Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

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SATURDAY APRIL 16

To raise awareness about sex trafficking, Emma Lonergan, a senior at the Academy at Charlemont, will host a screening of the film Half the Sky, preceded by a benefit dinner and followed by a discussion lead by, expert and activist, Mary Anne Herron.

Inspired by the book written by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, the film follows several women who have turned oppression into opportunity. The money raised by the event will provide direct support to young women in Cambodia, who are escaping the sex trafficking industry and hoping to start new lives. At the Academy at Charlemont, 1359 Route 2, Charlemont. Suggested donation: adults \$15, students free.

The meal will start at 5 PM and the movie at 6 PM.

Mary Anne Herron is director of educational initiatives for the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation. A former school principal for 16 years, a major part of her work is also in Cambodia in the small village of Phoum Thom, where Herron founded, and now heads, the Cambodian Medical Clinic Foundation. The foundation supports the Sok Sabay Clinic, built in 2006 from funds Herron raised.

Emma Lonergan is an activist, athlete,aerial fabrics teacher at the Hilltown Youth Theatre and is in her last year at the Academy at Charlemont. This event is part of her senior project.



