Dear Tostan Friends and Supporters,

What continually inspires me is the determination and passion I see in youth today. Students across the country, including at Danville High School in Illinois—my alma mater—and Inglemoor High School in Washington state, have been long-term advocates for Tostan's work in Africa.

This month, 43 seventh and eighth grade students at Eastside College Preparatory School in Palo Alto, California had the unique opportunity to participate in a philanthropy project that gave them the power and responsibility to allocate funds they raised to organizations they felt provided solutions to our world's problems. After research, interviews, and lengthy class discussions, they decided to donate $750 to Tostan!

Read the full Eastside Prep story here.
Read a reflection of the awards ceremony by Tostan supporter Paige Kaneb here.

Like Tostan Community Empowerment Program (CEP) participants, these students are taking charge of the future by expanding their knowledge and investing in solutions that will create a positive change in their local as well as global communities. I send a big thank you to these students for actively working toward a better future!
Warm wishes,

Molly Melching
Executive Director, Tostan

Keys to Advancing Human Rights

On April 3-6, Tostan team members from Senegal joined 35 other human rights advocates, religious leaders, and scholars in Atlanta, Georgia for The Carter Center Human Rights Defenders Forum. The inspiring and committed group discussed how human rights can be protected and advanced by active religious, traditional and government institutions.

Click here to read Molly Melching's thoughts on the event.

Crossing Borders & Boundaries: Public Declaration in Gathiary, Senegal

On March 13th, Malians, Senegalese, and Mauritanians gathered for an energetic and inspiring public declaration in Gathiary, Senegal. The event was punctuated by celebratory dances and skits as well as powerful speeches that addressed personal experiences of FGC and child/forced marriage and the resolve of communities to change.

Read coverage of this event on Tostan's website and blog.

Celebrate the Women in Your Life this Mother's Day!

Tostan partner communities are filled with passionate, determined women.

Be a Voice for Tostan!!

Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator, gives Tostan its highest rating of four stars! One way to make this high rating even more inspiring is if you, our supporters, contribute short reviews to Tostan's Charity Navigator page.

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determined women and mothers who are leading their communities to an empowered future. Celebrate the dynamic women in your life and make a donation to Tostan in their honor this Mother's Day!

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