

## WFWP Las Vegas Holds Masquerade Ball Fundraiser

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On Thursday November 19, the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in conjunction with Women in Music and Arts (WIMA) hosted an international masquerade ball in Las Vegas to raise funds for the Schools of Africa project. Through 12 years of volunteer work, seven schools have been firmly established in Africa in six countries: Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Equatorial Guinea and Guinea-Bissau. Over 70 people from all different backgrounds and nationalities attended the event at the Old School Brewing Company. All the proceeds will help support the seven schools.

Christine Moon, Kimiyo Anceney, Mary Hida and Sandy Kastel had been preparing for this event for the past several months. Participants could purchase raffle tickets as well as participate in a silent auction for various gifts, even paintings that were donated from different stores and owners. Mohammed Yusef, an owner of an eco-friendly dry-cleaner, shared his message about how he believes in the good works of WFWP.

"In Africa we are working to give children backpacks with books instead of guns," said Yusef. "Women are the backbone of Africa."



The program continued with dancers, drummers and singers featuring the Dick Kastel Quartet. Chef Michael, Ted Igarashi and other singers shared their talent as the participants jazzed and rocked the night away. The diverse multicultural group shared in fellowship and joy for the rest of the evening.