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Life is good, when we have all the things we take for granted, such as a regular pay check, social security, child support, pension, life insurance etc.

But somewhere there is a woman, who doesn't know when she will have her next meal or what it will be. She doesn't know if the goods she makes will bring a price that will enable her to put a meal on the table or pay for her children's school uniforms. She doesn't know if she will be allowed to keep the house if her husband leaves her, or dies before her, because her children are not boys. She can't afford to send her daughters to school. But she also can't bear to think of her daughter living the same life she has because her parents didn't think it was necessary for a woman to go to school. She is forced to force her daughter to an arranged marriage, because it is better than living off the streets.

Another woman wonders if she will be able to make enough money on the streets to leave her miserable poverty stricken life behind. She worries about the possibility of having contacted a life threatening disease. She worries about her children back home alone. She worries about her abusive husband who has the right to beat her up and take her anytime he feels the need for sex. She worries about the society judging her for what she is doing to earn a living. She worries that one day she might not be able to bring a pay check home because her looks are gone. She is faced with social exclusion and emotional distress which she hides well behind a painted smile. She worries about not being able to afford medical care for herself and her children. She wishes she could be able to take a loan and start a new life together with her children. She wishes for a miracle from anywhere.

Somewhere there is a woman who has had to sacrifice her children, and these children are working to make money any way they can, all hours of the day. These children should be attending school, playing and having a good time while they can. The society sees these children as a threat since they are not raised with the same benefits as other children. They are not allowed to play with other children because they are "different". They are not given the rights to be normal children.

Somewhere there is a hungry child who hasn't had a hot meal for months. Stones are thrown at it for daring to steal a tomato from a side-street market. No one takes the time to listen to and understand its reasons. Somewhere, this child had a mother who had to give him up because she didn't have a choice or a chance.

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Somewhere, there are orphans, their mothers died of exhaustion, STD, broken hearts etc. No family member volunteers to take care of these children, because they need special care. Society doesn't assume responsibility, but these are the next generation, these are the next me and you.

Our foundation is reaching out to these women who have met life challenges and survived because they have inner strength. They need this support at a critical time. These women have talent and charisma, they are determined and yet they have compassion because they have a different appreciation of life.

Our team is made of exceptional women who have met a number of life challenges, and have an acute understanding of what Green Waters aims to achieve. Our organization will embrace more women with inner strength, and will raise a new generation that will promote awareness and fairness to each and every member of the society.

We are determined to succeed, and for that we need your support!

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