



Cycle to Close the Gender Gap for Kenyan Girls

Dwight School Holds “Spin for WISER” Event to Benefit the Women’s Institute for Secondary Education and Research

New York, NY, January 22, 2013: Dwight School will hold a spin event at Flywheel (446 Columbus Avenue in New York City), the premier indoor cycling studio, to benefit the Women’s Institute for Secondary Education and Research (WISER) on Sunday, January 27. Join students, parents, faculty, and the greater Dwight community to cycle and sweat in support of WISER, a non-profit NGO that funds a girls’ boarding school in Muhuru Bay, Kenya. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go toward providing scholarships to girls and women who would otherwise not be able to attend the school.

Muhuru Bay, one of the poorest regions in Kenya, has some of the highest HIV and malaria infection rates in the country. The WISER School was founded in 2009 to educate young girls impacted by disease or loss of family who would otherwise not have the ability to pass the national exams required to attend university.

Supporting WISER aligns with Dwight’s global vision, one of the School’s three pillars, which also include community service and personalized learning. Dedicated to educating the next generation of global leaders, Dwight School, which is celebrating its 140th birthday this year, began a partnership with WISER in 2009 when students launched a \$1,000 scholarship fundraising drive to enable one local-area girl to attend WISER’s secondary boarding school. Since then, Dwight students have raised funds to send 15 girls to school.

Each year, Dwight students who are members of the WISER club travel to Muhuru Bay to work and help enrich the community’s education, technology and health initiatives. “Our work with WISER doesn’t end when we leave Kenya,” said Libby Clark, Dwight School’s Director of Operations and Events, who has chaperoned students on these trips and been actively involved in the program since the beginning. “Dwight students develop deep connections with the girls and young women of Muhuru Bay while on the trip, turning what was a charitable project into a personal commitment.”

Dwight’s second “Spin for WISER” event will include a master class, taught by renowned spin instructor and Flywheel co-founder Ruth Zukerman at 2 pm, followed by a reception at 3 pm. Bike seats are limited to 49, so early sign up is encouraged. To reserve your bike or to make a donation, email lclark@dwight.edu. For more information about WISER, visit www.wisergirls.org

About Dwight School

Established in 1872, Dwight School (www.dwight.edu), located on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, has a world-class faculty and students representing more than 40 countries. Dedicated to igniting the “spark of genius” in every child, Dwight was the first school in the U.S. to offer the comprehensive International Baccalaureate curriculum for students from preschool through grade 12. Dwight New York is the flagship campus of The Dwight Schools, a global network of programs and campuses in London, Canada, Beijing, and Seoul.

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