.

## Forging connections

### Endorsing Organizations

American Association of University Women  
American Nurses Association  
Legal Momentum  
Ms. Foundation for Women, Inc.  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs  
National Institute for Women of Color  
National Women's Political Caucus  
Older Women's League  
Ploughshares Fund  
Progressive States Network  
Unitarian Universalist Association  
Women's Campaign Forum  
Women's Foreign Policy Council  
Women USA Fund, Inc.  
YWCA of the USA

## Building networks



WiLL is a national non-partisan network of women state legislators who work together to influence federal policy and budget priorities.



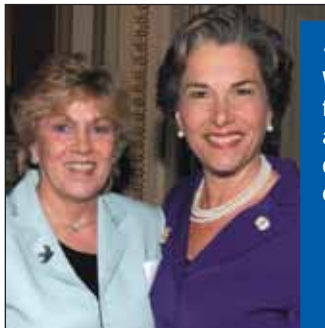
WiLL Trailblazers are former state legislators who use their expertise to effect change, mentor women leaders, and expand the influence of WiLL and WAND.



Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) empowers women to act politically to reduce violence and militarism, and redirect excessive military resources toward unmet human and environmental needs.



WAND Political Action Committee (PAC) supports progressive women running for Congress.



**"Together, WAND and WiLL are a potent force. We put women at the table where decisions are made on federal policy."**

— Susan Shaer, WAND executive director; with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (IL)



**Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis (left), a former WiLL member, accepted the WiLL Torchbearer Award in 2009. Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA)**

**(right), also a former WiLL member, won the race for Solis's seat in 2008.**

## Making a difference



**"WAND and WiLL are THE premier organizations that teach women to be smart about defense and security."**

— Congresswoman (and former WiLL member) Gwen Moore (c) (WI), with Rep. Barbara Toles (l) (WI) and Rep. Annette Polly Williams (r) (WI)

### Photos on front

*Top, l to r:* Rep. Beverly Marrero (TN); Sen. Joyce Elliott (AR)  
*Middle, l to r:* Rep. Jessica Farrar (TX); Hon. Charleta Tavares (OH)  
*Bottom, l to r:* Rep. Audrey Gibson (FL); Sen. Nan Grogan Orrock (GA)

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# Women Legislators' Lobby

## Linking your State Capitol to the Nation's Capitol



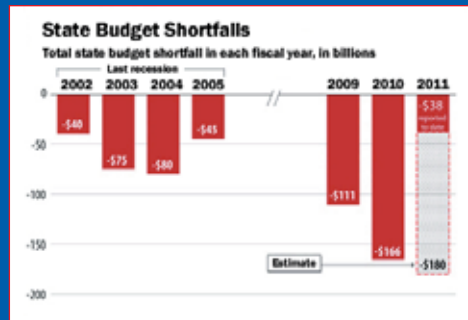
## Changing our national priorities

**Women Legislators' Lobby (WiLL)** is a powerful presence in state and national politics. We have members in all 50 states, representing millions of constituents. **WiLL's mission is to:**

- Educate Congress to redirect excessive military spending toward unmet human and environmental needs
- Encourage women to run for higher office
- Curb the proliferation of weapons, particularly nuclear weapons

## State Budgets in Crisis

As states struggle to provide basic services, the federal budget remains skewed toward misplaced priorities. The Pentagon consumes half the discretionary budget, and sends billions each year to unnecessary Cold War weapons.



SOURCE: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, July 2009

## Connecting State Legislators to Critical Federal Issues

We face special challenges today. While our states struggle to balance budgets, we also shoulder the cost of providing new security measures. WiLL can help. WiLL provides a critical perspective — and the hard facts — on the realities of the federal budget and its impact on state and local budgets. Security is much more than a beefed-up military. Real security includes quality education, affordable health care, essential human services, and job opportunities.

## Supplying useful tools to state legislators

### Educating and training

- WiLL offers briefings, teleconferences, and seminars on timely state and national topics.
- Our workshops enhance vital skills: media, lobbying, leadership.
- Our national conference in DC features prominent officials and renowned professionals.

### Lobbying and legislating

- We facilitate meetings with Congressional Members and staff.
- We keep you updated with alerts highlighting critical domestic and international issues.
- WiLL exchanges model legislation on groundbreaking issues from across the country.

### Supporting and networking

- Our PAC provides assistance when WiLL members run for U.S. Congress.
- WiLL Trailblazers share their knowledge and experience as former legislators.



### WiLL sponsors regular workshops to enhance media skills of women state legislators.

We sharpen arguments, polish presentation, and help you get covered. Seen here, professionals from the media coached women legislators on their presentation skills on camera, from message to make-up. *In photo: Sen. Dede Feldman (NM).*

## Helping women gain seats at tables of power

WiLL helps women state legislators deepen their knowledge and sharpen their skills so they can make successful bids for higher office. Every year, the number of WiLL women in Congress increases.



**In the 111th Congress, 48 women come from the ranks of WiLL and WAND.**

*Among them, l to r: Congresswoman (and honorary WiLL cochair) Barbara Lee (CA); U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (NH); Congresswoman Yvette Clarke (NY)*

## Empowering and inspiring women to run



### Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (IL)

made her decision to run for Congress during the 2007 WAND/WiLL national conference. As she said to the media, "The more I listened to these groups, the more I talked to other people in Congress, the more I realized this was not about me,

it's not about titles. It's about what I can do for the people and the country."

At the 2009 WiLL Capitol Hill reception, she said, **"I'm in this with you. We need to get more women in Congress. You're doing great work."**

## Joining our voices in a chorus for change

**Join us.** Together, women state legislators will be better able to educate, agitate, and advocate for sound fiscal and legislative policies.

- Yes!** I want to join hundreds of women state legislators in the **WiLL** network.
- I would like to join the **Trailblazers** network of retired women state legislators.

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**WiLL dues:**  One year: \$60  Two years: \$100

WiLL Laureate: \$200

**Trailblazer dues:**  Two years: \$25

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**Thank you! Welcome to WiLL!**