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*Helping women in the Acholi Quarter to help themselves*



#### Upcoming Exhibit



Lisa Ottaviani, a volunteer who traveled with PHH to Uganda in April, has continued her work to raise money and awareness to help the women in the Acholi Quarter. In April, she hosted a photography workshop with the women and children. These insightful and artistic images will be exhibited at the Allston Public Library will exhibit the photos from August 7 to September 9. August 17th from 6-8 pm there will be an opening reception.

#### How you can get involved:

We're looking for volunteers to sell beads at events in the metro Boston area throughout the summer. If you have a Saturday to spare, let us know. Donating just one day of your time could help raise enough money to enroll 5 children in school for an entire year.

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

#### Progress

In January, Project Have Hope initiated a new venture -- growing mushrooms. We built a small, enclosed shelter behind our building. After undergoing training, a group of 8 women began planting the seeds. The women have found a ready market in the Quarter and hope to expand the crop and begin selling the mushrooms in markets throughout Kampala. This is just one more new opportunity for the members of Project Have Hope to create a viable and sustainable industry.



#### Success

Project Have Hope has been fortunate to have two motivated and dedicated students from Duke University, Chelsea Koglmeier and David Schwartz, volunteering this summer in the Quarter. They have been gathering members' profiles (stay tuned, a new section will be added to the website and launched this fall). They've also been working closely with Aketch Rebecca, our adult literacy teacher. We've implemented some changes in the program and have divided the women into two classes -- slow and fast learners. The women have benefited greatly from the one-on-one instruction provided by Chelsea and David. We deeply appreciate the commitment and generosity they've shared with the extended Project Have Hope family. They



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### Inspiration



Local artist, Namoi Altman, has been inspired by the colorful handcrafted paper beads made by the Acholi women. She is using the beads in her own, artistic jewelry designs. You can see some of her unique creations at: [www.onyxhardwaredesigns.com](http://www.onyxhardwaredesigns.com)

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shared with the extended Project have hope family. They will be sadly missed when they return to the States.

NH resident, Dannielle Wilkins, has been sponsoring one of our children for the past year. She decided she wanted to do more to help. She hosted a clothing donation drive and collected 50 large, yard bags full of clothes to benefit the Acholi community. We can't thank you enough!

### Hope

Okumu Hellen hails from Sudan. She fled to the Acholi Quarter twenty years ago. On the way, her child, grandchild and her sister were killed. Hellen herself nearly died of illness and hunger. But she endured. She has worked long hours in the stone quarry, making little money. Through Project Have Hope, she has received a loan to raise chickens. PHH has also paid for her daughter to attend a computer course. We hope this assistance will reduce her burdens.



**Project Have Hope is making plans for its January volunteer trip to Uganda. If you'd like to join us, [email us](#) for more details.**

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,

Karen Sparacio  
Project Have Hope

### 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](#).

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.

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](http://www.projecthavehope.org)

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