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CHIME THROUGH THE YEARS

“THERE IS NO WHY” BY HAZEL ZAMORA

CHIME FOR CHANGE Through the Years: The Female Fabric is a series curated by CHIME Managing Editor Mariane Pearl featuring stories from the CHIME journalism platform archives by women around the world.



From October 8-12, 2018, 12 intrepid female journalists participated in CHIME FOR CHANGE’s third Women Bylines workshop in Mexico City, led by CHIME FOR CHANGE’s Managing Editor Mariane Pearl. The five-day workshop provided a safe space for writers, filmmakers and photographers to discuss and develop under-reported stories affecting women in Mexico. Participants produced seven powerful pieces—four films and three multimedia pieces.

Hazel was six years old when a wave of femicides swept the town of Juarez. Girls and young women between the ages of 15 through 25 were being raped and murdered. Now 25 years old, and a young journalist, Hazel is assigned the killing of young women as a beat. She introduces us to the family of some of the girls who have been murdered recently in senseless acts of violence and amidst a frightening sense of impunity. To seek justice and truth, relatives are left alone, often re-victimized by the cynicism and casualness of the authorities for whom these young women's lives hold no value. Hazel shares her emotions as she realizes that the victims are girls just like her.