



Winds of Africa Foundation

A Summary of what's happening with WoA

Hi from Audra

Our May annual fundraiser was a Big success because of your continued support and devotion to those that we assist. My recent trip to Tanzania was above rewarding; we have made great strides towards improving and expanding our services to the many that we continue to support.

We greatly thank Pastor David, along with his committee, of the Christ Lutheran Church, for offering to us a Grant which matched a portion the of donations received at our fundraiser. This Grant assisted Highridge Primary Community School to rebuild the kindergarten classroom along with redoing the girls and boy's bathroom areas and to install proper flush toilets. Because of the sizable funds received we were also able to offer support to the Faraja Center, Vocational Training Center; the Faraja Center supports women, and their children, that are suffering from domestic violence along with absence of education and living in severe poverty.



A Collage of happy faces; Winfrida and friends, Highridge School staff, Eunice at Step by Step, Highridge students

Progress and happenings

During my stay in Arusha, I was able to observe Highridge Primary Community School kindergarten rise-up again and to receive excellent news from Father Karumuna on how well the sponsored girls performed on their midterm reports. Each of these girls represent a purpose within their community. Their parents have stepped up by offering a chance to their daughters to move beyond traditional tribal beliefs. As Father Karumuna expressed to me recently, "Our girls are growing up into young women. These are exciting steps for the parents, their daughters, and for us to witness."



Some of the girls waving help to their sponsors

The continued support by their sponsors is a large reason why each girl has a newfound sense of confidence, self-esteem, pride and a firm commitment to their education. A million, plus more, hands up to each of our sponsors.

WoA also assist parents that are unable to afford a good education for their children. Yearly donations provide support towards education to children of all ages. We continue to support three boys; one attends primary school and two secondary school. The schools are nearby which makes it easy to follow their progress and to keep in touch with the parents.



John with mom and a student that we support to attend primary school

We received reports that all three performed well on their midterm exams. One scored in the top five of his class; the other scored first in his class.

Spending time with Winfrida, and her fellow students, at Step by Step Learning Center for Special Needs boosts my soul... one of the students that we sponsor, Winfrida is growing into a sweet mature young lady, she is always a delight and full of surprises. The Founder and Director of Step by Step has an awareness which encompasses a variety of ideas to develop each students' abilities, strengths and talents. Politeness, Care and Humor is the key to her successes.

The donation provided to the Faraja Center, Vocational Training Center, will help the women, and their children, to continue to reside in a safe, inclusive supportive housing program, and to continue to receive comprehensive educational therapeutic support services that facilitates them in achieving self-sufficiency and self-determination in a safe non-violent environment.



Faraja Center

During this stay, I was approached by associates that are building a community medical center for the poorer people living in Arusha and in the surrounding communities. WoA sees the need for this hospital and has offered contributions to this project. We believe that this hospital will be a significant step towards offering better health care services for those that exist within the lowest of income.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Winds of Africa staff who have devoted their collective energy and talents to ensuring that all those we assist are provided the support necessary to empower them in achieving their goals. By working together, we can offer educational training programs, workshops, health care and materials to support structural upkeep. Our primary objective is to assist in accomplishing independence, self-determination, self-sufficiency and to hopefully help reduce poverty



Happyess at Step by Step Learning Center

Every classroom, School, Educational program or Village that I visit, the hellos and goodbyes are full of brilliant eyes, large smiles, and waving hands.

We are greatly thankful to receive the encouragement and the ongoing dedication that each of you offer to us.

I cannot say this enough, you are the soul of Winds of Africa, without your support WINDS could not do what it does.



Note: *The WoA website will soon be off line while new updates are being added. To view photos and updates please visit our FB Page.*

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We welcome you to join us in running wild with the Winds of Africa.

