

Dear Family and Friends,

I have the BEST NEWS!

MY EMPOWERED FLOWER, my jewelry company, has formed an alliance with an organization known as Americans for UNFPA. This nationally recognized 501c3 nonprofit is dedicated to promoting the health and rights of women in over 150 countries.

They have enthusiastically agreed to help me allocate my proceeds and ANY donations I solicit to Agnes Pareyio and her second center, the Sakutiek Rescue House. This is the house I helped build with proceeds from The Vagina Monologues in 2007. This is Agnes Pareyio's second "safe house" preventing girls from undergoing female genital mutilation(FGM) and this is the very house I visited in October 2008 in Kenya Africa. This is huge!

Americans for UNFPA was one of the sponsors of my production of the Vagina Monologues in 2007 that many of you saw and or supported. The president, Anika Ram hosted our cast, Agnes Pareyio and monologue playwright Eve Ensler for dinner the evening before our show . It was at that dinner after speaking with Anika , Eve and Agnes that I became devoted to this project heart and soul.

Since returning from Kenya, I have spent the last few months searching for the "right" non profit to handle my small but growing earnings. Thanks to my friend Nicole Cicerani (who traveled with me to Sakutiek, Africa), I can tell you that I have entered into a relationship with Americans for UNFPA where all good things seem possible!

Building a second house was a major undertaking for Agnes. Starting My Empowered Flower was challenging for me. I am so lucky to have had the continued encouragement and stellar advice from my husband, gynecologist to the stars here in Fairfield County , Dan. He held down the fort so I could go across the world. That journey led me to 48 of the sweetest little girls: their faces will be forever etched in my memory. They plan on living in "my house" and STAYING IN SCHOOL because they will NEVER be cut. Educated children are a very tangible contribution to a better world.

FGM is still a very real threat to the livelihood of young girls in Kenya and two million other girls across the globe. Please see the two recent articles that are included on my website at [My Empowered Flower.com](http://MyEmpoweredFlower.com). To make a 100 % tax deductible contribution simply click here: www.americansforunfpa.org/agnes
(If you have any trouble, please contact Walid Haddad at Americans for UNFPA at 646-649-9105 or call me anytime at 203-913-4478.)

That's all folks! Happy everything and here is to a peaceful and **empowered** 2009!
Warmly (and with a little bit of excitement!),

Andrea Suzanne