



Happy New Year!

Thanks to your support of BoldeReach, we are looking forward to another banner year!

2009 Beneficiary Selected

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Accomplishments of GEF include:

- Establishing more than 60 libraries in orphanage homes, community centers and schools
- Delivering nearly \$2 million worth of books to thousands of orphans and vulnerable children.
- Providing scholarships to students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend high school, along with community service experiences and leadership training.
- Purchasing textbooks and funding teacher training to improve the quality of education in slum schools
- Working with American school children to teach them about the educational needs of extremely poor children around the world and giving them an opportunity to make a difference through book drives and service projects.



Look for more information about our 2009 plans to support GEF soon.

Conversations

Our 2009 Conversations series begins on **Tuesday, February 10th**. We hope to see you there! Details below.

Feb. 10: Revi Sterling presents an intimate conversation about communication technology and how it can improve the lives of women. Revi's research focuses on the role of information and communication technologies in gender empowerment. She is currently developing custom hardware and software solutions for specific development issues, and is conducting fieldwork in Africa and India.

Conversations is held in the Guild for Structural Integration, 3107 28th Street, Boulder, **beginning at 6:00 PM.**

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Update on 2008 Beneficiary - Urgent Action Fund



The 2008 Around the World with BoldeReach Gala raised funds for Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF). In December, we presented a check to UAF for \$72,436.10, which is already in use. Some of the grants that your generosity has funded include:

1. Ruta Pacifica de las Mujeres (RPM) – Colombia, Oct. 2008

RPM is a women's rights organization that held a peaceful protest on behalf of Indigenous rights. Thousands of people marched to draw attention to the Colombian government's unfulfilled agreements to Indigenous communities, including demilitarizing Indigenous territories and greater protection of Indigenous leaders who had come under attack. The Colombian Armed Forces violently attacked the peaceful protesters, resulting in 60 wounded, 2 dead and various people disappeared and detained. In response, RPM requested a Rapid Response Grant to organize a march alongside other human and women's rights organization to continue efforts and to prevent the violent attack from halting their mobilization.



2. Women and Development (WD) – Georgia, October 2008

WD is an organization that focuses on the rights of women and girls in Georgia. Russia's violent invasion and occupation of Georgia was partially halted due to international pressure; however, the Russian military created "buffer zones" under their control. Approximately 150,000 inhabitants live in this buffer area; two-thirds are women and girls. WD, understanding the increased risk for violence against women by the Russian military, requested a Rapid Response Grant to launch a campaign focused on women and girls, consisting of educational posters and booklets. Materials included information on international responsibilities and laws surrounding women's human rights, advice for increasing individual security while living in an occupied territory, and methods to report rights violations.

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights made a record **124 Rapid Response Grants in 2008** - 55% more than any previous year! For more information: <http://www.urgentactionfund.org>

Update on 2007 Beneficiaries – Microcredit

The 2007 Around the World with BoldeReach Gala raised funds to open Village Banks in poor communities desperately in need of access to credit. BoldeReach beneficiaries were Friendship Bridge and TIAW's Microenterprise Development Program.

Friendship Bridge opened nine village banks in Guatemala using funds raised by BoldeReach. TIAW opened seven banks in one in Ghana, three in Peru, one in Mexico and two in Nicaragua.



Most of these banks are on their 3rd loan cycle, so your donations keep on giving!!



BoldeReach

Helping Women and Children Around the World

International Women's Day

is being celebrated around the world

In honor of the occasion **BoldeReach** is partnering with



1625 Pearl Street
Boulder, CO 80302

<http://www.ourmomentum.com/>

for an

International Women's Day Event Saturday March 21st, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Join us for refreshments and meet the board members of **BoldeReach**.

Enter to win a photograph by Internationally Renowned Photographer, Jake Norton.

Browse the beautiful products at Momentum. Their business and products support fair trade, environmentally friendly production, independent artists, and organic farming.

Momentum is donating 10% of every purchase made during the event to BoldeReach.

These funds will go to this year's cause, displaced children and orphans through our beneficiary: **Global Education Fund**, a Boulder based non-profit whose mission is to improve the lives of orphans and vulnerable children around the world through education.



To date, **BoldeReach** has raised over \$400,000 for such international issues as girls' education in Afghanistan, programs to prevent child trafficking, clean water and sanitation, microcredit, and grants to support women's rights activists. We would love to add to this total while you enjoy shopping at Momentum! Momentum and BoldeReach would be the perfect choice for a doubly appropriate Mother's Day gift!

Momentum is located on Pearl Street between 16th Street and 17th Street.

PLEASE JOIN US at MOMENTUM on MARCH 21st!!

BoldeReach Chicago

BoldeReach is thrilled to announce our first expansion chapter, BoldeReach Chicago. A fabulous group of women in the Chicago area is taking our organizational model and raising fund to support non-profits addressing issues that impact women and children around the world. BoldeReach Chicago is in the process of selecting their first cause to support and making plans for fundraising activities. If you know women in Chicago who would like to be involved, send email to info@boldereach.org and we will make the introduction.

2009 Gala Scheduled

Mark your calendar! The 2009 Around the World with BoldeReach Gala has been scheduled for:

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Look for more information on the Gala and other BoldeReach events soon.

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Conversations

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March 10: "Immigrant Women: Strengths and Challenges"

Join us for an intimate Conversation with three immigrant women in our community. Hear why these women choose to make this community their home, what challenges they face, and what support is available for them and their families.

We have partnered with Intercambio de Comunidades to make this Conversation possible. Intercambio works to build respectful communities and increase opportunities for immigrants through language education, cultural exchange and friendship.

