



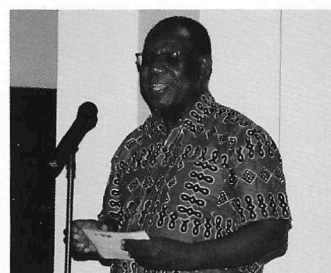
Carol Barnett, Charles Mumba (Zambian guest), Marvis Tembo (Zambian guest), Judy Mambwe (Zambian guest) & Rich Johnson (CEO & Cofounder, Spark Ventures)



Paul Denzer, Susan Laha & David Laha



Nancy Larbi, Janet Zoglin & Sue Bernstein



Charles Mumba, Founder & Director of Hope Ministries



Judy Mambwe, Grade 5 Teacher at Hope Community School

making a difference

# Spark Ventures IGNITE KC EVENT

By Stephanie Denzer

## *Zambian Guests at Museum Prairiefire*

This October the Museum at Prairiefire served as the gorgeous backdrop for an event hosted by Sue Bernstein (Deer Creek resident) and Carol Barnett, in benefit of Spark Ventures. Spark Ventures is an innovative organization, building partnerships to lift communities out of poverty.

Spark Ventures leads trips to partner locations in Zambia and Nicaragua, offering an opportunity to “travel for good” that is life-changing and world-changing. Their October event, Ignite KC, brought three representatives from their Zambian partner to our community. They shared their personal stories of transformation with the nearly 50 guests in attendance.

Special guest, Judy Mambwe, Grade 5 teacher from Spark Ventures’ partner organization in Zambia extended a personal invitation to all in attendance: “We have had the benefit of hosting hundreds of travelers and supporters over the years who have come to Zambia and brought expertise, resources and relationships that have opened us up to all kinds of new opportunities. Spark Ventures travelers become honorary members of our community and I personally invite each of you to visit our school and my home.”

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Spark Ventures has a number of 2017 dates available for their



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life-changing and world-changing travel opportunities. On these trips, travelers have the opportunity to engage directly with Spark Ventures' local partner organizations – volunteering with kids, learning from local leaders, getting a taste of cultural highlights, and seeing some of the top tourism destinations in each country. Because of Spark's long-standing relationships, travelers are truly welcomed into the community and given a local's perspective, one that is often out of reach on a more traditional vacation.

Learn more about Spark Ventures: [sparkventures.org](http://sparkventures.org)

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