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ART CENTER COLLEGE of DESIGN Designmatters Fellowship

After completing the first year of the Art Center Graduate Media Design Program, our class was presented with the option to apply for the Designmatters Fellowship. Everyone was quite excited when they found out the fellowship would involve spending the summer working for the United Nations in Bangkok, Thailand. After a rigorous application process I was fortunate enough to be chosen for the project. I was very excited and grateful for this opportunity. The project was to work for Partners for Prevention in order to bring awareness to gender-based violence in South East Asia.



PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION United Nations



United Nations Building, Bangkok, Thailand



Partners for Prevention is a United Nations organization that developed a strategy to focus on primary prevention - stopping violence before it starts - especially among boys and men. The organization also seeks to facilitate cross border exchange and learning across the region, and to focus on changes at the institutional and policy levels. The essential partnerships behind Partners for Prevention are those dedicated to women's empowerment and ending violence, the policy makers, and United Nations staff and civil society practitioners from the local to the regional levels.

PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION Identity Redesign



One of the first things that I was able to help with when I arrived at the Partners for Prevention office was an identity redesign. They were happy with the mark that was originally created for them, but wanted to change the logo font and use bolder colors. Once the logo redesign was approved I took on the task of of applying the new look and feel to the letterhead, envelope and business card, pocket folder, and new website.



Partners for Prevention business card

PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION Website Design

Once Partners for Prevention's identity had been decided upon, I set out to design their website. We decided on the look and feel for the site, and got it up live so they could have the much needed online presence.



PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION "Real Men" T-Shirts



A big goal we had was making t-shirts that could be used as giveaways at the many conferences that Partners for Prevention attends and hosts. I designed several shirts to bring awareness to gender based violence which are now being given out at conferences around the world.





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PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION Dhaka Conference

Partners for Prevention put on their first conference this past June in Bangladesh. They were in need of basic conference essentials - a tote bag, banners, name badges, and report covers. They wanted to use the same colors as their identity in order to re-emphasize their brand.



Dhaka Conference tote bag design



Dhaka Conference hotel banner

PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION Social Media Research

One of the main reasons that I came to Partners for Prevention was to help with the social media project. I did a lot of research and created many different charts to assist in the visualization of the project. This helped us continue to move forward with direction and clearer vision. Partners for Prevention was interested in finding assistance with project design beyond my time with them. To this end, I visited many of the large communication firms in Bangkok to create relationships with potential partners.



Community Portal site map



Phase chart

PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION United Nations Conference

My supervisor, James Lang, and his colleague, Gary Barker, gave presentations at the UN about the projects and research they are conducting regarding breaking cycles of violence. I was fortunate enough to attend these presentations. It was very beneficial for me to gain a better understanding of how to approach violence through a designers eyes. Most organizations try to work with women who are already victims of violence. Mr. Lang wants to educate young men that violence is not acceptable before it has a chance to start. Gary Barker actually said during the presentation that, "men and boys will change their minds with well designed interventions." This message was invigorating and exciting to hear shared with so many people. As designers, we can make a difference.

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PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION Reflection Statement



The reason I am pursuing my masters degree at Art Center College of Design is not only to continue my formal education, but also to explore design in more depth and put my values into action. The opportunity to help the Partners for Prevention campaign was an amazing experience . I felt that I made valuable contributions to the project, and was able to seize the opportunity to use design and technology to show that everyone deserves to be treated with love and respect. A campaign of this magnitude will challenge peoples views and promote positive change. This is something that I believe in, and am very grateful to have been a part of.



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