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### ***Regan E. Ralph, Executive Director***

Regan E. Ralph is the founding executive director of the Fund for Global Human Rights. Prior to launching the Fund, Regan was Vice President for Health and Reproductive Rights at the National Women's Law Center in Washington D.C. where she led advocacy, policy and educational strategies to promote the quality and availability of health care for American women. From 1992-2001, Regan helped build and ultimately directed the Women's Rights division of Human Rights Watch, where she developed campaigns to ensure the prosecution of sexual violence in conflict as a war crime, to secure recognition of gender-based persecution as grounds for asylum, and to promote women's rights in countries including Russia, Egypt, Turkey, South Africa, Pakistan and Mexico. Regan is a graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School, and studied international law at the London School of Economics and Arabic at the American University in Cairo. She chairs the board of the Center for Health and Gender Equity and serves on the advisory council of the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program at Georgetown University Law Center.

### ***Sarah Barnes, Operations Manager***

Sarah Barnes joined the Fund as the Operations Manager in February 2005. Sarah brings to the Fund experience managing projects in Jordan for the Peace Corps and in Washington for a maternal and child outreach project. Sarah is conversant in Spanish, Arabic and both American and Jordanian Sign Languages. Sarah holds a BA in Psychology with minors in Women's Studies and Deaf Studies from the College of the Holy Cross and a MA in Women's Studies and International Development and Health from the George Washington University. Sarah has a lifelong commitment to women's reproductive health and social justice.

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***Mona Khan, Senior Program Officer***

Mona Khan has thirteen years of program management and evaluation experience with a particular interest in women's health rights and international social justice grantmaking. Over the course of her career, she has provided technical assistance to Asian, Arab, African and American organizations seeking to develop human rights and public education strategies, enhance their planning, management and fundraising skills, and document learning practices for achieving positive social change. Prior to joining the Fund for Global Human Rights, she managed health and community development programs at the Aga Khan Foundation, the Stanley Foundation, and John Snow, Inc. She was a MacArthur Scholar at the University of Minnesota where she received an MA in Public Policy from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, and holds a BA from Sarah Lawrence College with a general course certificate from the London School of Economics. She is conversant in Spanish and Urdu and originally from India.

***David Mattingly, Junior Program Officer***

David manages the Fund's grantmaking programs in Latin America and North Africa. David has experience fundraising for and grantmaking to human rights and social justice organizations in the U.S. and Latin America. After earning a BA in International Development from American University, David monitored the human rights situation in indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico. Most recently, David was Program Associate for Latin America at the Moriah Fund, where he helped manage grantmaking programs that promote indigenous rights, sustainable development and women's rights and reproductive health.

***Cristina Villegas, Junior Development Officer***

Cristina joined the Fund in October 2005 as the Junior Development Officer. She conducts the Fund's outreach and coordinates fundraising. Before joining the Fund, Cristina worked for Women & Philanthropy, The World Bank, San Diego Grantmakers, and the US Embassy in Santiago, Chile. At the World Bank she worked on judicial reform projects in Venezuela and Guatemala. Cristina has a high interest in economic and social rights in development, land rights, micro-credit, and the social and economic rights of women. Cristina is a graduate of UC San Diego, where she earned two Bachelors degrees in Political Science and Latin American Studies (Honors).