

# Visions of Hope

*A Joyous Evening Celebrating Sister Rosemary's Work at  
St. Monica's Girls Tailoring School in Gulu, Uganda*

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**February 7, 2008 - 7:00 PM**

**Trinity Chapel, BC Law School Campus  
885 Centre Street, Newton, MA**

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You are cordially invited to hear the story of an extraordinary woman, Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe, who earned the prestigious CNN Heroes Award as a Community Crusader in 2007 for her dedicated work as Director of the St. Monica's Girls Tailoring School in Gulu, Uganda.

St. Monica's, a vocational training school established some 25 years ago by Italian Missionary Sisters, is a healing place for war-ravished girls. Most of the girls had been brutally kidnapped from their families when they were between seven and twelve years old by the Lord's Resistance Army, which has been waging war on the Ugandan government for over 20 years. The girls were held captive in the bush of northern Uganda, southern Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, where their captors forced them to be soldiers and sexual

slaves until they either escaped or were released.

Through compassion and love, Sister Rosemary and her staff help these young girls, many of whom are also mothers, to heal so that they can love their children and themselves. The girls learn to support and respect themselves through education in basic literacy and trades, including tailoring, vegetable gardening, and catering. The students and staff of St. Monica become a surrogate family for the girls. In the words of one girl, "Because I learned so many things at St. Monica, that's why I am happy."

Rabbi David Zaslow of B'nai Or of Boston nominated Sister Rosemary for the CNN award after learning of her work from his daughter, Rachel, who volunteered at the school. This gives B'nai Or a special connection to this incredible woman. It is with great excitement that B'nai Or and several departments and groups from Boston College have partnered to bring her to Boston to tell her amazing story. Please share this information with your communities!

And please enter these Web addresses into your browser. When you watch the videos of Sister Rosemary talking about her work, you can see the great joy she brings to it and why this program, **Visions of Hope**, on February 7 is an outstanding event not to be missed!

<http://ugandapilgrims.blogspot.com/2008/06/st-monicas.html>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4j3kLa4k9I0>

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