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Dear Friends,

As we enter our 20th anniversary year, we believe the timing's right for a subtle, yet significant, change—not in the work we do but in our name and look. The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children will now be known simply as **Women's Refugee Commission**. While our old name has served us well for all these years, we're going with something a little punchier and easier to remember.

The Women's Refugee Commission will keep doing what we do best: rethinking problems and seeking solutions to issues that make a real difference in the lives of refugee women and children. That includes life-saving reproductive health care, education and skills training for young refugees and safer, sustainable fuel technologies so that women and girls reduce their risk of rape when they collect firewood to cook a meal. In the United States, it means fair and humane treatment of women and children seeking asylum.

You can count on us to keep listening to refugees themselves, finding out what they need to live lives of dignity. As we've done for 20 years, we'll continue advocating vigorously to governments, the United Nations, humanitarian organizations and the public to effect change for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

The creative team at the communications agency Draftfcb has developed, *pro bono*, a wonderful new logo that keeps our trademark red, and represents strength, steady forward movement and our commitment to measuring progress carefully.

As I look back on all we've accomplished in the past two decades, I couldn't be more proud. I hope that as one of our supporters, you feel the same.

Warm regards,

Carolyn Makinson  
Executive Director

P.S. Please go to our redesigned website, **womensrefugeecommission.org**, to sign up and stay informed.