Dear Tostan Friends and Supporters,

Happy New Year! 2010 was an extraordinary year for the entire Tostan family, and I am delighted to announce that our 2010 year-end fundraising campaign has already surpassed our previous records, and donations are still arriving daily!

I'll share the final totals with you in a few weeks, but I wanted to take this moment to say thank you. Hundreds of you joined with us in making this campaign a true success. By contributing directly and by sharing our story with others, you have helped us end 2010—and start 2011—on a great note!

Please scroll down to read about some of the exciting events already underway for 2011, and as always, thank you for your generous support.

Warm wishes,

Molly Welch
Communities Set to Declare Their Abandonment of Harmful Practices

On January 16th and January 23rd, two regions in The Gambia will host public declarations to abandon harmful traditional practices. Gambian communities who have participated in Tostan's Community Empowerment Program (CEP)—or learned about health and human rights from their friends and neighbors—will come together to celebrate their decision to not only abandon female genital cutting (FGC) and child/forced marriage, but to lead initiatives for many other community-led successes.

More information coming soon!

Tostan's Model Offers Hope

In mid January, Not My Life, a documentary film about modern human slavery, will premiere in New York City! The film highlights Tostan's approach to community empowerment as an innovative means to overcome harmful and deeply rooted traditional practices, and gives hope for ending other practices such as global human trafficking.

Click here to read more about Tostan's role in the film.

Click here to watch the film's trailer on our homepage.

Tostan Welcomes New Volunteers!

In late January, Tostan will welcome seven new volunteers to the international office in Dakar, to the national

Read Tostan's Blog: Stay Informed!

Tostan's blog is updated on a weekly basis with stories from the field, village portraits, and updates from Tostan's international offices. Don't miss a single story!
You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook, check out photo albums on Flickr, and watch Tostan films on YouTube.

Click here to learn more about Tostan's Africa Volunteer Program.

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