

# we believe...

Handspun Hope provides work-based solutions in order to restore dignity and independence to those struggling with poverty. Our goal is to support them as they achieve economic self-sufficiency so they may become leaders of change within their own families and surrounding communities. By providing employment, education and encouragement to women, many of whom are caring for multiple children, we are able to support them as they break the poverty cycle for future generations. This is the key. This is how lives are changed - by empowering women to take control of their futures.

The women in Rwanda, who work for Handspun Hope, create high-quality skeins of yarn and hand-knit luxury garments using the wool from our own flock of Merino sheep and German Angora rabbits. We also offer yarn made from Ethiopian cotton, hand spun on drop spindles by a women's cooperative in Ethiopia. The yarn is hand dyed using natural dyes that are extracted primarily from native Rwandan plants such as cosmos petals, eucalyptus bark, onionskins and avocado pits.

Handspun Hope is a proud member of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF), an establishment that strengthens and promotes North American organizations fully committed to fair trade principles and sustainable training partnerships by creating opportunities to alleviate poverty.

Our initiative has been fully vetted and found to be in complete compliance with the strict standards held by the FTF. The women employed by Handspun Hope receive above-average salaries, a safe working environment, healthcare and access to daily group and individual trauma counseling as well as other benefits.



## hope artisan collective

Because we value creative enterprise as an effective solution to poverty, we established the Hope Artisan Collective, an online store and curated collection of beautiful products from our favorite artisans and cooperatives throughout Africa. These organizations support women's cooperatives, those living with HIV/AIDS and other disabilities, as well as individual artisans.

Hope Artisan Collective is also a member a of the Fair Trade Federation and abides by the ten fair trade principals endorsed by the FTF.



## our mission

Handspun Hope, Inc. is a Christian organization providing holistic support to Rwanda's poorest through job creation, community building and spiritual counsel.

## our vision

Handspun Hope envisions Africa's most vulnerable people transformed into healthy, prosperous and collaborative communities of social change through Jesus Christ.



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