More than 250 Tiffany Circle members and friends gathered in Washington, D.C. to attend the 2017 Tiffany Circle Women’s Leadership Summit and celebrate 10 years of the Tiffany Circle’s lifesaving impact. Here is a snapshot of what they experienced:

**Mission Experiences:** The *International Mapping Project* allowed participants to help the Red Cross map remote parts of the world that are “off the grid.” This vital service identifies access to many areas where the Red Cross responds to disasters and engages in vaccination campaigns.

Members mapped the country of Malawi and listened to Kathy Flynn and Sara Horein share their experiences during recent Measles & Rubella Initiative trips to Malawi and Indonesia.

Meanwhile, other members visited *Clara Barton’s Missing Soldiers’ Office*, the site of our founder’s tireless work to connect missing soldiers and their families after the Civil War, which led to today’s vital *Restoring Family Links* program.

Other members were offered the firsthand experience of a Red Cross shelter in a walk-through of disaster circumstances and shelter services. The energy in the room was intense as participants encountered real-life scenarios and spoke with disaster volunteers.

**Meet Your Buddy Coffee:** The hospitality suite, home base for the weekend, was abuzz as members of the National Council welcomed and met with over 50 first-time Summit attendees.

**Hearts In! Hands On!** This interactive session led by Martha Allen focused on important initiatives across the regions. National Council Chair Karen Teller spoke about our three-year strategic plan and its four pillars: *Core Mission Support; Leveraging Women in Philanthropy; Diversity & Inclusion and Education & Outreach*. Following the session, members toured the ballroom’s interactive video booths and learned about local Tiffany Circle best practices.

**Celebration of Philanthropy Dinner:** The gorgeous United States Institute of Peace, which overlooks the Lincoln Memorial, was the setting for the special opening dinner. Legendary singer-songwriter and Tiffany Circle member Amy Grant entertained and inspired us, reminding us to look deeper for our untapped potential to do more good in the world.

**Women - Changing the Face of Philanthropy:** Former Homeland Security Correspondent Jeanne Meserve—admired for her composure, compassion and unwavering respect for the facts—moderated a panel of esteemed female executives and philanthropists. Panelists Andrea Davis, Director, Global Crisis Management and Business Continuity, The Walt Disney Company;
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Amy Edge, Founder, Leading Edge Institute; Susan Noyes, Founder, Make It Better Media; and Jana Schreuder, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Trust, shared perspectives on the engagement of women in impactful philanthropy.

**Inspire Sessions**: These sessions featured members and guest speakers on the topics of being prepared for an armed shooter, American Red Cross initiatives from the past and present and international Red Cross Societies’ efforts to empower and educate women and children refugees. Each presentation provided helpful facts and information along with very poignant stories.

**President’s Luncheon**: Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern presented an in-depth overview of the state of the Red Cross and expressed sincere appreciation to the members of the Tiffany Circle for their unceasing support during a period of unprecedented disasters. The 2017 Una Award was presented to Susanne Woods Shepherd for her 60 years of service to the St. Louis Chapter.

**Tiffany Circle Hall Dedication**: Members gathered to celebrate the campaign’s generous Tiffany Circle participants and dedication of the newly named Tiffany Circle Hall (formerly known as the American Red Cross Board of Governors Hall). Campaign Chairs Barbara Bovender and Anita Zucker thanked generous donors who made gifts of $150,000 (or more), noting that they will be recognized for their generosity with their names included on a permanent plaque in Tiffany Circle Hall.

**The Chairman’s Dinner**: Tiffany Circle Founders Bonnie McElveen-Hunter and Melanie Sabelhaus hosted an unforgettable evening at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, showcasing the work of the Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces and honoring men and women who serve in the military. The evening’s guest speaker, U.S. Air Force Major Mary Jennings Hegar, spoke of her personal journey of leadership as a female officer in the military. The keynote presentation was followed by Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum performer, Jordin Sparks, who shared her beautiful voice with us as the evening ended.

"This year’s Summit celebrated a decade of generosity and engagement of Red Cross women. It was truly inspirational to meet women who are leading philanthropy across the country and have made the American Red Cross their charity of choice."

- Jan Tratnik, 10th Anniversary Chair