



July 2016

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

THANK YOU for attending, donating to, and volunteering your valuable time at our fundraiser 'It Takes A Village, 2016'.

Special thank you Urmi Basu of New Light, India for traveling all the way to Seattle and inspiring us all. Also thank you Peter Kithene, for your heartfelt words, and Sharon Tasur, your breathtaking sweetness.



The room was a sea of smiles and wonderful people. Special acknowledgment goes to the event committee consisting of Board members and volunteers - The success of the event was because of your energy and passion to collectively support sustainable solutions to community challenges through Village Volunteers!

Shana Greene & Friends of Village Volunteers

## EMPOWERING WOMEN PERIOD CHANGING LIVES

The Mukti Sanitary Pad micro enterprise is on a roll! New Light, our India partner signed a 3-year lease to house Mukti in Kolkata. Mukti in Sanskrit means 'liberation/freedom'.

The project has given a fresh start to its newest employees - 12 vulnerable women from the city's red light district who gain refuge in gainful and respectable employment through New Light.

The 100% biodegradable sanitary pads are now being manufactured under Aakar Innovations' training and guidance. Stay connected & updated on Mukti's progress through Empowering Women Period's Facebook Page!



## Looking forward with Village Volunteers - Fall 2016

Village Volunteers is looking toward the future and we are excited about our new and updated projects. Here are a few items we'll be focusing on in the months ahead.

- We are overhauling our website which will be mobile friendly and allow better access to our program information, applications and our resource library
- Expansion of our Empowering Women Period project into Kenya this fall, after years of planning and a successful pilot project in India
- New Moringa Tree plantings are going in Muhuru Bay, Kenya to support families affected by Sickle Cell Anemia
- A big welcome to Emmanuel who is visiting the US this summer from our Namunyak Maasi Welfare program in Kenya
- Another welcome to Christine Rose, who is taking on the role of Volunteer Program Manager and will be a support to Shana in the Seattle office

Feel free to contact us with questions about our upcoming projects and check our [Village Volunteers Facebook](#) page and our [Empowering Women Period Facebook](#) page for updates.

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