

Greetings!

We are delighted to greet you in this New Year, and send wishes for good health, happiness and peace. Voices of Women (VOW) is entering its 11th year, and we have been able to continue our work because of your generous support. Thank you!

Our board of directors now numbers 11 and will be adding new directors during 2013, so please continue to visit our web site to learn more about them.

This is an excellent opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to each and every VOW director for the sterling work they do to further our mission. Warm regards, Jenni Prisk/President

Daraja Academy



Meet 16 year old Josephine Kenga, a determined young woman passionate about receiving an education. That idea seemed nearly impossible for a while, as she is the only child out of her 5 siblings to attend high school. Her oldest brother owns a water cart and takes care of the family financially, as their parents are too old to work.

"I am so lucky to have been accepted into Daraja," she said. "I would not have given up. I would have kept writing letters and repeating class 8 until someone would let me into school."

VOW is sponsoring Josephine in 2013 and we invite you to visit our [web site](#) to learn more about Daraja Academy and how you can become involved in the lives of these remarkable young women.

VOW & East African Women

In early 2010, Voices of Women began meeting with refugee women from East Africa who are living in San Diego. Their organization, United Women of East Africa Support Team (UWEAST) approached VOW to see if we would be interested in assisting them with business skills. We meet monthly in City Heights and held the first workshop (on public speaking) on April 9, 2011.

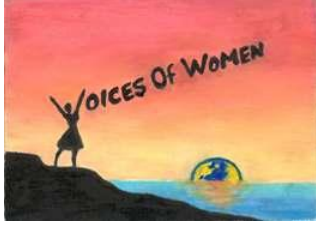
VOW and Commission on the Status of Women San Diego

VOW is co-sponsoring with the Commission on the Status of Women San Diego, a workshop on **Human Trafficking** on **February 6 from 5-7pm** at the La Mesa/El Cajon Police Department, 8085 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942. RSVP to lisa.mcavoy@sdcounty.ca.gov

VOW Salon for Supporters

VOW will host a **Supporters' Salon** at the home of Board Director Brent Wakefield on **February 21, 2013 from 6-8pm**. This event will feature a speaker who will address a global issue affecting women. RSVP to info@voicesofwomen.org by **January 31, 2013**.

Now let's look ahead to the events we have planned for 2013



January: VOW will begin a six-month partnership with The Tomorrow Project and LEAD San Diego.

February: A Supporters' Salon at the home of Brent Wakefield, featuring a speaker who will address a global issue affecting women.

May: VOW will partner with Room to Read (featured in the PBS documentary Half the Sky) and young people, to stage an educational event.

August: VOW will collaborate with Moxie Theatre to stage a reading of Seven (a play about seven global women written by seven female playwrights)

October 17: VOW's 5th Annual Beyond Borders Benefit.

November 8: Five Rings Financial will stage a 2nd annual Expo to benefit VOW.