

Dear Feminist Friends,

Many of you have already made history in the continuing struggle for women's rights. Now we must act quickly to preserve that history.

We write to you on behalf of Veteran Feminists of America, a really special, vibrant, **relevant**, and worthwhile organization founded by the pioneers of modern feminism.

I, Gloria, have been closely affiliated with VFA since its inception, honored to serve on its Advisory Board for 25 years. And I, Carol, am a member of the VFA Board of Directors. We are both committed to its mission which includes inspiring future generations of girls and women, documenting our feminist history and teaching/spreading the values of feminism. We believe that you also share these goals.

We are racing the clock. Our veterans are becoming disabled, aging out, or dying. We need to get our history right, get it recorded and available as possible. VFA members are first-hand activists and witnesses, best able to speak and write from personal experience about the achievements, values and events that shaped what later became known as Second Wave Feminism.

In the service of preserving that history we have launched a number of legacy projects this year. We are especially excited about the partnership that is currently building between the VFA and the **New York Historical Society**~ which is both a museum and a library.

Our relationship to the Society will be expressed mainly via their newly created **Women's History Center** scheduled to open in March 2017. This date was chosen to coincide with the New York Suffrage Centennial.

VFA will play an important role in connection with the Center ~ as a principal source for their collection and exhibits; permanent, traveling and rotating. We've already begun our contributions of items connected to the struggle for women's equality; including memorabilia, photos, artifacts, original manuscripts, banners, etc.

Even more exciting ~ we have been invited to participate in their lectures and programs as speakers and consultants. This includes an educational component, i.e., mentoring or teaching public school students and teachers about Second Wave Feminism and the important changes the women's revolution brought to the world.

We are now planning our most ambitious project ~ to videotape oral histories of surviving pioneers. With your help and support we will be able to capture and digitize the stories and memories of their personal experiences in early feminism as soon as possible!

Won't you help us in our efforts to raise funds for the important legacy projects outlined above ~ as well as for the many other historical events and activities currently on the VFA launching pad ready to go? Your money will not be wasted!

We hope you say, **YES!** We also hope you will join VFA.

With love and in Sisterhood,



Gloria Steinem



Carol Jenkins

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