

Hopeful Happenings



Women for Hope

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Check out the new Bath and Body Line



We are excited to announce the new addition to our shop, a line of

bath and body products made especially for us by a great little family run company in Tennessee. All the products are made with great ingredients like Shea Butter, Soy Oil, and Aloe Vera. They smell fabulous and make your skin oh so soft!

The **body bars** are cold pressed bars of moisturizing soap made

with lots of good stuff like shea and natural oils and none of those harsh chemicals.

The **liquid cleansing gel** can be used as a hand soap in your kitchen or bathroom sink and in the shower too. Enriched with aloe, it leaves your skin clean and soft.

The **shea butter and soy lotion** is a light creamy lotion that is great for every day use. The aloe and shea leave your skin soft and smelling lovely.

The **shea and soy sugar scrub** is wonderful. The addition of goat's milk makes this scrub creamy, not oily. Great for those winter months!

Finally the body butter...it is so luxurious. Again made with shea and soy, it is rich, creamy and makes your skin feel like satin.

And with scents like Black Raspberry & Vanilla, Green Tea, Cucumber Melon, and many more, there is something for everyone.

Prices range from \$5.00 to \$12.99.



Happy Fall

Remember—10% of the proceeds from all our products are donated to non-profit organizations!

Special points of interest:

- NEW BATH AND BODY LINE
- REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS
- GAL TO GAL FOUNDATION

Women for Hope is going Green!!!

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We wanted to start carrying some products that help

the environment. We thought reusable grocery bags would be a great edition to our line of products.

We started doing some research and found that many of the bags that can be found in the stores are made of nylon. And what is nylon but just another form of plastic. In fact, they take much longer to decompose than the plastic bag they pack your groceries in at the store. Most of them are made overseas, which means fuel is used to get them to the

US. On top of that, those bags are not exactly fashion forward.

So looking for a product that wasn't plastic, was made in the US, and you could look cute carrying it...we found our answer. **Skeeda Bags!**

Skeeda bags are designed by three sisters who wanted to help reduce waste and have fun doing it. These bags are 100% cotton which is a renewable resource and are made in the USA! And they come in a bunch of fun and stylish fabrics.

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The straps are nice and long so you can carry it on your shoulder and they hold a ton. They can even be washed in the washing machine. (Just lay flat to dry.)

We have of course tried them out. They have made our trips to the Farmer's Market so much easier. I can't believe how much we fit inside. And they fold up nice to fit in a pocket in your car or even in your purse. They are so cute and roomy, you can use them for a trip to the library or to the beach. And at \$15 each—they make a great gift for the holidays. Get two...one for you and one for a loved one.

Check them out in our for the home section!

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Women for Hope helps out

During October we were honored to help out two very important events held to raise money for the fight against breast cancer.

One was held by blogger Shanda from **Parents with Style**. She, along with fellow blogger Bits from a Brit, held a fundraiser for the Gal to Gal Foundation. This organization was started by Dorit Shapiro to help women with stage 4 breast cancer. Sadly Dorit

lost her fight with breast cancer just a few weeks ago. We donated some of our new bath and body products for a door prize!

To raise money, the Gal to Gal foundation is doing a virtual walk. It is \$5 to join, and kind of fun. Just go to www.galtogalwalk.org. You get to create an avatar who does the walk for you online and you help raise money for this great cause.

We also donated breast cancer bracelet as a door prize for the Lunafest that was held in Novi. The movie festival features short films made by women about women. A portion of the money raised goes to the Breast Cancer Fund and a portion goes to **One of Us Films**, a local non-profit film production company. Check out their website for more information!



Final words...Other updates and More...

Holiday Shopping

With the holidays quickly coming upon us, we hope that you think of Women for Hope when you are looking for that special gift.

We will be adding some new products in the upcoming weeks along with some gift baskets that we think you will enjoy!

So keep checking back for new items.

Project Startime

We had the pleasure of meeting Kalisha Coats, a survivor of domestic violence and a crusader in the cause. She is a volunteer at the local SafeHouse and has taken it upon herself to start "Project Startime" an organization that is dedicated to save those at risk of domestic violence and sexual assault, through inspiration, motivation and education.

She herself is an inspiration and

we wish her the best in her good works! For more info on her organization, email projectstartime@yahoo.com

Take Back the Night

We are also staying busy working on a labor of love—the Ann Arbor Take Back the Night Rally and March. This event is very close to our hearts as it gives sexual assault survivors a voice, something many feel that they lost during the trauma. As a survivor myself, the empowerment I feel at Take Back the Night is amazing and so important.

Take Back the Night started over 30 years ago in Ann Arbor. The rally, being held on April 2, 2009, takes place at the University of Michigan Diag where speakers, poetry readers and musicians come together with the community to raise awareness about these terrible crimes. Then we gather together and march through the streets to reclaim the night for women everywhere. A candlelight

vigil follows where we reach out to those who can't be with us.

Tom and I decided to volunteer as leaders of the event this year. Planning the event is very rewarding, but it has its challenges, especially with raising money. We will again be holding a benefit dinner on March 14, 2009 at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. We are also setting up other ways to help out such as sponsorship opportunities. And of course we can take direct donations. If you would like more information, you can check out www.tbtnannarbor.org

On a final note...

We would like to take this time to thank all of you, our visitors and customers. We appreciate the support you give and want you to know you all have touched us whether it be by sharing a story, wearing our awareness bracelets or just checking out our site. Thanks!

'Til next time—stay safe!

Pam and Tom

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In order for your gifts to arrive in time for the holidays, Please place your order by December 6th!

