

## Building an Economy Through Art

By Remi Ziff



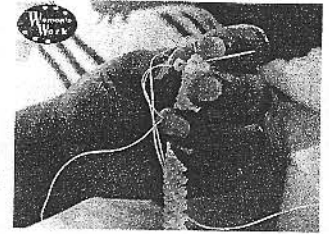
In the Building an Economy

Through Art workshop, students listened to Cecilia and Peter Durkin's story and learned about how they have made a great difference. Mr. and Mrs. Durkin started a nonprofit organization to help people in Botswana. Their

organization, called Women's Work, makes and sells many different African products. Women from the San Bushman community in Botswana make jewelry, baskets, and oils to sell throughout the world. Students in this workshop not only got to learn about Women's Work, but they also got to make beads for some of the jewelry. Students took old magazines, ripped up pages, and



turned them into beautiful beads that were then used to create jewelry sold through Women's Work. The Durkins demonstrate the power of one because they have created an organization that helps promote the economy in Botswana and makes a difference to the women there. They are a great example of how you can creatively help those in need.



## Socially Responsible Artisan Handicrafts

By Michelle Monforte

Chris Gay, the founder of Socially Responsible Artisan handicrafts, ran a workshop to teach students about the hardworking people in Ghana, Ethiopia, and Kenya. Chris has a store in Ridgefield, Connecticut where he sells all sorts of goods made by people in these African countries as well as other countries around the world. Most people living in these places live in poverty and have a hard time supplying their families with the necessary things for survival. Chris tries to help these people by paying them to make goods for him to sell in his store. All products are made of materials found in Africa and truly reflect the culture of the place they are from. All of the goods are "fair trade" items such as jewelry, belts, paintings,

bags, scarves, etc. This makes the goods "socially responsible". When you buy goods from Chris' store, you are helping people in need. If you can't get to his store, you can also buy goods online at [www.ayindisa.com](http://www.ayindisa.com).

Chris showed students the power of one because he created a store that not only gives customers the chance to have beautiful things but also helps them help others. Life in some of these countries can be very difficult and he showed that one person can truly help others.



## Serving Your Community, WOW!

By Remi Klein

On January 20, 2009, President Obama was inaugurated as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. Do you remember that day? Do you remember how President Obama asked every American to spend one day help-

ing others? Well, that was the focus of the Serving Your Community: WOW! workshop. This workshop was run by Beth Gersh-Nesic, a member of the Westchester Obama Women (WOW) organization. With the help of Mrs. Barthelmes, Ms. Nesic taught sixth graders how to make a difference.

Students used lotions, socks, pens, journals, and a basket to create beautiful Mothers Day baskets! These baskets will then be given to mothers at the Northern Westchester Women's Shelter, a safe place for victims of domestic violence in Pleasantville, NY. With just a little bit of time, these students made a big difference. To go with the baskets, each student wrote cards to the mothers to show their support. How can we help more? Go to <http://www.northernwestchestershelter.org/help.htm> to get more information. Even if it's only a card, you can also make a huge difference in a woman's life.

## Alex's Lemonade Stand

By Ross Weinfeld

As part of Power of One Day, Mr. Litman ran a workshop called "Alex's Lemonade Stand". In 2000, Alexandra Scott, started to run a lemonade stand in her front yard. Alex, at age 4, had been diagnosed with cancer and wanted to help other kids with cancer. She started this lemonade stand to raise money to help the fight against cancer. Today, this charity is huge. It's more than just lemonade stands; it's a company that works all year round to raise money to help children with cancer. The company has raised over \$25 million for charity. The workshop on Power of One Day was held in the cafeteria. During each lunch period, students sold lemonade to help raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand. This workshop fit into Power of One Day because it showed that one person, like Alex, can follow their dreams and change the world. We made a difference too! The HCC Lemonade Stand was a huge success! We raised over \$250 of Alex's Lemonade Stand and even ran out of lemonade twice! Three students from HCC were so inspired that they had their own lemonade stand over the weekend! Congratulations to Noelle Love, Allison Khouri and Kristen Khouri who raised another \$125.00 for Charity:Water! Thanks to all who participated!

