

# Elaine Marshall Empowers Moldovan Women



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North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall traveled to Moldova to engage with Moldova's current and future women leaders. Secretary Marshall's rich personal and professional experience inspired a wide variety of audiences – from young students to members of the Moldovan Parliament.

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Organization of Liberal Women met with Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State of North Carolina (USA), within American Resource Center.

During the talks U.S. Secretary of State referred to her political career, talked about increasing the role of women in political parties and increasing influence in promoting the agenda of issues related to women in society. Elaine Marshall showed by example the possibility of initiating a common cause for their own locality, including exemplifying a range of methods of promotion and realization of this concept.

Elena Prus, Vice OFL, but gave the U.S. State Secretary OFL book "Woman, an argument of freedom", launched in the context of celebrating the 20th anniversary of Independence of Moldova, representing personalities who contributed to the strengthening of freedom and democracy in Republic of Moldova. Also, Juliana Rotaru, member OFL, provided the Secretary of State signs PL, and tricolor ribbon to mark the symbol of Union Day from March 27, 1918.

Cristina Boaghi, Secretary General of the OFL, expressed thanks and gratitude to the U.S. Embassy and the International Republican Institute, which made possible the OFL representatives meeting with Ms. Elaine Marshall, expressing hope for a continued good cooperation to continue training OFL limb segment political and professional.

The meeting was attended OFL leadership, OFL President in Chisinau, but also in the territory (Floresti Hincesti Calarasi Noi).

The event was organized by U.S. Embassy in cooperation with the International Republican Institute.

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### **Elaine Marshall, the first woman Secretary of State of North Carolina**

Elaine Marshall is the first woman elected as Secretary of State of North Carolina in the United States of America. "I am the first woman elected an executive position", complete it. "The biggest challenge we had to face was that my work is related to business and economic development and had to change in the base office," said the Journal, Elaine Marshall, who was in Moldova for the seventh time.

### **Marina Lita**

She said that sometimes she had to convince people that the reasons they need to introduce changes were not because those were the ideas of a woman, but because they have to be implemented. "Sometimes women's voice is not heard, but because I was elected, I had the autonomy to manage the budget as it was better. I didn't have to ask permission, but just act," the official said.

### **Opportunity to benefit from this contract**

"I undertook my first trip to Moldova in November 2000 and was a great one. Relations between Moldova and North Carolina began at the military level. Then I found some areas that could offer you assistance and has passed the civil partnership that we have to this day," she adds.

According to Marshall, the partnership is a contract signed in 1999 between the Government of North Carolina, which was then headed by Governor Jim Hunt, and President Lucinschi,. "Governor Hunt assigned me to monitor this agreement, which is a generous one. It provides for cooperation and assistance, opens the door for Moldovans to come up with suggestions. The ultimate goal is to provide more people from both sides the possibility to benefit from this partnership ", said Marshall.

### **Medicine**

Secretary of State notes that the partnership covers several areas: medical, educational, humanitarian, agriculture etc. "Some projects were successful. Some have evolved with, while a positive result," said the official.

According to her, the best results were achieved in medicine. Thus, the library of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemiteanu" in Chisinau was enriched with a lot of books they have access to both students and teachers. It also organizes video conferences, during which teachers of universities in the United States of America in sharing their experience and teaches students. Meanwhile, every year, a group of military doctors came to Moldova to provide dental care to children with special needs of socially vulnerable people.

### **Women Leadership**

Visit this year has but one reason for that Elaine Marshall is known as a person fighting for the advancement of women in society. "Women need more opportunities to develop leadership qualities. We talked about it, I offered suggestions, we have encouraged. We should give women a dose of energy, because they are an untapped source," concludes Marshall.

Speaking of changes, at the age of 33, after a divorce, Elaine Marshall, who worked as a teacher, decided she wanted to make something new. "This was a law school. There were three years of hard study. I was fortunate to end a scholarship, not to go out with large debts at the end of studies. The only people who helped me were my parents. It was a transformation in my life and the only thing I can say is, that it ought to do it before," smiles Marshall.

### **Faculty of Law, at 33 years**

"Unfortunately, I spend little time with my family, because of full schedule. Two of my children, stepchildren, visit me often, and others come to celebrate special occasions", it draws a smile.

Upon arrival, she likes to spoil her grandchildren with sweets. "I am a good cook; my cakes come out very well and never get tired to do them. Generally, holiday, we cook food and we go in families with young children and we serve them. Also, the most beautiful holiday is Thanksgiving, when the whole family gathers around the turkey that we prepare," communicate that.

### **Ocean waves soothe you after a hectic week**

One of his passions is traveling and the family weekend by the ocean, which is two hours away from home where she lives. "If I had a stressful week, ocean waves soothe me and make me feel better. It helps me to understand how big this world is and how insignificant is a person who can be strong at the same time. One man can make a difference, to help others. We change, we change the world and our family, and improve the society," explains Marshall.

While in the seventh visit to RM, in all his comings, most time I spent in Chisinau. "My favorite places are historical. I managed to visit Orhei Vechi, which is an interesting place. I went to Balti, Sorooca, Straseni and for the first time I visited Comrat "the official communicate.

One of the things I liked in this visit was a local dessert: prunes stuffed with walnuts. "It was very, very good. We eat the dried fruit in United State, but not as a dessert," she says, taking a break to remember the taste of the desert and listen to tunes coming from the hotel's restaurant. "I listen to classical music all the time. The woman who plays the harp relaxes me. I love Broadway and musical beach, it's a combination of blues. Has special moves used during the dance. I like to dance on this music," says Elaine Marshall.