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Helping Women and Children Around the World

Around the World with BoldeReach

in honor of the work of Global Education Fund

We are in full swing getting ready for our annual Around the World with BoldeReach Gala; but, as usual, we have lots of other activities before, during and after the Gala.

On Sunday, September 20th, BoldeReach and Global Education Fund (GEF) hosted our Gala kick-off party, **Colorado to Kenya**. For the first time, we specifically included children in our invitation.



Demonstrating GEF's mission of improving the lives of orphans and vulnerable children around the world through education was the focus of activities that included a Kenyan schoolroom experience, mask making and African storytelling.



We had the privilege of hearing from the Director of the GEF Kenya Program, Fred Afwai. Fred spoke about the impact of education on the lives of young people in Kenya who are orphans due to conflict and/or disease. These children have little or no opportunity for education other than scholarships & support from outside their community, like the GEF Program.

Fred also took time to teach a Swahili lesson to the children adding the event.



Moped Scooter Raffle Winner Announced



The Colorado to Kenya afternoon was a great success for children and adults alike and culminated in the raffle drawing for our moped scooter. The lucky winners are Ashley & Robert Shires!

MANY THANKS to all our supporters who purchased raffle tickets. Over \$1500 was raised by the raffle. 100% of the raffle ticket purchases go to support Global Education Fund's Leadership Program in Kenya.

2009 Around the World with BoldeReach Gala

If you haven't bought your tickets already, don't miss this year's Gala! The Gala promises to continue our tradition of throwing the 'best party in Boulder'. Tickets can be purchased by going to: <http://www.boldereach.org/buy.html>

The 2009 Around the World with BoldeReach Gala

Saturday, October 3, 2009

For 2009, BoldeReach turned our attention to the issue of displaced children – orphans of disease and conflict. We selected **Global Education Fund (GEF)** as our 2009 beneficiary. Funds raised for GEF go to support their Leadership Program in Kenya. The Program provides poor Kenyan youth, predominantly orphaned girls, with an education both inside and outside of the classroom. It includes: four year high school scholarships; training in critical real-world skills through workshops, retreats and service projects; and a network of support through mentorships with university students, adult coaches and peer support groups.



Join us for a fabulous evening and a chance to learn more about inspiring young women like Esther Awuor. Esther currently boards at school. Her parents have passed away and left Esther and her three siblings with no one to pay their school fees. After completing her education Esther hopes to become a doctor.

"I envision giving back to the community by getting a better education and starting up an organization that gives help to orphans in the society and even the less fortunate people."

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Around the World with BoldeReach in honor of the work of Global Education Fund raises more than \$100,000

October 3rd was a magical night in more ways than one. **The Gala was a brilliant success** from the sparkling guests to the lively entertainment to the delicious food to the educational Kenyan school room to the spectacular results of the evening.



Your generosity allowed BoldeReach to set another record in our fundraising for organizations that *aid and empower women and children in extreme need around the world*. Global Education Fund (GEF) does that and more! Your support for GEF's 2010 Leadership Program is a true validation of the statement by Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

We are still counting donations that are coming in, but the total to date is **\$101,205.51**. We are honored to take on the charge of providing these funds to GEF which allows them to take a giant step forward in the number of scholars that they admit to the Leadership Program in 2010. There are currently 55 scholars; your gifts allow the program to grow to approximately 100 scholars. **You have enabled each of these bright and motivated scholars to change their future and the future of Kenya for the better.**



THANK YOU to our Sponsors

The success of the Gala would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. To our financial sponsors, THANK YOU for kick-starting the fundraising and setting the bar for what was possible.

BoldeReach is all volunteer. We focus on keeping the costs of our fundraising a low as possible. We pay for the Gala through ticket sales and return 100% of donations to our beneficiary. Much of what you experienced at the Gala was donated.

The beautiful graphics were provided by **Graphic by Manjari** – if you need any creative work done, Manjari is the best.



Food was prepared by volunteers cooking prior to the Gala, but it would not be possible to put out such a delicious spread without **Sage & Savory Catering**. Sue Dubach, the owner, designs the menu, buys food at cost, loans her kitchen, coaches the volunteers and supervises the serving. If you need a caterer, Sue at Sage and Savory is the call to make.



Beverages were provided by several groups. This year, **IZZE** was a special sponsor. The martini bar is always tastefully hosted by organic **Vodka 14**. **LiquorMart** provides wine and beer.

Auctioneering is provided by **Dr. Jan Kirschner, Boulder Spinal Health and Wellness Center**. He works very hard with us to ensure that he can speak to the heart of the work done by our beneficiary. He also puts his heart into his professional work providing excellent chiropractic care. Call (303) 545-2529 for your **FREE first visit**. Offer good until 03 November 2009.



THANK YOU to our Volunteer

It takes over 50 volunteers to manage all the activities of the Gala. Our volunteers generously give of their time to cook, decorate, set-up, serve, bartend, manage the transportation, run the check-out, clean up and more. They make it look seamless and we know that our guests truly appreciate the effort.

Green Gala

BoldeReach works very hard to put on a green Gala. Our venue is solar & wind powered. We use high density transportation. We take leftover food to food banks and compost the rest. We use recyclable cups and have our own dinnerware & cutlery that we wash and reuse. We recycle paper, metal, plastic and glass.

I want to extend a special thanks to our guests for conscientiously helping us with our recycling effort. Here is a photo of the remains of the Gala – 6 bins of recycle and only one bag of trash!!



Conversations

Our November Conversations is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th. Partnering for Africa's Future is facilitating the discussion. For more information: <http://www.boldereach.org/conversations.html>. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to receive our quarterly newsletter, just reply to this email with **SUSCRIBE** in the subject line.

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