

Empowerment Through Education



Our mission is to empower individuals and communities in need to achieve sustainability through education, leadership and partnership.

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VOLUNTEER VIEWS

RUTH CHEN

VOLUNTEER PFPF CANADA



Ruth's Reflections

Having been a part of the PFPF family for almost three years now, I look back and reflect on the transformational experience it has been for me. Entrusted with taking on the major responsibility of coordinating Harambee, PFPF's annual fundraiser, I was not only given the opportunity to explore my leadership capacity, but I was also supported by a passionate, caring, dependable team. I can easily say that the PFPF team I work with is one of the most diverse groups of people one may encounter, but somehow, we always find ways to complement each other's strengths and weaknesses. In addition to the personal growth I have experienced from being part of this group, I have gained an invaluable support network. I truly believe that it is because of each individual's passion in the values and mission of PFPF that we are able to effectively achieve our goals and make an impact in the lives of others. Not only am I encouraged by the team to reach out for opportunities that inspire growth and learning, I am supported in many other ways; such as, being financially supported to attend SHAD at Lakehead University last summer. Without this support, attending such a prestigious program would not have been possible, and the invaluable experience I gained from the program would have also been a loss.



Ruth Chen at SHAD Lakehead University

I am truly thankful for what the PFPF team taught me, for their support in my future endeavors, providing opportunities for leadership and, most importantly, for opening my eyes to my global community—giving me the chance to both gain and give back.

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People for Progress Foundation is looking for dedicated volunteers. Volunteers will be investing their time in program development, assisting at events in support of our various educational programs; helping to prepare promotional materials; helping Canadian students nutritionally or academically; assisting with event planning or serving with our Board of Directors. PFPF program initiatives help empower students and make them more successful academically.

Volunteer opportunities can be found at www.peopleforprogressfoundation.com.

Please contact us at admin@peopleforprogress.net if you are interested.

We are currently in the development stages of a Canadian Student Sponsorship initiative. Some of the activities we have sponsored in the past include Post Secondary Preparatory Sponsorship and a summer learning initiative. Please contact us to participate or receive additional information.



Ruth Chen and colleague present a charity business plan at SHAD, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario



**RAVEN EDUCATION CENTRE
KENYA**

People for Progress Foundation’s Early Childhood Development School provides education, nutrition and security to 67 children of the impoverished community of Dandora, Kenya. We are pleased to report that operations are going well.

Student performance is improving and community support continues to grow.

In January 2017, PFPF President, Mary-Ann Stushnoff worked with our partnering organization, People for Progress Foundation of Kenya to conduct student selection. We provided full sponsorship to 27 new students and 40 returning students. Intake was determined by vulnerability and financial need. There continues to be a waiting list more than double the size of our intake.

During the first term of 2017, we supervised repairs of the school facilities including classroom floors and walls and painted the walls of the classrooms and the outside wall of the school. Classroom furniture was also repaired.

Gratefully through the support of our contributors, we were able to install a water storage tank in 2015. The tank is proving to be even more essential than anticipated with the current drought in the country, there are water rations all over the city. Even with the extra storage, we continue to struggle with water shut offs routinely lasting more than 1 week.

Together we are empowering students and the entire community to Dandora to achieve sustainability through education. Thank you for your support.

Roystone Dennis Mwitikinyua – Executive Director PFPF Kenya



Raven Education Centre pre-unit students learning with flashcards in their newly painted classroom.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP TANZANIA

PFPF Tanzanian sponsorship student, Priscilla, successfully completed her secondary school education in early December 2016. Priscilla recently completed computer classes to assist her in the transition to post secondary education which will begin in July 2017. PFPF has provided support to Priscilla and her family including her mother and 5 siblings for 6 years.

We are excited to witness that through the sponsorship of Priscilla, her family has been empowered to move from their mud home to a permanent house which they built on the same plot of land.

Our plan is to continue with Priscilla's sponsorship until she is fully empowered to begin sustainable employment in her community.

