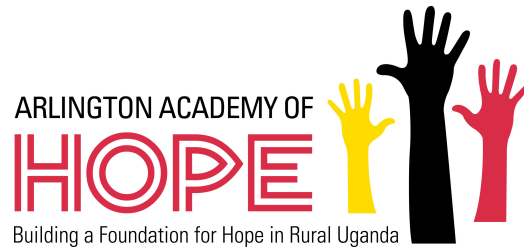


***From One Village* Screening Talking Points**

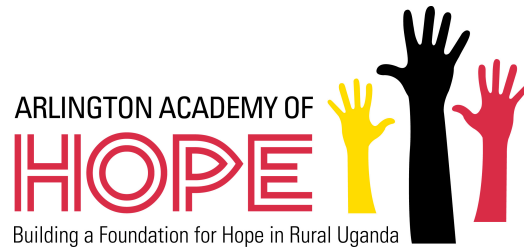
- Introduce yourself.
 - What is your connection to AAH?
 - Why do you want to share *From One Village* with your audience?

- Share some background about AAH
 - John and Joyce Wanda are Ugandan immigrants who live in Arlington, VA. They grew up in remote villages in one of the most impoverished areas of Eastern rural Uganda. Against the odds, they were educated and eventually earned University degrees. Through a State Department lottery program, they literally won their emigration to the United States in 1996.
 - John and Joyce wanted to give back to their village communities. In 2004, they founded the Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH), a nonprofit based in Arlington, VA. That same year, they opened a new school, also called the Arlington Academy of Hope, in John's native village.
 - Cut off from the modern world, people in rural Uganda struggle to survive in the face of hunger and disease. They lack access to basics like electricity, running water, healthcare and education.
 - But things have begun to change for the better as a result of AAH. And with this change something new has come to this region: Hope.

- Introduce and watch *From One Village*
 - This documentary, *From One Village: A Story of Hope in Uganda*, gives you a picture of life in rural Uganda through the eyes of three young people, and how educational opportunities, taken and missed, are shaping their lives.
 - Let me stop here and share the video with you so you can see for yourself what life is like in a remote corner of Africa where 3 young people, Rojus, Brian and Rachel, focus on survival and reflect on how their future prospects have been shaped by education or lack thereof.



- After showing *From One Village*
 - The public educational system in Uganda is broken. The lack of funding and infrastructure has resulted in poorly motivated and unqualified teachers, broken down schools, severely overcrowded classrooms, few textbooks, and dismaying educational results. Many families decide that a child's labor in the fields is more important than his or her education in underfunded schools. Most children drop out of primary school; only 14% of students across Uganda – and far fewer in rural areas such as this one – continue to secondary school.
 - Today AAH is regarded throughout Uganda as a model primary school. Students at AAH are proving that village children learn and succeed when provided the necessary resources.
 - As you can see, AAH is making a huge difference in this community. It is getting results – for 5 consecutive years 100% of AAH graduates have passed the national standardized exams and nearly all have advanced to secondary school.
 - AAH programs reach far beyond the school walls – they include two rural health clinics, a library learning center, economic development, and outreach support to 18 local village schools. All told, AAH and its programs impact approximately 30,000 children and other villagers each year.
- Invite people to get involved
 - What you have seen in this film – the transformational power of education and the chance to seek a better life – is possible because of people like you and me. We can make a big difference to these deserving children and their communities.
 - AAH envisions Rachel, Brian and the other 540 students in our program to be the future leaders who will transform their village communities. They are capable if given the chance. We can look to John and Joyce and see that an education for them has spread into an education for hundreds. This journey of hope has just begun. I invite you to join AAH as we strive to reach more children and expand our programs from one village to many more.



- There are many ways to help and get involved. (Hand out *Get Involved* sheet)
 - Sponsor a child (explain; have sponsorship package available)
 - Make a donation (share brochures; you can collect donations and mail them to AAH or ask people to donate via the website)
 - Volunteer in the US or Uganda (ask people to contact AAH to learn more)
 - Share *From One Village* online or in person (e.g., host a screening like this one)
 - Introduce AAH to individuals and organizations (schools, community groups, book club, alumni group, professional network, other organizations doing work in Africa, etc) who would be interested in helping
- Invite people to
 - Visit AAH's website to learn more about its programs, results, and how you can help. (arlingtonacademyofhope.org)
 - Sign up for AAH's e-newsletter (pass around the Stay in Touch Sign-up Sheet)
- Closing
 - AAH was built on the belief that each of us can make a difference.
 - Many dedicated volunteers have helped AAH to get where it is today. These volunteers help because they believe in the promise of children like Brian and Rachel and the capacity of AAH to help them and many more.
 - Thank you for being here today/tonight. I hope you will join me and AAH as the future unfolds for these and many more Ugandan children...