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"Beyond the Blue"

Dawne Deppe - 1989 Graduate of Bellevue High School

Key Information:

- 23-Year Career supporting US government diplomacy in Africa and Asia
- Designed, managed, and implemented US federal government foreign aid projects in conflict-affected and developing countries, focused on gender equality, children's rights, basic and higher education, vocational training, agriculture development, and youth development
- Currently directing a US Agency for International Development (USAID) contract that provides independent monitoring of US humanitarian assistance in Somalia. Focus is on food distribution, health and nutrition, water and sanitation, gender-based violence prevention, and agriculture livelihoods restoration. Data and reports from this project are used by USAID to report to the US Congress, as well as to assist USAID to improve the effectiveness of their programs in Somalia.
- Directed a scholarship program for 5000 girls and young women in South Sudan to go to high school, where enrollment in high school was at 5% for high school-aged girls.
- Involvement in Kenya Youth Development project after Kenya's 2007 election where violence and ethnic cleansing (driven by political corruption and youth discontent).
- Technical Advisor volunteer for a young women-run activism project which links high school girls in the US to high school girls in Africa.
- Serves on the Board of Directors for Catholics for Choice, an International Catholic social justice organization advocating for women's rights.

Nominated by Margaret Baugh

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