



"Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world." -Nelson Mandela

Greetings Strong Women Strong World Community!

It's hot and humid here in Texas and if you're like my family you're busy spending these last long days of summer getting kiddos geared up with new backpacks and school supplies and making preparations to start another school year. The stark reality for millions of school aged children is that without our help, they will not have the opportunity or necessities to attend school this year.

It's staggering that over half of the children out of school are girls.

Sixteen million girls between the ages 6 and 11 will never enter school compared to 8 million boys. (World Bank, SNAPSHOT Reaching Girls, Transforming Lives 2016).

At World Vision, we believe that every child deserves the chance to learn and reach their God-given potential. Ensuring equitable access to education leads to social and economic benefits. For instance, research tells us that a child born to a literate mother is 50% more likely to survive past the age of 5 (CARE). [Learn how we're empowering communities to transform discriminatory practices so that all children are valued and have equitable access to education.](#)

TAKE ACTION



Host a promise pack kit build that will enable a child to go to school by providing them with basic school supplies, hygiene items, and a blanket. [Sign Up Today!](#)

Pray for vulnerable children throughout the world to have protection, safety, and opportunity so that they can go to school and thrive.

Give to our Signature Fund. When you support a woman it changes not only her life, but life for her family and her entire

Each of us can be part transforming a life through education.

The Take Action section of this email has specific ways for you to make an impact and we invite you to join with us in creating a stronger world.

Thank you for your partnership and support.

Blessings,

Kerry Bendt

Meet Janet

She is 25 years old and a mother of 3 children ages 6, 5 and 1. She is from Pokot; where female genital mutilation and early marriage are still practiced, Janet was married off in order to pay school fees for her brothers. But, despite many challenges, Janet's passion for education led her to St Catherine Girls School in Chepnyal, which is supported by World Vision Child protection in the Sook Program.

[Read her inspiring story here.](#)

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September 17, 2016

Hosted by Sarah & Jeff McParland

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Newport Beach, California

September 23, 2016

Hosted by Golf Fore Africa

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Scottsdale, Arizona

November 9, 2016

Hosted by Golf Fore Africa

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The Speranza Foundation gives grants to artists and initiatives that are restoring and inspiring humanity.

As a long time supporter of World Vision, Speranza has contributed significantly to girls education through funding scholarships, safe house projects, and other initiatives related to ensuring that girls have equal access to education.

Speranza's founder, Kathy Treat, has been the Chair of the annual Strong Women Strong World luncheon in NYC since its inception.



Margo Day is the vice president of U.S. Education for Microsoft.

Making a difference in people's lives is important to Margo. She has been deeply involved in funding the building secondary schools for vulnerable girls in Kenya. She took a one-year personal leave of absence from Microsoft to focus her energies on raising funds and awareness for the Kenya Child Protection and Education Project, partnering with World Vision. This project is positively affecting 17,000 children in four areas in the North Rift Valley of Kenya by providing access to quality education, building schools, deepening community advocacy for the education of the girl child, and transforming community attitudes toward early marriage and harmful cultural practices.

Strong Women Strong World confronts injustice and tackles broken systems to equip girls and women to rewrite their stories, becoming powerful change agents that transform their families and communities.

To speak with someone directly about the movement or to give a gift, please contact Kerry Bendt.



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