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## Wells Bring Hope Returns to Niger to Witness the Effects of their Successful Well Drilling Efforts

January 1, 2012 - Los Angeles, CA – In 2009 Wells Bring Hope Founder Barbara Goldberg along with Ida Harding and several other Wells Bring Hope supporters journeyed to Niger, one of the most impoverished countries in West Africa, in order to film interviews with rural women on how having access to water impacted their lives. Wells Bring Hope had funded just 10 wells and planned to use the footage to aid in their future fundraising efforts.

Now just two years and 58 wells later Goldberg, Harding and two more supporters including American immigrant from Niger, Hadiara Diallo and Wells Bring Hope's volunteer videographer Daniel Yadlosky will return to West Africa to see the effects of their work. How have the lives of the villagers benefited from Wells Bring Hope's work? They will talk to girls who are now going to school, women who have received micro-loans to start small businesses and other beneficiaries to find out.

Diallo, who moved to the US at 17 and is now a successful IT executive, vividly remembers the hours her aunts spent walking miles to fetch water each day notes, "I am so excited to go back to Niger to visit my home and see how the work of Wells Bring Hope has impacted so many lives." Adding, "I was thrilled to find this organization helping my country from so far away in Los Angeles."

To date Wells Bring Hope has funded 88 wells. 68 wells have been drilled with 20 more to be drilled soon, financed by recent donations from the Panda Restaurants Group family. Its goal for 2012 is to fund 100 wells.

Partnered with World Vision, who does all of its drilling, Wells Bring Hope continues to work with every village for 15+ years, educating people on good sanitation and hygiene, farming techniques and more. It also teaches well maintenance so all the wells are fully sustainable. Women get micro-financing to start small businesses to improve the economic well-being of their families. Girls can go to school, no longer having to walk miles to carry water.

Every donation is multiplied 5 times, with a dollar for dollar match by World Vision and then additional funds provided over the 15+ years working with the villages. Funds for one well - \$5,600, delivers services valued at over \$30,000.

To make a tax deductible contribution to Wells Bring Hope, please go to [www.wellsbringhope.org](http://www.wellsbringhope.org) or mail a check payable to: Wells Bring Hope, 16563 Park Lane Circle, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

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