



# Newsletter

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## Event

### Telling Her Story

*Empowering girls of rural Uganda through education*

October 17th  
7:00 to 9:00 pm  
Q Café  
3233 15th Ave W  
Seattle

Tickets \$25.00

Ticket proceeds will support our Scholarship Program. Email [staff@wehavehope.org](mailto:staff@wehavehope.org) to reserve yours.

## WILL YOU LISTEN?



## Friends of Tusubira,

Well, hello! It's been awhile since you've heard from us, but we are alive and kicking and excited to share a few updates with you about our new direction for supporting our friends in Uganda in what we feel will be even healthier, more sustainable ways as we move forward with new partnerships and projects (read more below!).

First off - Seattle friends, please mark your calendars for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We are thrilled to invite you to join us in launching our Tusubira Scholarship Program for children of the Namagera and Kamuli villages. The event is called *Telling Her Story: An evening of empowering girls in rural Uganda through education*. It is shaping up to be a great evening: a light dinner, with a menu created by chef Lisa Lieberman; an opportunity to hear stories of our friends in Uganda and the challenges they face in seeking education; a beautiful assortment of jewelry from our Widows Jewelry Project available for purchase. Please consider joining us for this evening!

If you are interested in being more involved with Tusubira and what we're about, please read on for updates on how you can get involved. We'd love for you to journey in partnership with us as *we build relationships, remove barriers caused by poverty and injustice, and create opportunities for vulnerable communities in Uganda*.

Peace to you,  
Kate

## New Partnerships

Tusubira is excited to announce partnership with two community development organizations in Southeastern Uganda. We look forward to working with both TAGEN and WOCAP as they continue amazing work in their communities.

**TAGEN** The AIDS Generation Uganda was started in 2003 and is headed by Robert Kalulu. TAGEN focuses on four main areas of their community: Community health and education, widows support, and youth

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empowerment. TAGEN seeks to meet the immediate needs of orphans and widows as well as help develop the youth in their community to become educated and empowered for a better future.

**WOCAP** Widow and Orphan Community Action Plan started in 2008 and operates in three villages in Uganda. The original chapter, located in Namagera village, is comprised of 65 widows and 103 students. The students, many of which are orphans, pay for school fees through working long hours in the sugarcane farms or rock quarry, while the widows bead jewelry to sell, which helps to pay for their children's school fees.

### *Scholarship Program*

Tusubira is excited to announce that we will start granting scholarships for the new school year that begins in February 2010! In line with our mission to create opportunities for vulnerable children in Uganda, Tusubira will embark on a new journey of providing scholarships for students in the villages of Kamuli and Namagera

with an emphasis on empowering girls.. Our hope is that the scholarship program will enable students of poor families to become educated and compassionate leaders of their communities. The scholarship will create an opportunity for education that may not have been possible due to financial hardships.



Studies show that students who are educated are less likely to contract HIV/AIDS, are less vulnerable to human trafficking and other forms of exploitation, and practice family planning. According to the World Bank, there are several benefits associated with girls' education in particular, some of which are reduction of child and maternal mortality, improvement of child nutrition and health,

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## Get Involved!

Tusubira is looking for volunteers and interns for the upcoming year. We are especially in need of folks with marketing & communication backgrounds, web/html skills, grant writing, volunteers for the Precious Jewels Project, and fundraisers.

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to learn more.

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enhancement of women's domestic roles and their political participation, and economic productivity and growth.

Education is the key to the development and ultimate success of a community. We pray that you come along side us in helping students access knowledge and opportunity through education.

## Precious Jewels Project

This summer our Tusubira volunteers were welcomed by ceremonies of singing, dancing, celebration, and hospitality as they visited the village of Namagera to witness the progress of our latest and largest order of jewelry from the local widow's cooperative. As a form of widow's empowerment through the simple practice of business, Tusubira has been testing weekend markets and bazaars for jewelry sales which has been well received by local customers. We have been encouraged to offer more access to this socially responsible consumer project.

Through providing access to the world market-place, our participating widows' co-op members have been able to increase provision for their families through making handcrafted jewelry from recycled magazines. This income is also diversified into other investments that help their families and the community at large grow towards financial security; farm animals, gardening plots, sewing machines, and other revenue generating assets.



But wait! The story gets better: The profits from the *Precious Jewels Project* are continually reinvested into more inventory, thus building the village's capacity to create jobs as well as secondary educational scholarships. Support fair trade business and *Tusubira scholarships* for orphans and vulnerable children in Ugandan rural communities devastated by poverty and AIDS. Enjoy an artfully crafted piece of jewelry, and share the Tusubira *Precious Jewels* story by making it a gift this holiday season.

Tusubira invites you to host a *Precious Jewels Party* this holiday season. Email [Suzanne@wehavehpe.org](mailto:Suzanne@wehavehpe.org) for more information.