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monday november 1st, 2010

ESPACE

635 west 42nd street, new york, NY 10036

cocktails & dinner

with a special performance by ABENA KOOMSOM from the Tony Award Winning Broadway Musical FELA!

6:30 - 7:30 pm

cocktails, hors d'oeuvres,
silent auction

7:30 - 8:30 pm

dinner

8:30 - 9:30 pm

live auction & entertainment

HONORARY BENEFIT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Meryl Streep, Dr. Paul Farmer, Anouck Lepere, Drena DeNiro and Lillian Vernon

what does KAGENO do?

KAGENO, meaning "A Place of Hope" in a Kenyan dialect, is a not-for-profit organization that transforms impoverished communities into places of opportunity and hope — through the development of self-sustaining community directed programs in education, health, ventures (income generation) and environment. We believe it is essential to sustainable development to work with the community rather than giving simple aid or handouts.

KAGENO identifies ravaged communities suffering from impoverishment, AIDS, genocide and limited access to healthcare, clean water, and education. Working with local leaders to identify needs, we help villages build schools, health centers, pharmacies, and sanitation and clean water systems and develop programs to help them protect their fragile environments. We then build community centers with learning tools and internet access, identify training programs that support our efforts to build local economies. For example, on Rusinga Island in Kenya, we taught women crafts-making skills and distributed microloans to replace prostitution. In Banda Village, Rwanda, we are proceeding with the development of an ecolodge for tourists that will be staffed by individuals from the community which support many of our other initiatives.

what is a
harambee?

Harambee is a Kenyan tradition of community self- help events. Harambee literally means "pulling together" in Swahili. These events have long been important in parts of East African culture as a way to build and maintain communities.

why should
you support
KAGENO?

By supporting KAGENO, you directly affect the lives of people living in these communities, giving them hope and opportunity. They are able to develop skills and start new businesses, create jobs, invest in their environment, control the spread of infectious diseases and ultimately live better, healthier lives.

what does
KAGENO need?

Unrestricted funds - kageno needs cash to implement projects in need of funding - if you can't give cash, become a volunteer or provide in kind donations. We need an accountant, a secretary, a lawyer, a film maker, someone to do PR and ad campaigns. We need office space, storage space, printing services, office supplies, frequent flyer miles, laptops, cameras, video cameras, specific software and shipping services. Prayers.

*Please give what you can.
Your gift will be greatly appreciated. Asante Sana.*

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