

One Event Can Change A Thousand Lives



Currently working in Kopanga, Kenya, the goal of Spokane-based Partnering for Progress is to help provide access to health care, education, sanitation, and clean water to residents in developing countries. They chose this area because one-quarter of all maternal deaths in Kenya occur in this region, one of the highest rates in the nation. Infant mortality is a staggering 95 deaths per 1,000 births, and HIV/AIDS affects 14.6% of the population compared to a nationwide statistic of 6.7%.



What is it like for the women and children in Kenya? Kopanga has no running water, limited electricity, and very few latrines. Poverty is widespread and educational opportunities are minimal. Water borne diseases, malnutrition, malaria, and HIV/AIDS are rampant, contributing to a mortality rate of 48 and 52 years for men and women respectively.

Since P4P's incorporation as a non-profit in 2008, the group's fundraising efforts have resulted in a new medical facility that is outfitted with furniture and medical supplies, a sanitation system, a well, and electricity. Each year P4P organizes groups of medical professionals who travel to Kopanga on a bi-annual basis to train local medical providers. This bi-annual training helps P4P achieve its guiding principles of Empowerment and Sustainability.

P4P aims to be a catalyst for change, rather than a crutch. By integrating P4P's volunteers with community leaders, by recruiting and training local residents, and implementing culturally relevant, locally supported projects, P4P is able to realize effective change and reach an end goal of self-sustaining programs that will enable communities to break the long-standing cycle of poverty and poor health.

Would you like to make an impact on the lives of hundreds of people in a far-away African village? You can contribute to the ongoing efforts of Spokane-based Partnering for Progress by attending our annual gala.

Attend P4P's annual gala, Into Africa, October 5, 6pm at the Lincoln Center.

The Africa-themed event will include a silent and live auction, dinner, and wine. Tickets are \$65 per person and can be purchased at www.partneringforprogress.org or call 509-723-9534.

One event can change a thousand lives.

Spokane Area

free
take one

W metro MAN

Resources to Enhance Women's Lives
In the Greater Spokane CDA Metro Area

September 2012

4

**The Mad
Hatter Flea
Market
Whatcha
Gonna Do
With All
That Junk?**

12

Watermelon
Salad with
Raspberry-Mint
Vinaigrette

8-9

Calendar of
Local Events

14

Partnering for
Progress
*One Event
CAN Change A
Thousand Lives*

BUY
LOCAL

Cover Photo By Samantha Cabrera



TO VIEW ADDITIONAL ONLINE CONTENT SCAN QR CODE OR

visit www.metrowomanmag.com

Join Our Online Community www.facebook.com/spokaneareametrowoman