

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019



FISTULA ART EXHIBIT

Designing a traveling collection of story quilts to tell the story of fistula



QFE women decided on the seven most important things people should know about fistula. Then, seven large quilt panels were collectively designed and hand stitched telling a story about each. Lornah, is seen sewing the grass thatch roof on a hut for the panel about childbirth. The panels will be professionally framed in the US and promoted as a fistula art exhibition in partnership with Fistula Foundation. Learn more about it on our website.



Mary Ann was in Kenya for Easter, where she introduced the wonder of dyed eggs and peeps. Our quilters enjoyed hiding the eggs for the girls. Everyone promptly ate their eggs.

These photos were captured by Mary Ann on her visit to Kenya. The girl enjoying her chicken bone in the banner is the niece of our seamstress, Metrine. Mary Ann was the first white person the girl had ever seen.

BUILDING SKILL SETS

Our Kenya Program Director, Norah, facilitated a two-day training in budgeting, saving, and business planning. The concepts were all new to the women but each completed a business plan for how they were going to invest the money from their income-generating support group. Many have bought livestock such as chickens, goats and cows.



THRIVING STUDENTS

All four of our sexual assault survivors are thriving in the new home where they are safe, healthy, loved, and educated. Their tutor Ephraim works with them everyday on their studies. Thanks to our US sponsors for supporting them.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Thanks to our commission to make 900 conference bags for the World Forum Foundation (WFF) meeting in Macau in April, all our women have that income to invest. Bonnie Neugebauer, Co-Founder of WFF, said, "The bags connected each of us from 71 different countries to you. It is as though you spoke to us through your craft,"



900 BAGS MADE

Many thanks to our Kenya Community Based Organization Chairperson, Zedekiah who made sure the conference bags got to Macau on time and has guided the organization with skillful dedication.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit us at the Annual Outdoor Quilt Show Sisters, Oregon July 8 - 13

Come hear a special presentation from our Founder, Mary Ann, on "Stories of Hope & Healing" July 8, 7:00pm Sister's City Hall Chambers Room

QFE will be at the NW Quilt Expo Portland, OR September 26 - 28

Fourth Annual Benefit November 2 Post Family Barn, Newberg, OR Registration information will be posted on our website.