



Ms. Bonnie Hansen was adored by her students. She had a big heart and a silly sense of humor. Often, she would be caught outside classroom doors dancing goofy dances just to get the kids inside laughing. Her classroom was filled with toys and prom pictures, and alumni students were always popping in to keep in touch with their favorite teacher and friend. She was known to gain the trust of her students and many claim they graduated high school because Ms. Hansen helped them stay focused through difficult times. She was known for looking at the big picture and not sweating the small stuff, for she cared mostly that her students left her classes interested in learning and excited to come back the next day.

Ms. Hansen began as a buildOn Co-Advisor at Burton High School in 2001. In 2005, she was a teacher on the Spring Trek to Mali where she helped to build a school in the village of Diamou. In 2006, we awarded Ms. Hansen the Global Impact Award at our Year End Celebration because of her inspiration in making the world a better place. She lived each day to its fullest and inspired others by her enthusiasm for making positive changes in her local and global community. She was an exceptional woman who was loved by many.



Bonnie Hansen passed away following a motorcycle accident, Dec 19, 2008. She was born in San Diego, CA, on Aug. 19, 1963, and grew up in Anaheim, CA. After graduating from UCSC she went on to receive her Master's from SF State. Bonnie worked as a medical research technician at UCSF. But Bonnie's true calling was teaching. She taught Science at Burton High School in San Francisco. Bonnie cared deeply for her students and their future. Bonnie loved travel, extreme sports, scuba diving and her motorcycle. Bonnie also loved animals, from the gorillas in Africa to the stray cats in San Francisco. Bonnie is survived by her spouse, Donna Twarog; her mother Joyce Crow, stepfather Ted; father Jerry Hansen, stepmother Marie; grandmothers, Eileen Hansen and Hattie Fritz; sisters, Tammy Parent and Krista Krishna; aunt and uncle Kathy Fritz and Bill Littmann, and Bill and Susie Hansen. Let's not forget Simon, Julian, Lauren, Morgan, Taylor, Jordan, Kieran, Cameron, Jill, Carly, Vimal and Bob; and all her coworkers at Burton and her students.

*We'll Miss You!*

In honor of Ms. Hansen, we will be building a school in Mali in her name. All the money fundraised this year in California will go towards the construction of this school. Our goal is \$25,000.

