

## INSPIRED ACTION TO GET YOU STARTED

Together we are igniting a global movement of purpose, connection + dignity. Here's the thing: when we take in someone else's story, it has a way of awakening something in us. We know that many of you have been inspired tonight to take action.

### Here are a few ways to ignite your own path:

**donate...** *Donations to these organizations are tax exempt.*

**Imani Xchange:** A matching grant of \$1,000 has been offered by a Seeds community member (good till Feb 28, 2017). Write "SEEDS" in the comment box on the donation page [[bit.ly/ImaniDonate](http://bit.ly/ImaniDonate)] for the matching funds to be applied. [[ImaniXchange.com](http://ImaniXchange.com)]

**Sauti Film:** outreach + community development [[sautifilm.org](http://sautifilm.org)]

**Koffi Togo Cultural Center** in Togo - Africa [[bit.ly/TogoCC](http://bit.ly/TogoCC)]

### attend...

**Feb 19**, Denver: **Koffi Togo Cultural Center Fundraiser at Dazzle Jazz** [[bit.ly/KoffiTogo](http://bit.ly/KoffiTogo)]

**Mar 5**, Boulder: **Sauti film screening, Boulder International Film Festival** [[bit.ly/SautiBFF](http://bit.ly/SautiBFF)]

**May 13 | Aug 19 | Nov 11**, Denver: **SAME Cafe 4-course Colorado-grown seasonal meals** [[bit.ly/SAMESeasonal](http://bit.ly/SAMESeasonal)]

**Saturdays**, Denver: **Koffi Togo African drum and dance classes** [[bit.ly/KoffiSaturdays](http://bit.ly/KoffiSaturdays)]

**African food + music by Koffi Togo & Pierrot Babanawo**, 6:30 pm at **African Grill + Bar**.

### learn...

**Crisis in the Congo: Uncovering the Truth**

[[bit.ly/CrisisCongo](http://bit.ly/CrisisCongo)]

**9 Questions About the Global Refugee Crisis**

[[bit.ly/Refugee9Questions](http://bit.ly/Refugee9Questions)]

**Understanding the Global Refugee Crisis [ for Youth ]**

[[bit.ly/UnderstandGlobalRefugee](http://bit.ly/UnderstandGlobalRefugee)]

### contribute...

**Want to help at a future Seeds Event?**

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**SET UP, GREET FOLKS, TECH/SOUND**

**SPONSOR an event** to pay it forward for some by taking care of our "all are welcome" tickets | \$150

*We're happy to offer an event marketing shout-out.*

#### 3 words that encourage me on tough days

"faith, trust, fight"

"love, trust, coffee conversations"

"compassion, awareness, hope"

"God's faithfulness, blessings, motorcycles"

"[I am] special, fantastic, important"

"breathe, connect, play"



## CONNECT WITH YOUR STORYTELLERS

### Beret Strong | Sauti Film

"There is ALWAYS a way to connect!"  
**Beret's film is starting to make the international film festival rounds.** Sauti takes place in a Ugandan refugee settlement, where 5 teenage girls approach their uncertain futures to create lives of their own choosing with tenacity, tenderness, and imagination. "Sauti" is Swahili for "voice." [sautifilm.org](http://sautifilm.org)

### Godee Musangu

"I want to convey the reality of what is happening in the lives of Congolese women today."  
**Godee's story, dreams, and vision of life for Congolese women & girls** historically + presently, is rooted in her conviction that when you educate a girl, you educate a nation.

### Jenny Nuccio + Femida Mohamad ImaniXchange

**Delight in emPOWERment and hope within a tenacious community** of single, widowed, disabled, and disadvantaged women in Kenya. They just launched a kids' product line on the fashion runways of New York City last week. Let's celebrate! [imanixchange.com](http://imanixchange.com)

### Koffi Toudji | KoffiToGo

"We need to remember that we are all musicians because there is music in our hearts!"  
**Koffi envisions a world where music and dance bring the world together.** He is working on building a Cultural Center in his hometown of Kpalime in Togo. He has been living in Denver for years, and is an extraordinary musician, teacher + community leader. [koffitogo.com](http://koffitogo.com)

### Laura Gibson

"People know what they need; listen to them."  
**Music and dance have always been an integral part of Laura's journey,** which were part of what led her to move to, and live in Uganda for 3 years, diving into rich inter-cultural community-building. Since her return to the U.S. and work as a middle-school teacher, she's been weaving together her passions for music, songwriting, West-African dancing/drumming, writing, theater, and MORE. [daringmysoul.wordpress.com](http://daringmysoul.wordpress.com)

### Melissa + Shane Schaap

This dynamic duo will share about partnership in marriage, work, and LIFE.

"God empowers us to empower others – to help people accomplish their dreams and goals."

**Shane is an innovative entrepreneur and will talk about the seeds of his dream** of using shipping containers to build clinics, schools, and communities thriving with possibility + dignity. [chombox.com](http://chombox.com)

"Pursue your unfolding dream(s) by being part of an encouraging community + by taking the next step."

**Melissa is a master connector, deeply passionate about bringing people together** in ways that make their hearts sing with purpose and joy, which is a beautiful element of her work with ImaniXchange. [imanixchange.com](http://imanixchange.com)

### favorite quotes of the evening...

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild + precious life?"  
-Mary Oliver [BERET]

"We are here because of music + dance. Let's make sure we stay on the beat + always enjoy the show!!!" -KOFFI

"I know the power of an education: how it moves an individual out of poverty." [GODEE via education website]

