

“Little Women” – The Broadway Musical to benefit Partnering for Progress

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For 6 years now, Partnering for Progress (P4P) has been fortunate and happy to have the Spokane Civic Theatre graciously open their doors for a delightful social hour, followed by the live production of an upcoming or currently running show, which, for 2016, was *Little Women – The Broadway Musical*, that helps aid in the fundraising efforts that are paramount to the organization.



The show!

Held Wednesday, March 16th, the benefit served a host of hors d'oeuvres, spirits, coffee and desserts while play-goers, donors, family and special friends flocked to support this humbling, heartwarming crew and their very noble efforts to help fund their hard work of helping children and adults in Kenya.

Supporters that packed into the theatre toe-to-toe and cup-to-cup bought raffle ticket upon raffle ticket and signed in for a chance to win a prize prior to the start of the production. Their many supportive voices carried through the playhouse much like they would a production itself!

Sandy Ivers and Barbara Morkill head up the Civic Theatre Benefit which hoped to raise \$10,000 over the course of the evening through ticket sales, raffles, and donations. From this, funds will go to help sustain education for children to attend high school in Kenya, provide clean water at schools through new rain water catchment tanks, train Community Health Volunteers in malaria treatment and provide Days for Girls kits, just to provide a few examples. Scholarships are awarded to students through P4P and \$300 *alone* will send one student to high school *for a year!* The competition to earn a scholarship continues to

grow as Partnering for Progress is able to award additional scholarships each year. When P4P began the scholarship 4 years ago, the organization was able to help just 5 students. As the support and understanding of the culture grows, so have the efforts to fund more scholarships, now at 27. For a country who sees dropout rates at 50 percent between *kindergarten and 8th grades*, this scholarship provides hope and opportunities to these young people, that they might otherwise never have known. This December will mark the first graduates that P4P provided scholarships to!



Cameryn Flynn and Barbara Morkill

Sometimes, in our world today, it takes a village to raise our kids... and then it takes the caring individuals who run, organize and donate to Partnering for Progress, to help them achieve unimaginable safety and dreams!

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