

WOMENSTRUST

Dear Supporter,

In January of this year I led a delegation of representatives from the U.S. and Sweden to visit WomensTrust offices and operations in Ghana. During that trip, as with each of my previous trips, I was continually reminded of why, for over 7 years, I have made WomensTrust a priority in my philanthropy and why I am so grateful to you for your continued support. Together, we are helping women and girls in Ghana improve their lives and realize their dreams.

I want to share with you the story of one girl's dream. I met Rose in January, and when I think of her, I feel a renewed determination to reach out and ask others to join me in enhancing this wonderful partnership with Ghanaian women and girls that we are creating together. Rose was a WomensTrust scholarship recipient who had graduated from high school the previous year. Her intelligence and determination were palpable. She was poised and elegant and her language skills and vocabulary were amazing. Her dream was to go to law school. It was difficult, almost impossible, to sit in that conference room listening to this bright young woman, knowing that all of the scholarships in the College Bound program had been awarded — knowing that, at least for now, her dream, her potential would not be realized.

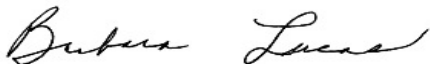
Rose's image overlaid the rest of my trip, as we visited many of the hundreds of clients WomensTrust has served in 2014. Each woman has her own story of how her life and the lives of her family, particularly her children, are better because of WomensTrust. Children had more to eat, had access to health care and were able to stay in school while their mothers grew more stable businesses, benefitting whole communities.

I see Rose whenever I talk about our newly launched "College Bound" program, which provides scholarship girls who have graduated from high school with additional funding for university or vocational training. Rose was present in my mind as the first four awardees of the College Bound scholarships (\$1,000 a year for each student) thanked us, each seeing the beginnings of a future brighter than she could have ever hoped for.

As I listened to these young women in January and even today, as I reflect on our conversations, their images morph into a strong articulate young woman whose dream is not yet fulfilled.

Please join me today in fulfilling Rose's dream, and those of other capable women and girls, with an end of year gift to WomensTrust.

Sincerely,



Barbara Lucas
Chair, Board of Trustees

P.S. Please remember to make your tax-deductible gift by December 31 to help us meet our 2014 fundraising goal!

