

KILIMWOMEN/HANDS ON HIPS

Wish List

Hands on Hips, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the women of one small village in Cappadocia, Turkey. You can see the whole story and photos at www.kilimwomen.com. Briefly, here's what we're trying to do.

- Revive the art of making fine kilims with high quality natural yarns and dyes, and preserve the fast-disappearing culture. We'll do this with video interviews and a women's and children's living museum.
- Help the women of this village earn money
- Help the young women learn English, computer skills and e-commerce so they can help sell the kilims (and other handicrafts) of the women in this village, and so they can teach computer skills to other young women.
- Demonstrate how much good can be done on a very small scale with a small budget in the hopes that others will do the same.

People often ask us how they can help, so here's our wish list. We need:

Donations of money for salaries, health insurance, heating for the weaving rooms and computer office, yarn, looms, computers, tuition for local computer schools and materials for the museum.

Donations of time to go online and help the girls practice their English, to teach computer skills, to interest U.S. women's colleges in the project so they'll visit the village, learn to weave, and donate laptop computers

Reliable transport to bring kilims and crafts from Turkey to the U.S. where postage is cheaper.

Expertise and advice in any aspect of our efforts.

Please email me at bsher@handsonhips.org if you'd like to help.