



ART EXHIBITION

“The Story of Freedom”  
by CHILD ARTISTS,  
CHILD SOLDIERS NO MORE



> **EXHIBITION:** “The Story of Freedom” is an exhibit of drawings and paintings by child artists from Northern Uganda who participate in FIC’s program, “Child Artists, Child Soldiers No More”. The program enables the children to:

- + Speak for themselves
- + Be celebrated as free artists
- + Participate in the process of bringing fresh water to their communities

Here, enthusiasts are invited to transcend pity, draw near to the creativity that is inextricably tied to human dignity, and consider the therapeutic process of art making.

While “The Story of Freedom” depicts the struggle and difficulty of the lives and communities of the children with whom we work, the emphasis is always a celebratory one of hope, redemption, and peace. Thank you for walking with us in a spirit of commonalities before differences and celebrating “Child Artists, Child Soldiers No More.”

> **PROCESS:** The children (the program is open to both ex and non-ex combatants) participate in once-a-week therapeutic art classes taught by local teachers where they practice drawing, painting and photography. The artwork is exhibited locally and internationally and used to raise both awareness of the plight of the children and funding for the art program, education and fresh water wells. After donations are raised, we work with local communities to select sites to build wells capable of providing fresh drinking water for the benefit of the community. Children who participate in the art classes are given credit for bringing the fresh water through their artistic achievements.

**\$5,000 = 1 well**

**1 well = 1,000+ people served with clean drinking water**

- + ability to go home from internally displaced persons camps
- + increased access to health & education
- > [freedomincreation.org](http://freedomincreation.org)



> **PREFACE:** "Africa's longest war," between the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Government of Uganda has affected Northern Uganda, Southern Sudan, the DRC, & Congo.

- 65,000+ children have been abducted from Northern Uganda
- Nearly 2 million people have been displaced to internally displaced persons camps (IDP)
- War-affected and displaced communities need therapy, inspiration, education, and access to drinking water
- The availability of fresh drinking water dictates whether displaced persons can go home for the first time in a generation

## AFTER



## BEFORE

> **MISSION:** Freedom in Creation (FIC) empowers war-affected or at-risk communities through increased access to:

- + Therapeutic qualities of art
- + International education
- + Fresh drinking water

By providing therapeutic art classes for at-risk children and exhibiting their artwork internationally, FIC raises funds to provide participating communities with water and educational infrastructure. Having taken part in the process, the children are credited with bringing the water and infrastructure projects to their communities.

> **WAYS TO HELP:** Declare that you are thankful for water and the power of community by joining with us:

- + Donate
- + Volunteer
- + Host an exhibit
- + Facilitate an academic collaboration with your school or university

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