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“Join Me on the Bridge” for Women in Rwanda and the Congo, March 8th

[The Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation](#) will help celebrate “Join Me on the Bridge” on Monday, March 8th to show support for women in Rwanda and the Congo by gathering on the Chicago Avenue Bridge over the Chicago River at 8 p.m. as a part of a global campaign initiated by Women for Women International.

This global event sponsored by [Women for Women International](#) will unite women all over the world to show that women can build the bridges of peace and development for the future.

Locally, [Allyu Spa](#), located just off of the Chicago Avenue Bridge at 600 W. Chicago Avenue, will be hosting “Join Me on the Bridge” pre-events beginning at 5:30 where attendees will be invited to join in the creation of a peace banner to display on the bridge. At 6:30 p.m. Susan Lipshutz, LCSW and founder of Everyday Medicine Woman, will lead a meditation to support and connect with women throughout the world. At 7:30 p.m. participants will bring th banner to the Chicago Avenue bridge.

Paul Rusesabagina, founder of the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation, said, “Women’s voices are often stifled and their stories left untold. Society needs to listen to them and build the bridges to a sustainable peace in the African Great Lakes region. Some of the most heinous crimes against humanity have been perpetrated against women in this region. The world needs to hear their cry for peace.”

Background

In the Congo and Rwanda, where war has raged for decades, women will demonstrate that bridges of peace can be built for the future. This peaceful display is transforming their story into power and groups around the globe are uniting on this day to support them.

About the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation

The Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation was founded by Paul Rusesabagina, the real life hero of the acclaimed film Hotel Rwanda. Rusesabagina, portrayed by Don Cheadle in the film, saved the lives of more than 1200 people during the Rwandan genocide and has been honored internationally for his heroism. The Foundation works to prevent future genocides and raise awareness of the need for a new in Rwanda and the Great Lakes Region of Africa.

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