

Angry Moms Launch Grassroots Groupsite



In 2006 Amy Kalafa, of Georgetown, CT, founder of AngryMoms.org, produced the film *Two Angry Moms*, which has garnered nationwide media attention for exposing the shortcomings of the school cafeteria and placing the power to change squarely in the hands of parents. Now the organization is launching its latest grassroots media tool: AngryMoms.Groupsites.com, a social networking site designed to connect and empower like-minded parents and others at a grassroots, regional or local school district level.

Parents can utilize the groupsite to connect with people in their local area to organize, host a film screening and create a local movement. They can also participate in forums to discuss issues such as the results of their screening, their kids' school food environment, local school food issues, government regulations, and other related subjects such as school gardens. Screening dates and events can be posted on the shared calendar, and photos from events and school food experiences can be uploaded and shared as well.

For more information visit AngryMoms.org, or to connect and unite with other Fairfield parents, go to AngryMoms.Groupsites.com. Just scroll down near the bottom of the home page and you'll see where you can join the Fairfield County group, which was the first local group created within this new national resource.

New Exotic Fair Trade Boutique



*Bernice Ot-Ankra, artisan
with Chris Gay of Ayindisa*

When Chris Gay was visiting artisans in Northern Ghana several years ago, he was given a special name in the Frafra dialect: Ayindisa (eye-in-DEE-suh) meaning "God's hand is in the work that you do." Now Mr. Gay has opened a boutique by the same name, selling socially responsible handcrafts in Ridgefield. The Ayindisa boutique is a beautiful, warm, relaxing showroom featuring exotic gifts from artisans around the globe, including original art, unique jewelry and clothing, natural beauty products and more. Mr. Gay works directly with artisans

and co-op groups he helped create in Ghana, West Africa, but products from other fair-trade organizations working with artisans all around the globe are also available. Beyond that, Ayindisa has partnered with various African and US non-profit humanitarian and micro-credit organizations working to combat poverty and create jobs in the developing world. "I want people in the area to know that our store exists and that customers have a unique choice out there when it comes to shopping and



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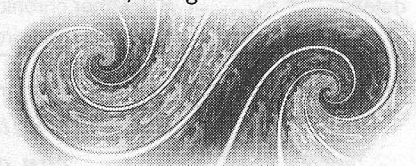
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