Roystone Dennis Mwiti Kinyua – Executive Director PFPF Kenya



PFPF Student Priscilla, Tanzania Representative Eli, PFPFK Director Roystone Mwiti, Mama Priscilla, PFPFK Director Collins Jabilo in front of Priscilla's new home.

People for Progress Foundation Tanzanian sponsorship student Shamsi's performance in the class one third term final exams in late November 2016 was very impressive. With his good performance, Shamsi qualified for promotion to class two, which began sessions in mid-January 2017.

PFPF has been close to his family (his mother, father, 3 siblings, aunt and uncle) for a year now and we have witnessed, through the sponsorship of Shamsi, how the family is being empowered. In a wonderful development, now they are taking Shamsi's little sister Shamini to kindergarten.

We have seen the transformation that the boarding school has had on Shamsi himself academically, health wise and behavior wise.

PFPF will continue sponsoring Shamsi through his educational path, ensuring he is fully empowered for sustainable employment and leadership in his community.

Roystone Dennis Mwiti Kinyua – Executive Director PFPF Kenya



Sponsorship student Shamsi

People for Progress Foundation is considering opportunities to continue our refugee student scholarship program. One such initiative is Children Education Hope Africa (CEHA) established in December 2016 by Daniel Buom Met after a visit to relatives living in Khartoum, Sudan uprooted by the violence in South Sudan and seeing the suffering, pain and devastation caused by the civil war. Dislodged by war in South Sudan, more than 250,000 children are without educational opportunities, severely malnourished and at risk of death.

According to UN reports, the civil war in South Sudan has seen over 50,000 people killed with 2.3 million people displaced internally or fleeing to neighbouring countries and 80% of schools closed leaving most children with no school to attend.

The aim of Children Education Hope Africa's project is to raise funds to enable South Sudanese displaced children to return to school by renting school space, building schools and community centres, paying for teachers' salaries and providing medical and humanitarian aid. The CEHA initiative is about bringing hope to displaced children and children in impoverished communities and South Sudanese orphanages

Daniel Buom Met, Children Education Hope Africa



Displaced South Sudanese children at a temporary school location (now closed) in Khartoum, Sudan.

Over the last several months, I shifted the focus of my leadership toward identifying shared values. Generally during a home visit or sponsorship interview People for Progress Foundation representatives ask potential constituents a lot of questions. While we are grateful that our applicants respond to us with openness and honesty, I recently identified one of our weaknesses is that we consistently failed to introduce ourselves appropriately, or take the time to agree upon mutually beneficial roles.

With the help of PFPF board members, staff and volunteers we are beginning to develop more impactful relationships and a stronger presence in our communities by intentionally engaging in a two way dialogue and exchange of information which improves our ability to reach mutual goals and promotes reciprocity both internal and external.

I would like to thank the entire PFPF team for their hard work, dedication and commitment. I look forward to many more years of successful education program delivery empowerment for our students families and communities.



Teacher Elizabeth, President Mary-Ann Stushnoff with Raven Education Centre Students.

IN THE FIELD
ROYSTONE MWITI,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PFPF KENYA

They say we connect the dots backwards because only then does everything we've been through make sense. In my case, the dots lead me back to a time when the kindness of such an organization helped me get back to university after a particularly difficult year out of school. Towards the end of my first year in university my family developed financial problems and there's something about being an older sibling that makes one feel responsible for those who follow. This sense of obligation and protection towards my younger siblings led to me leaving university in my 2nd year so that my sisters would have a chance to complete their primary school education. After a year outside I landed a scholarship for a semester and this brought good fortunes with it because the following semesters my parents were able to pay for my fees.

