



Helping women in the Acholi Quarter to help themselves



How you can get involved:



Help organize an athletic shoe collection drive: The Boston Marathon is two months away and our athletic shoe drive is in full swing. If you'd like to start a collection within your school, running club or fitness center, [contact us](#) to get started.

Be someone's hero, [sponsor a child](#). We currently have 90 kids in school.

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Use [goodsearch.com](#) as your search engine.

Become a fan of Project Have Hope on [Facebook.com](#)

Progress, success and hope - these are the words that describe what we have accomplished together in the Acholi Quarter of Uganda.

Progress

2009 has already been a success for Project Have Hope! In January, we paid school fees for 90 children to attend school for the start of the academic year in February. Six of the children have been enrolled in secondary/high school.



We enrolled two women in computer/secretarial classes. We now have 11 graduates of the tailoring program, each has received a loan and has started her own business. And we have two more women enrolled in tailoring classes. And another man in driving school.

We distributed eight more jumbo loans, including one which enables one woman, Ayoo Jennifer, to start her own boda boda/moped taxi business!

As Project Have Hope grows, so do the ideas and goals of our members!

Success

Project Have Hope



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\$25 - buys supplies to build a balcony garden for 1 family

\$50 - buys 2 months of food and charcoal to feed a family

\$100 - pays for teacher salaries to run the adult literacy program for 1 month

\$150 - pays for annual school fees for a child in day school at the primary level

\$250 - provides a sewing machine for a woman to start her own business

\$500 - pays for annual school fees for a child in boarding school at the primary level

The Bead Store



[Buy](#)
or

share Acholi jewelry made from recycled paper with your friends and co-workers, [host a bead party](#) or [sell the jewelry at an event in your community](#).

welcomes four interns this semester, Hannah Webb, Georgina Fleming, Megan Lazaros and Christina Tamer. Each has been

working hard to enhance our current projects of promoting bead kits for individuals and groups to sell to help us raise money and developing sponsorship materials for our many children still in need of sponsors. To learn more about [sponsoring a child](#), [hosting a bead party](#) or [participating in our summer internship program](#), [contact us](#).



Hope

Meet Akot Ersi. She's a widow. She's over 80 years old. Her husband was killed in the war. Her daughter died of AIDS. She is now caring for 6 young great grandchildren ... alone. She works everyday picking wild vegetables, earning about 60¢. She goes hungry. The children go hungry. They cannot survive alone.



Project Have Hope has enrolled four of the school-age children into school. We have given them clothes, shoes, blankets and food.

"I am old. I am dying," Ersi told us. "But now you know my problem." Her burdens have now been shifted to Project Have Hope to carry the load she has carried for so long. We will do our best.

We have two more spaces open for volunteers to join our inaugural volunteer trip to Uganda's Acholi Quarter in April. We're also in the planning stages for a trip in August. [Send us an email](#) if you've got a valid passport, an itch to make a difference, and are looking for the experience of a lifetime...

We could not have done all of this without all of you. Thank you and please consider forwarding this email to your friends. Help us expand our reach, [donate today](#).

Sincerely,

With your help, we'll be able to continue our work in the Acholi Quarter of educating the children and providing their mothers with the skills and resources to become financially independent.

Karen Sparacio
Project Have Hope

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Project Have Hope is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that seeks to empower women in the Acholi Quarter of Uganda by providing education to both the women and their children and assisting the women to establish business opportunities to promote economic stability and sustainability. For more information go to www.projecthavehope.org

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