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Dear Tostan Friends and Supporters,

Our Washington, DC office has exciting news! On Thursday, July 22, Tostan will host its first U.S. event. The event will give us the chance to bring together Tostan's many supporters in the DC area.

The event will take place at [Busboys and Poets](#), a local restaurant. For our program for the evening, I will give an update on Tostan's current projects and successes in the field. Following the update, we will screen [Walking the Path of Unity](#), a short documentary directed by the community of Diegoune in Ziguinchor, Senegal about their decision to abandon [female genital cutting](#) (FGC). The film will be followed by a meet and greet.

I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly Melching". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Molly Melching
Executive Director, Tostan

Religious Leaders of Guinea-Conakry Issue a Declaration Against FGC

More than 60 Muslim and Christian religious leaders from Guinea-Conakry took part in discussions about Islam and [FGC](#) last month. The event was organized by Project Hope, a collaboration between [Pathfinder International](#), [Population Services International](#) (PSI), and [Tostan](#).



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A Big Welcome to Tostan's New Volunteers!

We're excited to welcome new volunteers to Tostan offices in Mbour, Thiès, and Dakar, Senegal, as well as Kololi, in The Gambia. Volunteers have just completed their orientation and have headed to their respective locations.



[Click here](#) to read more about the new volunteers!

Tostan Now Has an Alumni Group on Facebook!

Past Tostan Volunteers and Interns: Keep up to date on the latest Tostan alumni events and happenings with our new Facebook group. [Click here](#) to join!



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Day of the African Child



On June 18, paralleling an event held in Dakar, a coalition of NGOs, local municipal governments, and primary schools hosted their own event in Mbour, Senegal, to celebrate the International Day of the African Child. This holiday called attention to issues impacting African children, such as education, birth

registrations, and child labor.

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