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Partner Spotlight: Hope for Girls @ VISA



In 2023, WGEP was proud to establish a new partnership with Hope for Girls @ VISA (HFGV). Based in Migori County, Kenya, the organization is dedicated to rescuing girls from the dangers of FGM and empowering them with education and life skills.

Through our collaboration, WGEP has been supporting HFGV in providing scholarships and Alternative Rite of Passage (ARP) programming to local girls. The scholarship program covers the cost of attending school, while ARP ensures that girls have access to information on reproductive health and the dangers of FGM, along with the importance of education, good hygiene practices, nutrition, empowerment, healthy relationships, and human rights.

The results of this partnership have already demonstrated an incredible impact! In just one year, the number of girls receiving school scholarships through our joint efforts has grown from 40 to 160. HFGV reports that program graduates are more likely to stay in school, reject FGM, and break the cycle by not passing the practice on to their own children.

We are honored to partner with Hope for Girls @ VISA and are excited to continue this transformative work.

WGEP's Khady Ndong Receives Prestigious Community Leader Award



Last month, former WGEP Senegal scholar and current staff member Khady Ndong was honored with the

marriage and violence against women, and establishing neighborhood alert and monitoring

Community Leader award at the Women in Mining Gender Awards. Khady was selected for her exceptional commitment and significant achievements in promoting the inclusion and empowerment of women in impacted areas. This prestigious award recognizes her dedication to promoting girls' education, combating child

committees to involve the community in addressing these critical issues. Khady was celebrated in a special ceremony on June 29, 2024, in Dakar, Senegal where these contributions to her community were acknowledged. Congratulations, Khady, and thank you for all the work you do!

Congratulations to Jason Hammel and Lula Cafe!



We had a fantastic time at our Ndajee celebration in May, where Lula Cafe owner and Chef Jason Hammel showed his support for WGEF by auctioning off an in-home dinner in support of girls' education. Just a few days later, Jason and his team at Lula Cafe received the 2024 James Beard Award for Outstanding Hospitality - the only James Beard Award won by a Chicago restaurant this year! This award underscores their commitment to community, and we are incredibly proud of their continued support for WGEF and our community.

As Jason shared in his remarks at the James Beard Awards, "We truly believe at Lula that hospitality is love, and it's a love with conditions, and we believe the conditions can be just and fair and kind." Congratulations to Jason and the team at Lula Cafe on this amazing accomplishment!

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