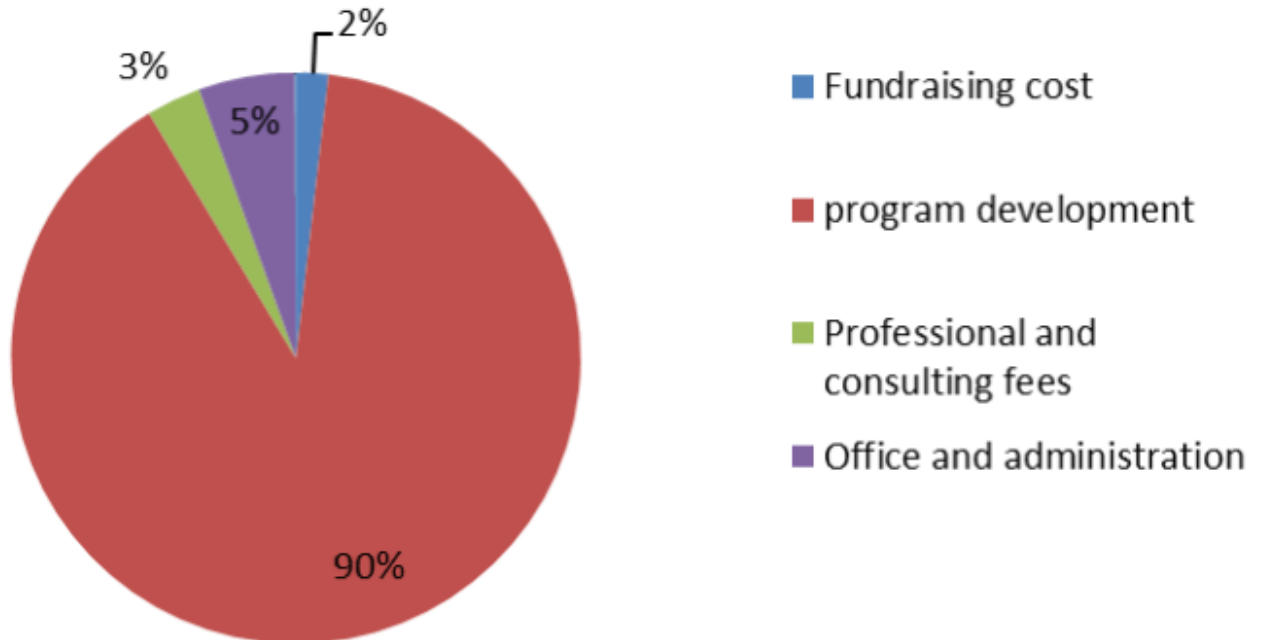
Having gone through this situation I always felt that I had been blessed beyond words and I got the desire to pass on my good fortune to others.

People for Progress Foundation gives me the fulfilment of helping those in need so that they can in turn help their families. It is through working together that we achieve our goals of empowering communities and individuals through education.



PFPF Executive Director Roystone Mwiti distributing food rations with PFPF President Mary-Ann Stushnoff in Machame, Tanzania.

PFPF 2016 Expenses Distribution



We are grateful to our generous donors, sponsors and contributors for their ongoing support of our education programs. Because of you, over 300 families have been empowered to educate their children.

People for Progress Foundation is a solely volunteer based organization. We do not employ any staff in Canada. We rely primarily on individual contributors and community event based fundraising initiatives. We do not receive any funding from the government, any major corporate funding. If you are interested in donating or bringing credible exposure to your company through sponsorship of a program or event. Please contact us.

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Contact us by email at admin@peopleforprogress.net

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Donations can also be made through:

Canada Helps <http://canadahelps.org>



HARAMBEE



At our 9th annual fundrasier, Harambee, guests at Cardel Theatre enjoyed amazing entertainment, educational updates on PFPF programs, fun with Heads or Tails, wonderful silent auction opportunities, light snacks and great networking. MC Clarissa Ching-Elson kept the evening flowing and the audience engaged. The entertainers - Moza Girls, Chestermere Soundwaves choir, the DChords and Paso de Venezuela – kept them entranced.

**Thank you to everyone who made Harambee 2016 a resounding success:
our supporters, contributors, entertainers, volunteers
and committee and board members.**



Save the Date
Harambee 2017
Friday, October 20, 2017

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