



Community Partner Volunteer Description

"**Never doubt** that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
--Margaret Mead

BeadforLife, a 501(c)(3) based in Colorado and Uganda creates sustainable opportunities for women to lift their families out of extreme poverty by connecting people worldwide in a circle of exchange that enriches everyone. In Uganda, we provide the skills, training and opportunities that empower impoverished people to earn money and change their lives through sustainable income generation. In the developed world BeadforLife works to educate and engage citizens about extreme poverty and to offer effective ways for them to take action to end it. BeadforLife is unique among NGOs in that the vast majority of our operating budget is derived from sales of a uniquely Ugandan product in a world market that we were instrumental in creating.

What is the Community Partner Program?

It's a North American program specifically designed for those individuals who want to take an active and regular role in the work we do to eradicate global poverty. We have nearly 60 Community Partners throughout the U.S. and Canada.

What is a Community Partner (CP)?

CPs are a mobile force of educated and inspired community volunteers whose purpose is to expand our network of supporters through education, outreach events and bead sales. They're people who are great supporters of BeadforLife and have the time, energy and passion to devote to our organization in an ongoing way.

What does a Community Partner do?

CPs work in a variety of ways including:

- Hosting Bead Parties at people's homes, workplaces, churches and community events
- Selling jewelry to friends and colleagues
- Speaking at events, schools, universities, etc.
- Testing new products
- Encouraging others to get involved!
- Raise at least \$3,000 through bead sales and donations

Based on your own unique set of skills, there may be other ways you can help. For example, CPs have written guest blog posts, contributed photographs, pitched stories to local media outlets, and more!

What is the time commitment?

We ask all CPs to commit for one year, and then allow them to evaluate their desire and ability to participate each following year so that they're able to volunteer at a level that allows them to best balance their lives.

Why should I become a Community Partner?

- You'll have the opportunity to attend our bi-annual CP Gathering in Boulder, CO--all expenses paid
- You'll become a member of an inspired, engaged group of women & men working together for a similar cause
- You'll have the opportunity to work towards a two-week trip to Uganda to visit our offices
- You'll be able to directly help hundreds of women working their way out of poverty
- You'll receive regular updates about the impact your work as a CP has in the lives of the Ugandan women we serve

What Inspires our Community Partners?

Here's what Boots Tolsdorf, our Community Partner in Boca Grande, FL, has to say about her work with BeadforLife:

"I love the opportunity to explain to women and children—and yes men too—the definition of extreme poverty and how the vision of BeadforLife continues to help Ugandan women who possess so much courage, commitment and love. They share their strength of character with their fellow 'sisters' and their own children, as well as with orphans, which completely overwhelms me; they are my inspiration. I also get an opportunity to connect with intelligent, hard-working, compassionate, funny, delightful Community Partners from all around the US, not to mention working with the most caring staff in Boulder, CO. I can't lose here! I have everything to gain!"

How do I Learn More?

I'd love to speak with you more about the Community Partner program, and to answer any questions about this opportunity that you may have. If you're interested, please feel free to contact me at korri@beadforlife.org.