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Flying Kites Announces an Opportunity for Local Children to Gain a Global Perspective on Childhood

Beginning Thursday August 6th 2009, Flying Kites will be offering a series of activities and lessons, called Passport to Africa, designed to introduce children in the Newport area to the lives of our children living at the Flying Kites Kinangop Children's Center. The Passport to Africa series will run from 4:30 pm until 6 pm every Thursday through October 6th at the Flying Kites office, which is located at 604 Thames Street.

The sessions, designed to bring a cross-cultural understanding of childhood to the Newport community, are open to children ages 5-12. Space will be limited to 16 children per week and we ask that interested parents call ahead to reserve a space for their child. Flying Kites asks for a donation of \$15 per child per session. Parents can sign their children up on a session by session basis or for the whole series.

Each week will feature a different activity, such as bracelet making, song and dance, meals and pen pal letters, which will serve as a means of teaching children about the life and culture of children in Africa.

Through this educational series we hope to expose children here in our community to the rich variety of cultures that exist within Africa. It is our hope that the children who experience Passport to Africa's interactive lessons will come to understand the vast differences between the lifestyles of children around the world and the elements of childhood that are universally experienced.

Flying Kites, a non-profit organization based in Newport, RI, is dedicated to raising the standards of care and education available to the world's poorest children. Currently, Flying Kites runs a home and school for orphaned, abused, and abandoned children in Kinangop, Kenya. One of the organization's core values is community outreach, and we believe that applies to both communities we function in: Newport, RI and Kinangop, Kenya.

For more information about Flying Kites, please visit our website, www.flyingkitesglobal.org. For more information about Passport to Africa, please call us at 401-619-5919.

